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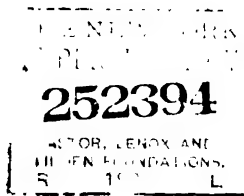
FROM ITS EXPLORATION DOWN TO JUNE 1, 1897;
WITH GENEALOGIES OF ITS NOTED FAMILIES,
AND SKETCHES OF ITS PIONEERS AND DISTINGUISHED
PEOPLE.

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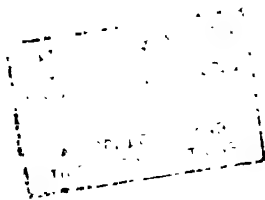


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ANNALS OF PLATTE COUNTY.

PRE-HISTORIC INHABITANTS.

Our county records claim
No heroes known to fame,
No mystic legends old;
No monuments are found,
No ruins mar the ground,
No minstrel tale is told.

PLATTE COUNTY has little to inspire the rhapsodist, or to kindle the enthusiasm of the antiquary. Our native rocks have no rude inscriptions; no chronicler records the prowess of our aborigines, and few remains attest the high civilization of a race now extinct. But our undulating prairies, our fertile soil, our ancient forests, and our gurgling streams charm the utilitarian and philanthropist. Sublimity may attract us for a day, or desolation awe us for an hour, but we make our home on the well-watered domain, where fields of cereals wave before the breeze, and grazing herds respond to our call.

Relics are rarely found. I have never, myself, picked up an arrow-head, but I have seen several collections of arrow-heads, tomahawks, and mills, or mortars. Dr. J. A. Baldwin has the largest store of Indian relics in the county.

Except on the bluff at Iatan, and in the extreme southeastern corner of the county, no mounds appear. No Indian village was ever established, and scarcely a wigwam erected on our soil. Though the Iowas and the Sacs and Foxes set up claim to our lands, their titles were shadowy, and not supported by prescription.

EVIDENCES OF A PRE-HISTORIC RACE.

In 1859, Col. Geo. S. Park plowed up in his orchard, adjacent to Parkville, large, square, well-burned brick, held together by straw, in the Egyptian style. They were covered by only a foot of earth, and were part of a large building.

In 1877, a party of antiquarians, from Kansas City, opened four mounds on the Peter Brenner farm, below Parkville, and found stone enclosures eight feet square and four feet high. A number of human skulls were uncovered, some indicating large, and others very small, people. They suggested an earlier race than the Indians, but scarcely above them in intelligence. Near the mounds were scattered large quantities of flint arrow-heads, tomahawks, and spear-heads. They discovered a large number of small mills for crushing grain. See the *Landmark* for March 22, 1877.

In the *Reveille* of May 19, 1871, is an account of the mounds on Dan'l Pixley's farm, four miles east of Parkville. One large

central mound is surrounded by sixteen smaller ones, the whole occupying only a few acres of ground. It is stated that early in May, 1871, a party of Indians came down the Missouri River, and went straight to these mounds, and opened several of them. They took out many human bones, and threw them away, but the purpose of the visit is a mystery. Further examination of these mounds disclosed human bones in layers, separated by large flat stones.

Near Iatan, on a bluff overlooking the Missouri, is a group of mounds, several of which have been opened by Prof. George J. Remsburg, of Atchison. Under date of July 16, 1896, he writes to the *St. Joseph Gazette* an account of his explorations, from which I extract the following account of the contents of a mound on the farm of James Palmer, two miles east of Iatan:

"The mound measured 25 feet in diameter and was probably the largest ever explored in this vicinity. Huge stones were imbedded firmly in the earth and formed a rude vault. There were about three wagon-loads of rock in the mound. These had been carried by the Indians from the base of the bluff and served as a protection from the ravages of wild animals. But it remained for the eager antiquarian, who is always prying into the mysteries of the past, to visit the sepulcher, and, like the angel of the resurrection, 'roll the stone away.' What did it reveal? Lying prostrate in the vault, under this massive pile of earth and stone, with the head to the north, was the skeleton of an Indian almost completely decayed.

"We first commenced removing the earth and stone on the north side of the mound, going no deeper than the base of the tumulus or the surface of the earth. We first struck the skull, but it was so nearly decayed that it could only be traced by the crumbling particles in the soil. By allowing the earth to adhere to it and by very delicate handling, we managed to save a small portion of one of the jaws containing six teeth. They were worn down very short and smooth, which would indicate that the deceased was of an advanced age or that he had subsisted on a very coarse diet.

"We gradually penetrated the mound, working like tigers in the oppressive heat, removing the huge stones, most of which seemed to be set in the ground with the larger end down, which made them difficult to remove. Some of the stones were over a foot in thickness and from two to three feet long.

"By carefully removing the earth with a pocket-knife, several good-sized pieces of the leg-bones were saved. One of the thigh-bones has a small round hole in it, which very much resembles a bullet-hole. It is singular, considering the decomposed state of the skeleton, that one of the bones of the toe with the nail on it was well preserved. The few remaining fragments were charred and calcined, and the walls of the vault were red, showing unmistakable signs of fire. There were also bits of charcoal and burnt

earth in the mound. It is evident that cremation was practiced by the tribe to which the deceased belonged. It seems that the stone vault had been built on the surface of the ground, the body placed in it and burned, and then the pile of stone and earth reared above it. No relics of any kind were unearthed except a few pieces of wrought flint.

"The mound was located on one of the highest points in this region and commands a splendid view in every direction. No doubt at least a century has elapsed since the mound was built. Mr. Palmer, who settled there in 1845, more than half a century ago, says the mound looked as old then as when it was opened yesterday. A large white oak tree originally grew on top of the mound, but it was cut down in 1866 and converted into ties for the K. C. railroad. The tree measured nearly four feet in diameter.

"On the same hill, about 10 or 15 rods south of this mound, is another similarly constructed, but a little smaller. There is also one in Mr. Palmer's garden, and several on another hill just east of his house. Looking northwest from the mound opened yesterday, one may see three very prominent mounds on Bud Smith's farm, about a mile away. There is a very large mound in front of John Vandrel's kitchen door. Several men dug into the side of it some time ago, and exhumed several skulls. There are a number of smaller mounds on the terraces of the creek bottom which runs through Iatan. Several of these are near the old mill on the south side of the creek, and one on the north side, in Bud Palmer's field. Some of these mounds are the remains of Indian lodges, and the writer found a portion of a pottery vessel near one of them.

"Some time ago the writer explored a small mound on the old Major Bean farm near Bean Lake. Although similarly constructed, it presented somewhat of a contrast to the mound on Mr. Palmer's farm in some respects. From the large mass of charred bones it was evident that several Indians had been deposited in one mound. The bones were scattered about promiscuously, which indicated that they had been buried with little or no regularity. A layer of burned substance resembling brick had to be penetrated before reaching the remains. The pieces of skull found in this mound were unusually thick. Indian mounds, camp-sites, and other remains are scattered along the bluffs at intervals all the way from Rushville, in Buchanan County, to Iatan and Weston, in Platte County, and it presents one of the best fields for the antiquarian in this region. Hundreds of interesting relics have been picked up in the fields hereabouts. The writer has a tomahawk which Mr. Palmer's father picked up in 1845."

Ancient walls and graves have been uncovered, near Parkville, but little of interest has been disclosed.

MINES.

Sulphur, in large quantities, was discovered near Beverly, but no mines of any kind have been opened. Chalybeate and other mineral waters are found in many places.

COAL.

Coal has been found cropping out in many places. Near Linkville, in the bed of Second Creek, a layer of coal appears, and many tons of it have been used by blacksmiths, but the admixture of sulphur has condemned it. Near Waldron there is a vein of coal of better quality, and, at one time, plans were laid to mine it. Coal has been found near the surface in other places, but not in paying quantities and qualities. The miners of Leavenworth County, Kansas, find an excellent article of coal at a depth of seven hundred feet. They are now removing coal from beneath the Missouri River, and have even reached our shore. They have bought coal rights under some twelve hundred acres of Platte County lands, and, in a few years, expect to open shafts on this side of the river. There is no doubt that, at the depth of five to seven hundred feet, there is an abundant supply of the best of coal. Though companies have been formed to bore for coal at Platte City, at Weston, and at Parkville, and the necessary funds raised, yet the money was returned and nothing done. The day will come when the rich stores of coal beneath our soil will be a source of wealth to our people.

SOME DATES OF THE DISCOVERY, SETTLEMENT, AND PROGRESS OF MISSOURI.

1755.

The first settlement of whites in Missouri is made at Ste. Genevieve.

1764.

Laclede and his companions establish a trading-post at St. Louis.

1798.

Population of St. Louis, 925.

1800.

Indian traders have headquarters at Roubidoux (St. Joseph) and at Randolph Bluff, three miles below the mouth of the Kansas River (Kansas City).

1803.

Louisiana ceded to the United States by the first Napoleon, for \$15,000,000; formal delivery of possession, December 20, 1803.

1804.

March 10—Jurisdiction surrendered at St. Louis.

March 26—Congress divides the new territory into two parts. The northern department is called the District of Louisiana, and is attached to Indiana, of which Gen. W. H. Harrison is governor.

May 14—Lewis and Clark, with 28 men, start from their camp opposite the mouth of the Missouri, on their expedition to the Pacific. On their return, they reach St. Louis September 23, 1806.

1805.

By act of Congress the District of Louisiana becomes the Territory of Louisiana, and James Wilkinson is appointed the first governor.

1807.

Meriwether Louis is governor of the Territory of Louisiana.

1808.

The Missouri Fur Company is organized at St. Louis by the Chouteaus and others.

1809.

The *Missouri Gazette* issued at St. Louis by Jos. Charless.

1810.

Benjamin Howard, Governor of Missouri.

Pioneers occupy the Boonslick lands. The United States census shows the population of Missouri, 20,845.

1812.

June 4—Congress changes the name of the Territory of Louisiana to the Territory of Missouri, the change to take effect December 7, 1812.

1813.

William Clark, Governor of Missouri.

1819.

The steamers *Expedition*, Captain Craig, *Jefferson*, Captain Offut, and the *R. M. Johnson*, Captain Colfax, with nine keel-boats, left St. Louis June 21, on the long, arduous, and perilous voyage to the mouth of the Yellowstone, to ascertain the practicability of navigating the Missouri. Accompanying the voyagers was part of the 5th U. S. Infantry, under command of Colonel Chambers. The *Jefferson* sank at Cote-Sans-des-Sans. Smith Calvert, then a lad, was errand-boy on the steamer *Expedition*. At Cow Island, the winter of 1819-20 was passed. In the spring, the steamers ascended the Missouri to Council Bluffs, and here young Calvert was detailed with a party to construct Fort Atkinson.

The crew preferred to winter at Cow Island, opposite Iatan, because some cabins were found there, left by Captain Martin. A cow, found on the island, doubtless left by Captain Martin, gave it the name of Cow Island. John C. McCoy, late of Kansas City.

in a paper entitled "Survey of Kansas Indian Lands," read January 15, 1889, before the Kansas State Historical Society, and printed in the fourth volume of "Kansas Historical Collections," page 303, writes:

"Captain Martin, in 1818, camped for the winter with three companies of U. S. Riflemen, on Cow Island, ten miles above Leavenworth, and during that winter killed between two and three thousand deer, besides great numbers of bears, turkeys, etc."

I have often conversed with Mr. Calvert upon his stay at Cow Island. He said that hunting companies often crossed to the Missouri side, in Platte County, and found abundance of game. Indians were not found east of the Missouri.

VALENTINE BARNARD'S STORY.

In the *Landmark* of March 23, 1883, is a long, rambling, and apochryphal statement, by Mr. Barnard, which is reproduced in Gatewood's "History of Platte." He says that, with several young friends of Clay County, he boarded one of the Yellowstone steamers, and was put off at Rialto, below the site of Weston, where a few Indian traders had established themselves. Mr. Barnard did not come to Missouri earlier than 1835. About that time a gang of discharged soldiers built cabins at Rialto, and engaged in the illicit sale of whisky to soldiers of Fort Leavenworth and to the Indians. To dislodge them, the northern limit of the Military Reserve was extended so as to embrace Rialto. But Mr. Barnard's story is absurd in its conception and contradictory in its details.

1823.

A wagon road is opened from Liberty, by way of Smithville, to Council Bluffs. An express was at times run on the trail, by contractors, traders, and trappers. Smithville, being the last town a train of pack-mules left, and the first to entertain the drivers on their return, became for a few years a resort for drunken whites and begging Indians. This ceased when Fort Leavenworth was established, and when steamers ascended the Missouri frequently.

WHITE ALLOE BRANCH.

A French Canadian trader and trapper spent his winters in a cave or "dugout" on the bank of the branch emptying into the Missouri at Parkville. His name was Aloe; and the Kickapoo Indians, across the Missouri, called him "White Aloe," and gave this name to the branch. That is the name by which it is known to-day.

SMITHVILLE.

Humphrey (Yankee) Smith, in 1822, located on Smith's Fork, so named from him, near what was then the western line of the State. Here he built a dam, and constructed a mill of round, unhewn white-oak logs. A pair of 2½-foot millstones were cut

from what was called "lost rock," or boulders. The wheel was the old-style flutter wheel. A horse mill had previously been erected near Liberty by Tillery, but Smith's was the first, in Clay, run by water power. It was a matter of immense interest, and half of the people of Clay attended the raising. In 1827, Mr. Smith cut from "lost rock" a pair of 3½-foot stones, and bolts were added to the mill. Thus the first flour mill arose in Clay and was a great convenience. I patronized these mills for a number of years and used dark but wholesome bread.

STEAMERS.

The *Western Engineer*, with a corps of topographical surveyors, reached Old Franklin May 19, 1819, and went up as high as Chariton, returning the 22d of May. The people were intensely excited, and Old Franklin was ablaze with gunpowder. In 1819, Clay County received its first pioneers, and, the same year, a portion of the land was surveyed.

MISSOURI ADMITTED.

March 6, 1820—Congress passes the Compromise Bill, admitting Missouri. The Constitutional Assembly met in St. Louis, and assented to the terms of admission. August 10, 1821, President Monroe recognized Missouri as a State. The first governor of the State was Alexander McNair. He was elected in August, 1820. His successor, Frederick Bates, was elected in August 1824. John Miller succeeded, December 8, 1824, and was followed, in November, 1832, by Daniel Dunklin. In November, 1836, Lilburn W. Boggs became governor, and was followed, in November, 1840, by Thomas Reynolds. This completes the list down to the first general election in Platte County.

CLAY COUNTY.

In 1822, Clay was organized. It extended north to the Iowa line. The same year, Liberty was made the county seat. February 11, 1822, the first county court was held at the house of John Owens, in Liberty. John Thornton, Elisha Cameron, and James Gilmore were Judges; William L. Smith, County Clerk; and John Harris, Sheriff.

August 5, 1822—The first election was held in Clay County, in a booth at Liberty.

December 9, 1822—St. Louis is incorporated.

1824.

Commissioners are appointed to locate and open a road to Santa Fé.

1825.

April 29—Lafayette is in St. Louis. Westport is the starting-point for Santa Fé. Kansas City was then known as Westport Landing. Steamboats commence to make occasional trips up the Missouri. One or two reach Liberty Landing, each season.

1826.

This is the year of the great rise in the Missouri. The rise of 1844 was four feet higher. The Indians say the Missouri overflows every fourteen or fifteen years.

November 11—A company of 93 emigrants from Bourbon County, Kentucky, arrive in Clay, after a long and tedious overland journey, and settle near Smithville. The heads of families are: 1, Captain James Duncan; 2, Matthew Duncan; 3, William Duncan; 4, Rice Davenport; 5, James Winn; 6, Sarah Music (widow); 7, James Gray (teacher). The caravan embraced 7 wagons, 4 carts, 5 dearbons, 150 sheep, and 75 cattle. In their immediate settlement they found only the following families in possession: 1, Humphrey Smith; 2, Cornelius Gilliam; 3, John Gilliam; 4, William Riggs; and 5, Samuel Croley. There were no other neighbors.

November 20—The seat of government is removed from St. Charles to Jefferson City.

1827.

THE CANTONMENT OF LEAVENWORTH LOCATED.

The following order was the initiative step for the establishment of Fort Leavenworth:

“Adjutant-General’s Office,

“Washington, March 7, 1827.

“Colonel Leavenworth, of the 3d Infantry, with four companies of his regiment, will ascend the Missouri, and when he reaches a point on the left bank, near the mouth of the Little Platte River, and within a range of twenty miles, above or below its confluence, he will select such position as, in his judgment, is best calculated for a site of a permanent cantonment. The spot being chosen, he will construct, with the troops at his command, comfortable, though temporary, quarters, sufficient for the accommodation of four companies. This movement will be made as early as the convenience of the service will permit. }

“By order of Major-General Brown.”

R. JONES, ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

April 17, 1827—Colonel H. L. Leavenworth and his four companies of 3d Infantry came up the Missouri on a steamer, touching at Liberty Landing, as Mrs. Shubal Allen well recollects. At the mouth of the Platte (Parkville) he landed and made an accurate examination of the locality, but condemned it as a site for a cantonment.

May 8, 1827—Colonel Leavenworth reported that there was no place on the left bank of the Missouri he could recommend; but that there was a site on the right, or west, side of the river, known as Rattlesnake Hills, that he approved. His recommendation was approved September 19, 1827. In the meantime Colonel Leavenworth had erected temporary barracks, and his men had

named the post "Cantonment Leavenworth." The name is adopted in General Orders, dated November 8, 1827. But February 8, 1832, by General Order No. 1, the title "Cantonment," in this, and all other instances, is changed to "Fort." Its locality is 39 degrees 21 minutes north latitude and 96 degrees 44 minutes west of Washington.

THE MILITARY RESERVE.

A large body of land on the west side of the Missouri was, at an early day, reserved from Indian grants, and in 1838 President Van Buren designated the lands previously surveyed between Bee Creek and the Missouri, as a Military Reserve for Fort Leavenworth. The northern line was so run as to embrace Rialto, and dislodge a nest of outlaws, who had established themselves at that place, and were selling liquor to soldiers and Indians. October 18, 1844, a large portion of the Reserve, on the Missouri side, was vacated, and, after survey by Daniel G. Saunders, was entered by preëmtors. The present Reserve contains only 936 acres. Most of it is low and swampy bottom land. The original timber has been removed, and the land is now a waste of young elm, sycamore, willow, and cottonwood. It is of no use to the Government, and ought to be sold to settlers. When I first passed, in 1839, through the Reserve, it was densely set in large cottonwood and sycamore trees.

ROBERT ELLIS,

Late of Weston, was a corporal in one of the companies that located the Cantonment. He always took to himself much honor for the part taken by himself. With his little hatchet, he blazed an oak tree, and inaugurated the grandest military post of the West.

1828.

FISHING AT THE FALLS OF PLATTE.

George F. Duncan, now of Clinton County, Mo., but in 1828 of Smithville, says he accompanied James Winn, Abijah Brooks, and Alex. B. Duncan on a fishing excursion to the Falls of Platte. Three wagons were taken, and provision for man and beast. Fish were then—in the spring—coming down the river; and as they descended the inclined plane of flat rocks, the fishermen caught them in nets, or lanced them with pikes. There were some buffalo, but catfish were abundant, and weighed from 10 to 70 pounds. The wagons were well loaded. Zadock Martin had not then come to the Falls, and the military road from Fort Leavenworth to Barry had not been opened.

THE MILITARY ROAD.

For ten years after Fort Leavenworth was established Clay County was the base of supplies for the soldiers. Beef, bacon, lard, and vegetables, and other marketing were brought from

Clay. But there was no wagon road. Platte River was often past fording. Bee Creek had no fords, and at that time every branch was a creek, and every creek a rivulet. In the first settlement of Platte, hundreds of mill-sites were selected on streams that now do not run three months in the year. In the summer of 1828 soldiers were detailed to open a good road from the Fort to Barry. A ford of brush and stone was made on Bee Creek, and a perfectly straight road from the Missouri to Bee Creek was cut out, twenty feet wide. At Whiteley's farm it rose to the top of the ridge, and followed the divide to within a mile of the Falls. After crossing the road, it followed another divide to Barry. It passed in front of Garrard Chesnut's, crossed Todd's Creek at Ben Jack's, headed the hollows to Longpoint, and by a straight course went to Barry. The heavy work on the west end of the route was done by soldiers; but the people of Clay gave much assistance on the east end.

FERRIES.

But still two streams had to be crossed; and Zadock Martin was authorized to settle at the Falls and keep ferries over both the Platte and the Missouri rivers. Keel-boats were used on the Missouri, and for the Platte gunwales were hewed, and plank ripped out by the whip-saw.

ZADOCK MARTIN,

In the fall of 1828, came from Clay with his sons and slaves, and built, of hewed lynn logs, a two-room house on the bluff on the eastern shore, below the Falls. Two shed-rooms were added, making a house of four rooms. Here he kept a tavern in the wilderness. His force was a half-dozen negro men and as many stalwart sons. Besides these, there were his good wife and three handsome daughters. He had no neighbor within fifteen miles.

Martin was peculiarly fitted for his calling. Tall and brawny, he weighed about 175 pounds. He wore a broad-rimmed hat and carried a hickory cane. His eyes flashed lightning, and his mouth reverberated thunder. He demanded instantaneous obedience of friend or foe. Yet he was just and charitable, and loved by his family and his servants. His sons and negroes formed a military troop that even the commander of the Fort hesitated to exasperate. He cultivated corn in a field opposite his house, in the bottom, and in a thirty-acre field where Tracy now stands. He also had a field of corn in Sand Prairie, opposite the Fort, and another in Fancy Bottom, above Weston. He had a sugar camp on the bluff, above the present mouth of Bee Creek. His hay was cut on the prairie, three miles southeast of his home. His cattle wintered on the rushes that then abounded in all the Missouri bottoms. His hogs ran wild, and fed upon the mast, that consisted of acorns, hickory-nuts, and pecans. His hog-killing was done with dogs and guns. When pork was wanted,

he shouldered his rifle, called his dogs, and went game-hunting. His negroes had cabins scattered around on his lands and were ready at all hours to do him feudal service.

POST-OFFICE.

May 29, 1828—A post-office was established at Fort Leavenworth, and Philip P. Rand was the first postmaster. Previously, the officers and men received their mails at Liberty.

STATEMENTS OF WOODS AND BERRY.

Adam C. Woods and James H. Berry were citizens of Clay in 1828, and frequently visited the Fort. They saw the soldiers constructing their quarters of hewed logs, and their stables of round cottonwood trees. The Cantonment afforded a market for the surplus produce of the west half of Clay. There were no Indians in Platte. A few Iowas were at Blacksnake Hills, and at Agency, in Buchanan. The best-known officers at the Fort were Maj. Riley and Cols. Sumner, Harvey, and Kearney.

THE FALLS OF PLATTE.

Mr. Geo. B. Duncan says: "I travelled the new road from Barry to Fort Leavenworth, by way of the Falls, in the autumn of 1828. The road in the timber was very rough. We crossed the Platte between the upper and the lower falls, which were about 2 perpendicular feet each, and about 200 feet apart. The interim was a gently inclined plane, formed of large flat rocks, divided into parallelograms by seams, 4 to 6 inches wide. They extended from shore to shore, and when the river was full, a sheet of water, with flume-like rapidity, descended over them. When low, the surface of the rocks was bare, and the noisy water rippled through the seams. The natural fall, before the dam was built, was about 6 feet."

1829.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, PRICES, GAME, ETC.

Mr. Duncan continues: "In the fall of 1829, Rice Davenport and my father, James Duncan, sold a lot of bacon to the quartermaster at the Fort for $1\frac{1}{4}$ cents per pound. I drove the team. We crossed the Missouri in a flat-boat, constructed at Liberty, and brought up the river by a steam-boat. Two yoke of oxen were first taken over, and then the wagon. Net pork, in 1829, sold for 75 cents per hundred; horses brought \$15 to \$20, oxen per yoke \$30, and large steers \$10. A purchaser of horses took a lot to Ohio. I made two trips to Ohio as a drover. After selling our horses, I returned on foot. We often visited the Platte territory, hunting deer and bees. Both were abundant. Ben Cornelis was the champion bee-hunter. He often camped on Bee Creek, and gave it its name. One fall I killed one hundred and twenty deer. There were no buffaloes on this side of the Missouri. I never saw but one elk, and that was after it was killed. Beeswax was a

staple. It sold for 25 cents per pound. John and William Livingston had a large quantity of honey, and pressed it for the wax, throwing away the honey. They sold the wax to John Aull, of Lexington, and with the proceeds entered 80 acres of land. We had a sugar camp, but our neighbors sweetened their coffee with honey, which was called "sweetening." It sold for 10 cents per pound. Bear's meat was not sold; but when one was killed, the meat was divided among the neighbors. The first winter after our arrival in Clay we found a bear's hole, near the house. When, by stratagem, we had killed it, it weighed 310 pounds. Wolves were abundant, and would have annoyed us, had we not kept dogs."

September 24, 1829—By treaty, the Delaware tribe of Indians were granted a body of land extending from the Kaw River to the Leavenworth Reserve.

BARRY.

March 9, 1829—A town and post-office are established at Barry. They were so named in honor of W. F. Barry, Postmaster-General. The enterprise of Peter H. Burnett made it a point of importance. He afterwards became the first territorial governor of California, and lately died in San Francisco.

1830.

STEAMBOATS.

Prior to 1830, only an occasional steamer ventured up the dangerous Missouri. The first regular boat was the *Otoe*, Captain J. B. Hill. She was succeeded by the *Hancock*. The *Globe*, Captain Wineland, made a trip for the Government in 1830. Boats came in the spring and summer, but never stayed over winter.

SURVEYS.

In the fall of 1830, John C. McCoy, who died at Kansas City September 2, 1889, surveyed the north line of the Delaware lands, and laid off the Reserve, on the east side of the Missouri. The south and east line of the Reserve was the old bed of Bee Creek. The original limits of the Reserve, east of the Missouri, embraced 6,000 acres—but it has been reduced to less than 1,000 acres. On the west side of the Missouri, 5,904 acres were reserved. The south line is four miles long.

INDIAN COUNCIL.

September 24, 1830—Maj. John Dougherty, agent for the Pawnees, held a council with his tribe at Fort Leavenworth.

1831.

The mails from Liberty to the Fort, at first carried weekly by horse, are now conveyed tri-weekly by hack. Robert Cain is al-

lowed to settle at Todd's Creek, for change of horses. Subsequently change of horses was made at the house of Wm. Fox, of Longpoint—so called because a long point of timber there extended out into the prairie.

BEE CREEK.

Several crossings of Bee Creek were constructed by the soldiers, between 1828 and 1839. In the latter year a high frame bridge was built at the point where Bee Creek enters the Missouri bottom. It was erected at the joint expense of the county and the Government. This was, for many years after the settlement of the county, the approach to Weston. It was much later that the direct route from Platte City to Weston was opened.

1832.

The Mormons come to Jackson County.

Liberty Arsenal is erected this year. David Bivens did the carpenter's work, and Riley and Dykes the brick-work. The Arsenal and Robert Aull's house were the first brick buildings erected in Clay.

About 1832 the main channel of the Missouri changed from the west to the east side of Weston Island. „

1833.

The Mormons, robbed and threatened by the people of Jackson County, pass over into Clay, and thence move on to Caldwell County.

1835.

This spring Thos. Johnson and Sashel Brown, of Clay, crossed the State line into Platte and raised corn, which they sold at Fort Leavenworth.

ANNEXATION OF THE PLATTE COUNTRY.

At this time the western boundary of the State of Missouri was a north-and-south line running through the mouth of the Kansas River. The territory lying west of the State line and east of the Missouri, and traversed by the Little Platte, was known as the "Platte Country." The Iowas and the Sacs and Foxes set claim to this land. Gen. Andrew Hughes was agent for these tribes, holding his headquarters at Agency, in what is now Buchanan County. By the treaty made with these tribes July 15, 1830, the Government was granted the privilege of locating other tribes temporarily on this territory. In 1832, it was offered to the Delawares, and refused by them, because there were no buffalo upon it. In 1833, the Iowas and Sacs and Foxes expressed a desire to sell their territorial rights, on account of the encroachments of the whites. In 1834, by the treaty of Chicago, a part of the Pottawatomie tribe was located, temporarily, in Platte County. This called forth from Senator Linn, of Missouri, the following letter to H. Ellsworth:

SENATOR LINN'S LETTER.

"Washington, January 23, 1835.

"Sir,—It has long been desired by the people of Missouri to have annexed to the State that portion of territory lying between the western boundary of the great river Missouri, for the purpose of preventing the location upon it of an annoying Indian population; and for the purpose of having points to receive their supplies, and to ship their produce, within a moderate distance from their homes, upon the frontier. The location of the Pottawatomies, by the treaty of Chicago, on this territory, interposes a barrier to the attainment of these objects so important to the welfare and tranquillity of the inhabitants of the western counties. Will you be so good as to furnish me your opinion of the propriety of ratifying that treaty, and the dangers of a collision between the two races, from placing the Indians between the white population and the Missouri River?

"Very respectfully,

"*L. F. Linn.*"

Mr. Ellsworth, January 27, 1835, replied favorably to Senator Linn's suggestions, and advised the rejection of the Chicago treaty, and thus prevent the occupancy of the Platte Country by the Indians. Other correspondence on this topic will be found in Gatewood's "History of Platte," pages 545-9.

GEN. HUGHES AND ANNEXATION.

In the summer of 1835, at a militia muster on Weekly Dale's farm, three miles north of Liberty, *Gen. Andrew Hughes*, agent of the Iowas, presented the matter of annexation to those present, and a committee consisting of D. R. Atchison, A. W. Doniphan, W. T. Wood, Peter H. Burnett, and Ed. M. Samuel, was appointed to prepare a memorial to Congress, in favor of extending the limits of the State to the Missouri, so as to embrace the Platte Country. The memorial was written by Judge Wood, and was numerously signed.

But action had already been commenced by our Legislature. In 1834 and 1835, Article 2 of the State Constitution was so amended as to embrace the Platte Country, with a proviso that it should not take effect until the assent of Congress is given. This assent was given by act of Congress, approved June 7, 1836, conditioned upon the extinguishment of the Indian title, and the acceptance of the terms by the State. This acceptance was given by the Legislature December 16, 1836.

FIRST SETTLERS.

In 1835 and 1836, many of the people of Clay crossed the line and made improvements in Platte. Though Senator Linn estimates their number at three hundred, I have been able to get only the following names: Robert and William Asher, Felix Beauchamp, Nat Boydston, William Brown, Ar. and Rob't Chance,

Chas. Cook, Ben Cornelis, Sol Eades, Leander Jones, Jos. Porter, Eph. Gilliam, David and Jas. Rupe, H. Vance, and William Woods. An officer and posse were sent from the Fort, and with kindness they were required to leave. Several of their cabins were burned. Nat Boydston and others returned in 1836, and no notice was taken of them. But, for the convenience and safety of travelers, Rob't Cain was allowed to remain at Todd's Creek, and Joseph Todd between Fort Leavenworth and the Falls of Platte. Zadock Martin, with his servants, family, and hands, kept the two ferries; but in 1837, Rob't Cain took charge of the ferry at the Fort. William Brown and Wilson Williams lived at the Issue House after the arrival, in 1835, of the Pottawatomies.

THE POTTAWATOMIES.

In the summer of 1835, two parties of this tribe, of several hundred each, were located, temporarily, in Platte. One party was placed in what has since been called the Pottawatomie Prairie, and the other in the bottom and hills opposite Fort Leavenworth. Rations of beef, flour, bacon, etc., were issued to them. An *issue house* was built some sixty yards north of the present house of B. F. Whitely, of round logs, floored with puncheons, and covered with clapboards. Thompson, Wallis & Co. had the contract to furnish the Indians with beef. John Boulware was their superintendent. I remember attending Esquire Chas. Wells' court, in this old landmark, in 1839. Justice's courts, at that day, were attended by hundreds of men, and a jury was easily summoned. The Indians were here only two years. They were removed to western Iowa in the summer of 1837.

PERSONAL NOTES—JOS. TODD (iii).

Mr. Todd having been driven from the claim he selected in 1835 on Todd's Creek, which took its name from him, he applied for permission to settle on the Military Road, three miles west of the Falls. This license was granted him, and the rich body of hackberry lands is still called the Todd Settlement. His neighbors were Martin, at the Falls, and Boulware, Brown, and Williams, at the Issue House. The Pottawatomies were around him, and the old chief, called Col. Caldwell by the whites, and known by his warriors as Socanois, pitched his wigwam in Mr. Todd's yard. He took pleasure in reciting his adventures in broken English. He claimed that he was with Tecumseh at the battle of the Thames. With assumed dignity, he would say: "Before the battle, Tecumseh gave me the order: 'You go to the left, and I will go to the right. But farewell; you will never see me again.'" Socanois was straight, and about 6 feet 3 inches high. He was kind and genial, and a great favorite with Mr. Todd's family. He had some education, and read newspapers with difficulty. He was much interested in the Florida War, and did not conceal his sympathy for the Indians. Mr. Todd's post-office was at the Fort,

he traded at Liberty, and did his milling at Smithville. He said that squirrels were rarely seen, but became abundant after the country was settled. There were no quails. Paroquets, with green and yellow plumage, went in flocks, screaming as they passed. Bald eagles were common, and wolves and owls made night hideous. Before removing to the west of the Falls, Mr. Todd had a sugar camp at the mouth of Todd's Creek.

LONGPOINT, BILLY FOX AND BILLY LEWIS.

Billy Fox settled half way between the Falls and Liberty. The stage there changed horses. He was a genial and companionable host. William Lewis, who lived with him, was a curiosity. He was called "Laughing Billy" Lewis. His stentorian laugh would shake the hills. He would come to town, and, when merry, would commence his performance. Everything was the subject of ridicule. In a few minutes the whole town would be out. He proved the old saying true, that laughing is catching. After his loudest and merriest cachinnation, all present would join in chorus, until one would think Bedlam had been turned loose. I have heard him tell how he outwitted a steamboat captain. He had but one dollar, and had not paid his passage. The captain tapped the bell, and Lewis begged him to let him tap it again. He did so, and then burst into one of his loudest laughs. The passengers came forth, and were merry. The captain tried to stop the sport, but the passengers enjoyed it. Finally, Lewis offered his dollar if he would let him go on tapping the bell. The captain accepted it, thinking that Lewis would soon get tired. But he was mistaken. He grew more and more hilarious, until the captain gave him back his dollar, and agreed to charge no fare for his passage.

ROBERT CAIN

Possessed all the kindness, hospitality and good nature of the typical pioneer. No kindness was ever asked of him in vain. He had nothing too good for a guest. He was true and generous to a fault. He was rich in lands and stock; but he could not cope with the arts and frauds of civilization, and he left but little for his children.

JOHN BOULWARE

Took charge of the Issue House in 1835. It was located on his claim. He sold goods to the Indians and early settlers. He led a battalion to the Mormon War, and for years was a leader in civil and military affairs.

J. BRADLEY COX

Still lives on the old Military Road, three miles from Barry. He selected land in 1835, while living in Clay. He often visited the Fort with marketing, from the first year of its location in 1827. He was born in Virginia January 6, 1806. When he was a child

his parents removed to Anderson County, Kentucky. In 1827, they came to Clay. In 1837, he settled where he yet lives. He m'd Angeline Arnold, dr. of Younger Arnold. She died in 1895. Their ch:

I. BENJ. COX, l. single. II. Mary, m'd Newt. Grooves. Ch:

1. *Henry*.

III. JAMES M. COX, b. Aug. 18, 1841, served as assistant assessor seven years, m'd December 17, 1865, Bettie Downs, dr. of John Downs of Barry. Ch:

1. *Laura*, m'd November 29, 1888, Jos. Couch. 2. *Clay*.

3. *Pink*.

IV. VIRGINIA COX, m'd Calvin Samuel, live in Ky.

V. HENRIETTA COX, m'd Stephen B. Williams. Ch:

1. *Alice*. 2. *Kelsey*. 3. *Bradley*. 4. *Annie*. 5. *Addie*.

VI. MATTIE, m'd Wm Woods, son of Adam. Ch:

1. *Cooper*. 2. *Jesse*. 3. *Clifford*.

VII. IRENE, m'd 1st, Wm. Wilhite, d. Ch: 1. *Frank*. 2. *Bertie*.

Irene m'd 2d, Lute Barnes. No ch.

1836.

THE TREATY

For the extinguishment of the titles of the Iowas and the Sacs and Foxes was made at Fort Leavenworth September 17, 1836. It consisted of four articles:

Art. I. The tribes relinquish to the United States their rights of every nature, to all the land lying between the State line and the Missouri River, for the consideration of \$7,500.

Art. II. The United States assigns to the tribes, as a reservation, a strip of about 400 square miles, on the south side of the Missouri River, between the Kickapoo northern boundary and the Grand Nemaha River.

Art. III. The United States are to remove the Indians to their reservation, and to build temporary lodges, and to supply agricultural implements and stock.

Art. IV. The treaty is to take effect when ratified by the Government.

It is signed by William Clark, Superintendent of Indian Affairs; by White Cloud and eleven Iowas, in behalf of the Iowas; and by Red Fox and fourteen others, for the Sacs and Foxes. Among the witnesses are John Dougherty, Andrew S. Hughes, and H. Roubidoux, Jr. The full text of the treaty may be found in Gatewood's "History of Platte," page 550.

PLATTE ATTACHED TO CLAY.

December 6, 1836—In advance of the settlement of the lands, Platte County, by an act of the Legislature, was attached to Clay for civil and military purposes. The law was to take effect on the ratification of the treaty. All the territory between Clay

and the Missouri River was attached to Clay; and all north of a line running to the Missouri from the northwest corner of Clay was attached to Clinton County. This left to Platte less than the constitutional limit of 400 miles; and hence, on the survey of Platte, the north line was extended several miles further north.

1837.

TREATY RATIFIED AND LAND SETTLED.

February 15, 1837—The Indian treaty was ratified, and immediately the horde of “sooners” gathered in Clay and Clinton dashed into the new territory. Jackson, Lafayette, Boone, and Howard counties sent contingents, but Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee sent thousands of their sturdy, intelligent, and enterprising citizens—constituting a population equal morally and superior physically to any other people on earth. Choice claims were selected, cabins erected, clearings opened, fences built, and corn planted. The roads were crowded with emigrants. They dashed north until stopped by the Iowa line. They sought the lands densely covered with timber of the most superior quality, and at once commenced to destroy it. The lovely prairies, ready for the plow, were neglected. In the summer of 1839 I first passed through the lovely undulating meadows between Barry and the Falls, and not a house was found, except that of John Bryant; and as late as the fall of 1840 the beautiful prairies between Second Creek and Todd’s Creek were in Nature’s loveliness and without a tenant. But the rocky hills along the wooded streams were taken up. In 1841 I built the first house on the open prairie east of Todd’s Creek. I bought a claim in what was then called the White Oak Woods, on Smith’s Fork, for rail timber. At that time the forest was unbroken—the white oaks were crowded, were about twenty inches in diameter, and as straight as southern pines. I hauled to the prairie ten thousand rails, and they are there now after nearly sixty years.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE APPOINTED.

There is very little found in the records of Clay in relation to Platte. But the county court appointed justices of the peace, as follows: William Banta, Jacob Adamson, P. S. Benton, J. R. Bonds, Michael Byrd, Henry Brooks, J. C. Bywaters, And. Campbell, Daniel Clary, J. B. Collier, Peter Crockett, Jas. Flannery, Wm. A. Fox, Jas. Fulkerson, J. W. Gibson, Josiah Higgins, Arch. Hill, Jas. H. Hord, Hugh McCaffrey, Matthias Masten, H. D. Oden, Robert Patton, J. B. Rogers, Jacob Smelser, J. P. Smith, John Stokes, Robert Stone, Jer. H. Spratt, S. B. Thorp, Chas. Wells.

These justices were farmers, of native intellect, and, with scarcely an exception, of unimpeachable integrity. I venture to say that we have never since had a board of justices to equal them.

MARTINSVILLE.

Zadock Martin, who for nine years had had undisputed sway, set up claim to all the lands adjacent to the Falls. But the demand for business property, and the liberal prices offered for lots, induced him to issue permits to build houses on the hill-side, near where the African M. E. church now stands. He gave no written conveyances. In the fall of 1837 there were some 35 houses and 200 inhabitants in the town of Martinsville. I became a citizen of Martinsville in 1839, and I remember the following: Adkins, Jos.; Bonnell, W. D. (carpenter); Branham, C. C. (merchant); Brown, Milt.; Burnett Bros. (merchants); Cannon, Alex. E. (lawyer); Compton & Morin (merchants); Dorriss, G. P. (merchant); Faylor (hotel); Gibson, Dr. J. W.; Hope & Irwin (saddlers); Johnston, Jas. H. (postmaster and merchant); Johnston, Stephen (merchant); Marshall, Dr. F.; Martin, Z. and family; Martin, Anderson; Mulligan, John and Joe (saloon); Owen, Riley (deputy sheriff); Paxton, Wm. M. (lawyer); Samuel, G. W. (merchant); Sherwood, A. B.; Spratt, W. H. (saloon); Thomas, Jas. S. (lawyer).

Martinsville was a busy little town, but drinking and gambling were the chief employments.

PLATTE CITY MILLS.

In 1837 Martin and his sons built a substantial dam, a few yards above the falls, tore up the large flat rocks on the west side of the river, and constructed a mill with one turbine water-wheel. A pair of good stones were cut from "lost rock," found on the east of Platte, three miles northeast of Platte City. On these stones only corn was ground. But in the spring of 1838 a larger building was constructed, a pair of French buhr millstones were brought up the Missouri, bolts were put in, and a good article of flour was made. It was a better mill than that of Yankee Smith at Smithville; and the abundant water-power never failed. Running night and day, accommodation was afforded not only to Platte, but to numbers from Clay, Clinton, and Buchanan. Wagons from a distance would remain for a week, to secure their turns. Some brought provisions for man and team; but parched corn was the staple. Some two to three hundred hogs were fed. In 1838 a saw-mill was added, and thenceforth good farm-houses were erected.

Zadock Martin had little use for horses. His hauling and plowing were done by oxen. His teams seldom got an ear of corn. They worked by day and grazed on native grasses and rushes by night. His cattle were of primitive breeds. Among them was a buffalo steer. He had caught it when a calf, and reared it with his cattle. His hogs were of the "wind-splitter" breed. Their fat yielded oil, and not lard.

GAME AND FOWL.

Game was never so abundant on the east of the Missouri as on the west. Buffalo and antelope were unknown; and the elk

was seldom seen. Until cereals were cultivated by man, no quails, and but few squirrels, turkeys, and prairie-fowl, were seen. Rabbits at an early day were scarce, because the wolves destroyed them. Bears were seldom seen. I never saw a wild bear, and have no personal evidence that there was a wild bear in Platte. Wolves seldom raised their young on this side of the Missouri. They came over in vast numbers whenever the Missouri was frozen. They lived on rabbits. They did little harm; but their dismal howling made the night hideous. Though their presence was unknown to the sleeping family, the morning disclosed their tracks at their very door. Gophers cast up their little hills in all the wet prairies. Deer had been abundant; but, after the country was settled, they were seldom seen. In the prairies west of the Clay line there were what were called "deer-licks." They were bare places in the prairie, visited by deer to lick the soil for salt. The hunter erected three poles, twenty feet high, and on the top laid a platform. Here the huntsman lay awaiting his victim, and assassinated the unwary animal. But the invasion of man was followed by the exodus of the deer. In winter the prairie-fowl were too abundant, and did damage to the standing corn. An occasional prairie-hen remained over summer and reared her young. I have found their nests. Otters, minks, beavers, and musk-rats were found in the Platte and are not yet extinct. Paroquets were here still in 1839. A beautiful flock made their home at the Falls. They were not disturbed, but in circles they flew, like pigeons, screaming in their course.

SNAKES.

The rattlesnake was found in timber and prairie. Cattle and horses sometimes suffered from their bites; but I have never known a man fatally poisoned by them. Blacksnakes were more domestic. Pardon me if I relate

AN ADVENTURE WITH BLACKSNAKES.

In October, 1839, I bought the claim owned now by Jesse Collins, one mile southwest of Martinsville, and, to secure a pre-emption, made the cabin thereon my home. The cabin was of round logs, pointed on the outside with mud, and the cracks covered within with clapboards. My bed was four poles on tressels, covered with hazel brush. This I placed against the wall, blew out my candle, and went to bed. But I could not sleep, because of a noise of something rubbing behind the clapboards at my side. Expecting to dislodge rats, I re-lit my candle, and, with a pole, prized off a board. Two large blacksnakes, wrapped in close embrace, fell into my bed. These I dispatched with the pole, crushed their heads, and cast out of the cabin. I then provided myself with an axe, and prized off another board. Two other large blacksnakes fell, which I cut in pieces, and cast out. I then removed my cot into the middle of the puncheon floor, and slept until morning. But the two snakes whose heads I had

crushed were gone, while those I cut up remained. I lived in this cabin three months, and secured my land by preëmption.

FISH.

As in most new countries, fish were abundant. The creeks were stocked with perch and catfish; and, with these, buffalo, bass, and campbellites were found in the lakes and larger streams. The Falls of Platte was a favorite resort for fishermen from abroad. I have sometimes seen, at one time, a hundred persons fishing at the Falls. At the spawning season vast quantities of large catfish, unable to pass the falls, would gather in the rapids below. In the riffles I have seen the tails and fins of large fish so close and numerous that a spear cast in would often bring a fish to the shore. Venturesome watermen would go under the dam with a grab-hook, and harpoon large fish lying in the crevices of the rocks. As buffalo and catfish were coming down the river, great numbers were caught in the trap set at the foot of the falls. The water-wheels of the mill were sometimes stopped by them. But from year to year they became less. Bean's Lake and other lakes of the county still supply quantities of buffalo fish. Traps and seines are prohibited.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The first homes of the settlers were rude huts constructed of round logs, daubed with mud, floored with puncheons, and covered with clapboards held down by weight-poles. The chimney was of logs to the arch, and then of laths filled in with mud. The door was of clapboards, and the latch-string, night and day, hung outward; for the pioneer is both fearless and hospitable. But, as soon as lumber could be procured, these cabins were succeeded by warm hewed-log houses, with plank floors and stone chimneys. Stoves came in later.

CLEARING LAND.

Prairies were neglected, but farms were opened in the timber with much labor. All trees under a foot in diameter were felled, and cut into lengths of ten feet, for rails. The brush was piled, and the large trees were girdled. For these services \$5 per acre was the usual price. As the trees decayed and fell, they were dragged together and burned. Log-rollings were common. The rule was, You help me and I will help you. A jug of whisky and a general notice of the day brought together a merry crowd. The larger piles of logs were covered with rock, to be burned into lime.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS.

Blacksmiths used charcoal, made from burning large piles of timber covered with dirt. I made many of them, for one of my servants was a blacksmith. Many a bar-share and Cary plow he made. The moldboard was made from a twisting oak, which

always, like the bean-vine, follows the sun in twisting. An improvement on the bar-share was the Cary plow, and the next advance was the Diamond plow. A story was told on an old farmer, who had always used the bar-share. A friend prevailed on him to try the Diamond plow. After a day's work, he returned the plow, saying: "It won't last a week; for it has already turned as bright as a dollar." The top of a bushy tree was the ordinary harrow, and wheat was cut with the sickle or the cradle. Oxen were used for all kinds of farm-work. Wagons were made by the carpenter, and ironed by the blacksmith.

SOCIETY.

The settlers had come from all States and countries. Each brought the arts, skill, and acquirements of his old home. Society, as a whole, has never been better. Every trade and profession was represented. Each one contributed something to the general fund of knowledge. Society was not divided into classes and circles. Each was esteemed according to his merit. No one was arrogant from wealth, and none cast out from poverty. Family distinctions were unknown. People were genial and social. All were on a level.

RELIGION.

Hardshell Baptists were the leading denomination. Their log churches, built in the form of a cross, were found in every settlement. They were an excellent people, but their ministers were not educated, and were seldom paid. The Missionary Baptists, Cumberland Presbyterians, Methodists, and Disciples divided the people. They preached in the log school-houses and in camp-grounds. No churches were built for ten years after the county was settled.

MILITIA.

In the fall of 1837 the State Militia was organized in the county. S. L. Leonard was appointed major-general, and Wm. B. Almond brigadier-general. The 77th Regiment was commanded by Col. Fielding Burnes; H. L. Wilkerson was major, and Lewis Burnes adjutant; Jas. Bradley was drum major, and John A. White, D. D. Burnes, and others were captains. The 78th Regiment was commanded by Colonel H. D. Oden, with John Mulligan as lieutenant-colonel, and John Boulware, Jas. Lilliard, and others as captains. Drilling, musters, and reviews were grand occasions.

SUPPLIES FOR FT. LEAVENWORTH.

Prior to 1837, and for five or six years after the opening of Platte, Clay County furnished the supplies for the Fort. Thos. Gordon was the largest contractor for corn, bacon, and bees. When the Mexican War commenced, there was great demand for

horses, mules, oxen, and wagons. Business upon the plains built up Platte County in wealth.

TOWN SITES.

I have already referred to Martinsville. No reliable titles to land could be procured until March, 1843, when the Plattsburg Land Office was opened. Yet towns grew up at Weston, Parkville, Iatan, New Market, Ridgely, and other places. The Missouri strikes the bluff at but three places in Platte, and each has a town or two—Iatan, Weston, and Parkville, with Rialto and Winston. The law to grant towns a preëmption, and to authorize sale of lots, was not passed until 1843. No good improvements were made until after the land sales. But there was a Federal law granting to counties a preëmption of 160 acres for county seats. Under this law, Platte City was the first town in the county where good titles could be obtained.

WESTON.

In 1837 Joseph Moore took up the claim upon which Weston is situated. Several streets were laid off and some locations sold. But Moore possessed no business qualifications, and the town did not prosper. In 1838 Gen. Bela M. Hughes, the only child of General Andrew S. Hughes, already mentioned, purchased a half interest in the claim. The new firm laid off what is known as the city proper, and commenced selling lots. At that time, there were only two families in the town. General Hughes yet lives in Denver, burdened with age and honors, but he was then only 21 years old. He took control in the winter of 1838-9, and sold many lots. The purchasers took the risk of getting the fee-simple title. Some lots were given away, to secure good and enterprising settlers. The first store was established by Thornburg & Lucas. It stood on Warner's corner. I was in Weston, July 14 to 20, 1839. It was a busy, bustling town of three hundred people. Ben Wood was a saddler. Ben Holladay kept a saloon. I had my first case in Missouri. A man was taken up for stealing a saddle, and was tried for the felony by a justice. A jury was summoned and instructed. If found guilty, he was to go to the penitentiary. I let the jury try him, intending, in case he were found guilty, to move to set the verdict aside. But the jury cleared him, and I got my fee. I remember meeting John B. Wells, Smith Calvert, Ben Holladay, General Hughes, William and D. P. Willingford, Dr. Sam'l McAdow, and Milton Byrum. I attended the sale at Nelson P. Owens' place, where the brick house of the late Lewis Pence stands. But among the new-comers some roughs and desperadoes, who "jumped" lots and defied all authority. The town was on public land, but we had a State law—"forcible entry and detainer"—that was used to put trespassers off of claims. Right or wrong, the settlers interpreted the law to suit their purposes, and "jumpers" had to beware. General Hughes was equal to the emergency, and the lot-jumpers

had to be quiet or leave. Weston, under General Hughes' wholesome management, became a safe and prosperous town. A man named Ferguson made a deadly attack upon Hughes with a knife, but the latter eluded the stroke and with his fist felled the assassin. Ferguson, when well, thought it prudent to enlist in the army. James Moore, a brother of Joseph, had to be brought to terms, and a man named Durbin was ordered to leave. Other jumpers were chastized until peace and prosperity reigned. Though the town site was not entered under the Federal law until 1844, nor the plat filed until September 19, 1844, yet in the meantime the town grew in numbers and in the enterprise of its inhabitants. After the plat was filed and the town chartered, the board of trustees gave deeds for lots at nominal prices. There were no public sales of lots. Except Platte City and Weston, no towns succeeded until after the land sales.

March 27, 1837—Geo. W. Smith and Sallie Gentry were married. This is the first entry of a marriage in Platte in the records of Clay.

July 20, 1837—Ben Jacks born. He is supposed to have been the first child born in Platte. R. N. Harrington, late of the *Dearborn Democrat*, was born July 24, 1837.

1838.

The season of 1838 was propitious. The most interesting event was the passage of a general preëmption law, granting 160 acres, each, to settlers. This law gave preëmptions to all who were then, at the passage of the law, actual settlers on public lands. A sale or abandonment of the claim worked a forfeiture. But in 1841 the present prospective preëmption law was passed, and such as bought claims and took possession at once acquired title which he could enforce at law. The law of 1838 quieted titles, improvements progressed, population increased, churches were organized, school-houses built, orchards planted, and prosperity ruled.

APRIL.

April 7—A Methodist church was organized in the vicinity of Weston. The original members were: Wm. Adkinson, Joel Albright, Wm. Bailey, Henry Barker, Wm. Clay, Thos. Edwards, Thos. Farmer, Phil. S. Gill, Jesse Green, B. Holland, H. Hopeland, Thos. Kenion, Frank Newman, C. C. Nichols, and Wm. Toole.

AUGUST.

Aug. 4—The county court of Clay, having divided Platte into townships, appointed justices and constables, and designated places for voting, the regular election was held. The county was then, as now, thoroughly Democratic, and the officers elected were of the same political faith. No county officer was elected, as the appointments made were until the general election of 1840. Platte was regarded as part of Clay. The State senators elected

were: Judge Jas. T. V. Thompson, of Clay, and Cornelius Gillingham, of the attached part of Clinton. The representatives were: D. R. Atchison and Jas. M. Hughes, of Clay, and Jesse Morin, of Platte. T. W. Boggs was chosen governor.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 19—The Legislature convened at Jefferson City.

DECEMBER.

THE COUNTY ORGANIZED.

Dec. 31—The act to organize Platte and Buchanan counties approved. The north line of Platte was to be run west from the old boundary of the State, so as to embrace 400 square miles; and to this end the governor was to appoint a surveyor. He was also to appoint three county justices and a sheriff.

The county court was to meet the second Monday in March, 1839, and was authorized to appoint a county clerk, a treasurer, and an assessor.

The county was attached to the First Judicial Circuit (Judge A. A. King), and to the Twelfth Senatorial District.

Circuit courts were to meet the first Mondays in April, August, and December, and the judge to appoint a circuit clerk.

The Falls of Platte was to be the temporary seat of justice, and S. D. Lucas, of Jackson, John H. Morehead, of Ray, and Sam'l Hadley, of Clay, were appointed commissioners to select a permanent seat of justice.

One representative was granted to Platte.

THE MORMONS.

In the fall of 1838 Governor Boggs called for a contingent from Clay and Platte to aid in suppressing the Mormons of Caldwell County. Three companies were raised in Platte, by Major John Boulware. They hastened to the scene of war, but order had been restored, and the battalion returned, and were discharged.

1839.

SURVEY OF THE COUNTY.

The governor appointed Matthew M. Hughes as surveyor, to run the line between Platte and Buchanan, so as to include 400 square miles. Mr. Hughes, assisted by James Brasfield, repaired to the southeast corner of the proposed county, and meandered the east bank of the Missouri River to a point at which a line running east to the Clinton County line would include exactly 400 square miles. No islands of the Missouri were embraced in this survey; nor did Applegate, in his subsequent survey, include any island. When the county was sectionized by Applegate, in 1840,

it proved to be 412 square miles. Applegate's lines run about one half degree east of north, and north of west, as compared with the surveys of the east and the north lines of the county. There is no copy of Hughes' survey found in Platte. I presume the original field-notes are at Jefferson City.

MARCH.

THE COUNTY COURT.

Governor Boggs appointed Jones H. Owen sheriff of Platte County, and Michael Byrd, John B. Collier, and Michael M'Cafferty county court justices. As appointed by statute, the first session of the county court was held at the Falls of Platte, on the 11th day of March, 1839. The tavern house of Michael D. Faylor was used as a court-house. After organizing, the court appointed Hall L. Wilkerson county clerk, Hamilton Linnville assessor, and Ira Norris treasurer. The assessor gave bond for \$300, and the treasurer for \$5,000.

PROCEEDINGS OF COUNTY COURT.

March 11—Isaac McEllis is granted ferry license at Kickapoo. *Jeremiah H. Spratt* is appointed administrator of John Hensley. Bond, \$1,800.

ALLOTING JUSTICES.

Court accepts the names and lines of the six *municipal townships* laid off by the county court of Clay, and appoints allotting justices as follows: 1, Peter Crockett for Preston Township; 2, Matthias Masten for Carroll Township; 3, W. M. Kincaid for Green Township; 4, Robert Patton for Lee Township; 5, Sam'l T. Mason for Marshall Township; and 6, James Hurd for Pettis Township. Weston Township was not laid off until 1840.

George P. Dorriess was the first to take out a merchant's license.

Dram-shop license was issued to Jonathan and Nich. Owens, on payment of \$5 to the State and \$1 to the county.

Ed Wilcox was appointed constable for Carroll Township, but could not give bond.

March 21—John A. Ewell m'd Eliza Houshell. This is the first record of a marriage found on the books of Platte County.

FIRST CIRCUIT COURT.

March 25—Judge Austin A. King commenced his first term of circuit court for Platte, at the log tavern of M. D. Faylor in "The Falls of Platte." His first act was to appoint Jesse Morin circuit clerk. Sheriff Jones H. Owen returned the following *Grand Jury*: 1, James Beagle; 2, Isaac Blanton; 3, James Brown; 4, John Brown; 5, Sam'l A. Brown; 6, Robert Cain; 7, Patrick Cooper; 8, Daniel Dearborn; 9, Jas. Flannery; 10, Isaac Glasscock; 11, Jesse Lewis (foreman); 12, John McCarty; 13, Wm. McClain; 14, John S. Malott; 15, Henry Matheny; 16, Peyton Murphy;

17, Isaac Norman; 18, Sol Tetherow; 19, Jos. Todd, Sr.; 20, Joshua Yates.

The following attorneys were enrolled: 1, W. B. Almond; 2, D. R. Atchison; 3, Peter H. Burnett; 4, Alex. E. Cannon; 5, A. W. Doniphan; 6, John A. Gordon; 7, Russell Hicks; 8, And. S. Hughes; 9, Amos Rees; 10, J. S. Thomas; 11, T. D. Wheaton; and 12, Wm. T. Wood (circuit attorney).

The Grand Jury found indictments for gaming against: 1, John Baldon; 2, S. A. Brown; 3, G. P. Dorriss; 4, John Green; 5, John Larkin; 6, H. D. Martin; 7, Ira Norris; 8, J. H. Spratt, and others. John Ferguson and A. W. Hughes were indicted for keeping gambling-houses.

March 26—John B. Wells appointed administrator of Horeb Wells; bond, \$1,000. Horeb Wells left a widow, Rachel, and an only child, Fannie A. Wells.

APRIL.

April 3—County court raised the fee for county, for dram-shop license, from \$1 up to \$5. The State fee had been fixed at \$5, making the full fee \$10.

MAY

May 6—M. M. Hughes files his report of survey of Platte, and the county court refers it to S. T. Leonard and James Brasfield, who approve the same, and recommend the payment of the surveyor's bill, \$102.

Petition filed for a road from English's Landing (Parkville) to the Falls of Platte.

The county court pays \$100 towards the cost (\$280) of the bridge over Bee Creek, near its present mouth. The remaining \$180 was paid by the United States Government.

May 7—Geo. P. Dorriss is allowed \$20 for a county seal.

May 11—The county court orders an election of justices and constables to be held June 22d.

Ben Holladay is granted dram-shop license at Weston.

Wm. Hague is granted ferry license at Fort Leavenworth.

JUNE.

SURVEYS COMMENCED.

June 4—Lisbon Applegate commenced his work of sectionizing the county. He started at the old State line, between townships 50 and 51. The work was finished in June, 1840. A certified copy of his field-notes, originally in two volumes of 1,100 pages each, is in the custody of the county surveyor, and is the "Domesday Book" of Platte. Surveyor Applegate was experienced in his calling, and no errors have been detected in his work. He died, greatly honored and loved, in Chariton County, Mo., in January, 1875.

THE BRASFIELDS.

June 10—Major James Brasfield died at his home on Todd's Creek. His widow, Jane, and his oldest son, Thos. W. R., were appointed, November 9, administrators, with the will annexed. The father of deceased was Wylie Roy Brasfield, of English lineage, born in Virginia April 19, 1766; removed to Kentucky, and m'd Elizabeth Berry, daughter of Thomas. She was b. November 4, 1771, and d. October 21, 1837. Their son,

JAMES BRASFIELD

Was b. in Clark Co., Ky., September 25, 1790, and d. in Platte. June 10, 1839. He was a major in the War of 1812—lost an eye in the service, drew a pension to the day of his death, m'd, June 6, 1816, Jane Lafferty, b. February 5, 1799, d. January 15, 1880. She was a dr. of Thos. Lafferty, of Scotch parentage, b. January 14, 1771, d. July 25, 1828, and his wife, Eleanor Strode, b. in Virginia, February 16, 1783, and d. April 17, 1868.

Maj. James Brasfield received a finished education, read extensively, and was a chaste writer of both prose and poetry. He was sheriff of Clark County, Kentucky, for eight years, and a practical surveyor of large experience. He came with his family to Clinton Co., Mo., in 1834, and removed thence to Platte, in the spring of 1838. He was the surveyor who, under Commissioner M. M. Hughes, fixed the northern line of Platte County. Ch:

I. THOMAS WYLIE ROY BRASFIELD, b. in Clark Co., Ky., Sept. 6, 1817; d. in Platte Nov. 8, 1873. He was tall and handsome, and highly esteemed for intelligence, honor, and integrity. He m'd Elizabeth Breckinridge, b. 1829; d. May 15, 1883. She was a dr. of Len. Breckinridge, of Clay. Ch:

1. *James Brasfield*, went to Oregon, m'd a Miss Smith, and has reared a family.

2. *John C. Brasfield*, b. 1841, a Knight and an Odd Fellow, m'd, Dec. 22, 1864, Minerva (Minnie) Thatcher, dr. of Daniel. She was b. Sept. 22, 1848, d. at Liberty, Mo., March 19, 1891, and buried at Smithville. Ch: [a] James W. Brasfield; [b] John S.; [c] Morton (Dock); and [d] Eleanor (Nellie). Mr. J. C. Brasfield is now a merchant of Smithville. He m'd 2d, Dec. 25, 1895, Mollie E. Duncan, dr. of Theo.

3. *Sallie Brasfield* m'd Dr. C. H. Morton. He d. at Smithville Nov. 6, 1885, and was buried at the Brasfield Cemetery, in Platte. Ch: [a] Loar Morton, m'd Sidney Williams; [b] John S. m'd Miss Rollins.

4. *Robert Brasfield*, b. 1846; d. Aug. 23, 1882.

5. *Ellen Brasfield*, m'd 1st, Frank Brooks; m'd 2d, ——— Summerville. Live in Oregon.

6. *Wylie R. Brasfield*, m'd 1st, December 19, 1872, Elwilda De Berry, dr. of John L. Ch: [a] Ernest; [b] Lou. He m'd 2d, Florence Hord. No ch.

7. *Polly Ann Brasfield*, b. April 19, 1850; m'd July 2, 1867, Montgomery P. Balsley, b. in Boone Co., Ky., Nov. 27, 1836. He lives in Platte, on part of the old Brasfield homestead, near South-Gale, and is a much respected gentleman. Ch: [a] George Balsley, b. March 31, 1868. [b] Adelia, b. July 2, 1870. [c] Eva, b. July 27, 1872. Mr. Balsley moved from Ky. to St. Joe in 1858; and, after visiting Colorado and Idaho, settled in Platte in 1867. He possesses large experience, and is genial and companionable.
8. *Thomas W. R. Brasfield* (ii), single, lives in Oregon.

II. **POLLY ANN BRASFIELD**, b. April 23, 1820; m'd Elijah Fry, a worthy farmer of Clinton. Ch:

1. *Mary C. Fry*, m'd John Reed, who will be noticed. (See.)
2. *America*, m'd Thos. H. Clay, a cultivated gentleman and farmer, living near Edgerton. Ch: [a] Geo. Clay, d. Dec. 9, 1896. [b] Ida M. and [c] Maggie, wives of Stephen Johnston. (See.)
3. *James*, m'd a dr. of Ben Lampton.
5. *Alice*, m'd McPhelridge. 6. *Manor*, single.

III. **WILLIAM A. BRASFIELD**, b. May 28, 1822; d. in the mines of Cal., January 29, 1850.

IV. **JOHN STRODE BRASFIELD**, b. in Clark Co., Ky., April 5, 1825. Came with his parents, in 1834, to Clinton County, Mo.; and thence to Platte, in the spring of 1838, settling in the "Great Bear Rough" on Todd's Creek. I will give an account of his early life in his own words:

"We settled in what was known as the "Great Bear Rough." We caught four cubs. I worked on the farm; paid off father's security debts; had to walk three miles to school. A sow was given me; raised a litter of pigs; sold 1,200 pounds of pork for \$12; bought a fiddle with \$4; borrowed \$2 from our old servant, Aleck, and bought four calves for \$10; broke them, and had two yoke of oxen. In 1842, went to Santa Fé; was hunter and cook for the party; was once near being captured by the Comanches; returned with a pack-mule and \$55; became a clerk in a store at \$25 per month. In the spring of 1849 went to California with brother William, John G. Haydon, Wm. Davenport, and R. P. Wood. In Humboldt Desert we were lost; R. P. Wood became crazy for a time; Davenport dashed forward, and returned with water; wintered at Hang-town; went to Sacramento; was offered \$350 per month to clerk, but declined it. Potatoes sold at \$1 per pound, and eggs at \$1 each; the proceeds of my 1,200 pounds of pork would have bought a dozen eggs; our teams came through in good order. I engaged in mining, and made \$1,500; went into the mercantile business with L. J. Wood and J. M. Clay as

my partners; went to San Francisco, and returned with a stock of goods; sold them at great profit. My brother William died; and, in discouragement, I came home."

December 11, 1851, Mr. Brasfield m'd his relative, Kate Brasfield, dr. of Claiborn. She was b. in Woodford Co., Ky., October 15, 1826; d. March 30, 1890. Several children were born to them, but died in infancy. He m'd 2d, Sept. 1, 1894, Kate Briggs, of Kansas.

In 1870, Mr. Brasfield was elected a judge of the county court of Platte, and served three years. He is an enthusiastic Mason, and has attained the highest honors of the order. His genial, generous, and hospitable nature has made him a general favorite. His first wife was a beautiful and lovely woman, and possessed a remarkably sweet disposition. The Judge is wealthy, and, with his young and accomplished wife, lives on his farm adjacent to Tracy.

V. ELIZABETH WILLIS BRASFIELD, the youngest child of Major Brasfield, was born June 3, 1831; m'd January 18, 1849, Judge Jas. G. Spratt, who came from Smith County, Virginia, in 1842. August 7, 1843, he was appointed a justice of the peace of Carroll Township; was deputy county clerk in 1852; read law privately; was elected probate judge in 1858, over Jas. Kuykendall, the late incumbent. Mrs. Spratt was an intelligent and amiable lady. She died May 9, 1861. In September, 1864, Judge Spratt went to Virginia City, and, while practicing law, engaged in speculation in mining stock. He died Nov. 13, 1881. His remains were brought back to Platte, and found rest beside his wife. In the practice of law, he was partner of Hon. Joseph E. Merryman, in Platte City. He was a good lawyer, and was an honorable man. Ch:

1. *John W. Spratt*, b. Dec. 29, 1849; m'd October 4, 1875, Mary A. Thatcher. After her death he m'd — Duncan. No ch.

2. *Edgar Spratt*, b. Aug. 30, 1855; d. Aug. 11, 1882; m'd Aug. 30, 1877, Salena (Sibbie) Thatcher, b. April 27, 1860; d. April 8, 1882. He was a merchant of Smithville. The deaths of husband and wife within four days of each other, of typhoid fever, created much alarm. Both were buried in the Brasfield Cemetery.

ELECTION OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

June 22—The election of justices of the peace for the townships resulted as follows:

1. For Preston Township: 1, Wm. Banta; 2, Peter Crockett; 3, Arch Hill; 4, H. D. Oden.

2. For Carroll Township: 1, Dan'l Clary; 2, Jas. Flannery; 3, J. W. Gibson; 4, Matthias Masten.

3. For Pettis Township: 1, Andrew Campbell; 2, W. A. Fox; 3, Robt. Stone; 4, S. B. Thorp.

4. For Green Township: 1, Jac. Adamson; 2, Henry Brooks; 3, J. C. Bywaters; 4, J. M. Fulkerson.

5. For Lee Township: 1, Robt. Logan; 2, Robt. Patton; 3, J. H. Spratt; 4, Ohas. Wells.

6. For Marshall Township: 1, John B. Bounds; 2, Milton Byram; 3, Thos. Lovelady; 4, John P. Smith.

A constable for each township was also elected, and the business demanded their whole attention.

The county court appointed Robt. Patton public administrator for Platte County.

JULY.

July 3—Zadock Martin is granted ferry license at the foot of the Falls of Platte.

July 15—Judge King held his first term of the Buchanan Circuit Court at Roubidoux.

July 17—The first deed filed for record in the recorder's office for Platte County. It is from Church to Hughes, for a lot in Weston. Deeds were seldom made, as no title passed. A pre-emption right could not be assigned, but it might be leased. Hence many leases for 99 years are found of record.

This month I arrived in Platte. I landed from a steamboat, with several companions, at Lexington. We purchased horses, and rode through Lafayette and Jackson counties to Westport—then three houses in the woods. Thence we went to Liberty, crossing at Fort Osage. After passing through Barry and Martinsville, we reached Weston, by way of the lower Bee Creek bridge. Between the bridge and Weston, on what was then the Military Reserve, the ruins of a number of cabins, whence trespassers had been driven by the soldiers, were still smoking.

Judge King held his second term of circuit court at the tavern of M. D. Faylor in Martinsville.

AUGUST.

Aug. 7—The county court appointed for Carroll Township the following patrol: 1, Milton Brown; 2, David Carson; 3, A. B. Sherwood; and 4, W. H. Spratt.

JOHN DUNCAN.

The county court appoints Hiram Stephenson administrator of John Duncan. His widow is named Elizabeth, and his children: 1, Williamson Duncan; 2, Adeline; 3, Tilford; 4, Nelson; 5, Davis; 6, Susan Stephenson; 7, Martha Duncan; 8, Sam'l; 9, Mary.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 2—Sol. L. Leonard is appointed county surveyor.

Jones H. Owen gives bond of \$5,000 as collector.

Sept. 3—Adam Crook is appointed administrator of William Crook.

HENRY DEAL—A FREE BLACK.

Sept. 4—In a *habeas corpus* case before the county court the following order is of record:

"On motion, the court resumes the examination of the case of Henry Deal. Whereupon, it is considered by the court that said Deal is not a runaway slave, as was alleged, but the said Deal not establishing a right to reside in this State, as the law requires, it is therefore ordered by the court, that he be fined \$20; and that he be hired out by the sheriff, as the law directs, for such time as shall be sufficient to raise from the hire the sum aforesaid, together with the costs and expenses of imprisonment. And it is further ordered, that the said Deal shall depart this State, within three days after such time of service expires, allowing one day for every twenty miles he shall necessarily have to travel to get out of the State.

Sept. 7—One hundred dollars is allowed Harrison Linville for assessing the county, one-half to be paid by the State.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 7—Preston Dunlap is appointed administrator of Alex. Houston. Bond, \$3,000. Ch: 1, Robert F. Houston; 2, Mary F.; 3, Virginia A.; 4, William P.; 5, Jas. A.

NOVEMBER.

LOCATION OF THE COUNTY SEAT.

Nov. 10—The county court ordered notices to be served on the commissioners appointed by the Legislature, to meet at the Falls of Platte, and select a site for the county seat of Platte. On the 15th Hadley and Lucas appeared, but Morehead made default. The report made is as follows:

"Martinsville, November 16, 1839.

"To the Hon. Circuit Court of the County of Platte, State of Missouri:

"The undersigned commissioners, appointed by the Legislature of the State of Missouri, on the 31st of December, 1838, to select a seat of justice for the county of Platte, beg leave to report: That in obedience to an order of the tribunal transacting county business for such county, they convened at Martinsville, in said county, on the 15th inst. and entered upon their duties as commissioners aforesaid, and that they have selected a portion of Sections 25 and 36, Township 53, Range 35, near the Falls of Platte River, in said county, as an eligible and suitable site for the seat of justice of said Platte County. For further particulars, etc., we respectfully refer you to the bond of Zadock Martin, herewith enclosed.

"Samuel Hadley,
"David O. Lucas,
"Commissioners."

I have been unable to find the bond of Zadock Martin, returned with the report. He was desirous of securing the water-power at the Falls of Platte River, and set up a pretended Spanish "float," which he said had been located on all the lands contiguous to the falls. The falls are on the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 25, T. 53, R. 35. The county was to take so much of this quarter as lay east of Platte River. But this fraction was less than 160 acres, which the Federal law allowed counties to preëempt. The bond of Martin was an agreement to convey to the county 24 acres from the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 36, T. 53, R. 35, upon which he held a pre-emption. On this 24 acres, which Martin conveyed, the first addition to Platte City was located.

The question of the propriety of this contract with Martin was by the county court referred to Judge King. In a letter from Judge King now on file, and dated December 3, 1839, the county court is advised to approve the contract. On the 4th of December the court approved the location, and named the county seat Platte City.

COURT AT ROUBIDOUX.

Nov. 25—The third term of circuit court was held by Judge King at Faylor's hotel. His next term was for Buchanan, and this I attended. I went up to Roubidoux the evening before court. His house was perched on the hill-side. It was of logs on a stone basement. I was shown to my bed on a plank frame in the basement, and was given two blankets. I spread one blanket on the boards, and covered with the other. It was a cold, blustery night, and I nearly froze. In the morning, before day, I heard Roubidoux stirring in the room overhead, and I went up the rude ladder. He asked me in his broken English, French, and Indian how I had passed the night. I told him I had suffered from the cold. "What?" said he, "cold with *two* blankets?" I explained how I had used the blankets. He replied with contempt: "You haven't got even Indian sense, or you would have wrapped up in them."

The old man had built a roaring fire, and two prairie-chickens and a half-dozen ears of old corn on the cob were boiling in the pot. I made a hearty breakfast on these viands. Before court met, I took a survey of the future site of St. Joseph. I saw but two houses: that where I had spent the night and the store above the mouth of the creek. The Blacksnake Hills were romantic. They seemed to be composed of red crumbling earth, with here and there a tuft of grass. From the sides of the hills, at intervals, broke out oozing springs of pure water, which gathered into a bold stream that coursed the prairie bottom to the river. In the rear of the house, on the hill-side, stood four or five scaffolds, supported by poles. On these scaffolds lay the bones of Roubidoux's children. His wives were Indians, and he buried his dead in Indian fashion.

Court was held in one room and the elevated porch. The docket was short. The most interesting cases were several indictments against Roubidoux for gambling. All the bar except W. T. Wood, the circuit attorney, entered our names in the margin of the docket as for Roubidoux. We got the old man clear on some quibble, and he was happy. We charged him nothing, but he made all of us pay our tavern bills.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 4—The county court, having approved the location of the county seat, appointed Jesse Morin to enter the land. Sol. L. Leonard, county surveyor, was ordered to lay off the town, and Stephen Johnston was selected as commissioner of the seat of justice.

Dec. 15—S. L. Leonard commenced the survey of Platte City. I helped him in running the first line, on the east side of the town. The ground was covered by a foot of damp snow, and the Platte was hard frozen; and we could cross it conveniently. The work was complete in time for the sale of lots February 3, 1840.

NEWSPAPERS.

No newspaper is published in Platte County. During 1837-38-39-40 legal advertisements were published, chiefly, in the *Far West*, issued weekly at Liberty, by Benj. Hays.

1840.

Population of Platte County, 8,913, of which 858 are slaves; 1 white over 100. Engaged in agriculture, 2,207; in commerce, 56; in manufactures and trades, 195; in professions, 37. Pensioners, 3; deaf and dumb, 2; blind, 6; insane, 11. Schools, 27; scholars, 1,048. Population of the State, 383,702; the United States, 17,068,666.

Assessment of Platte County: slaves, \$223,620; money and notes, \$21,642; other property, \$123,814; total, \$369,076. Land not taxed.

BUSINESS MEN AT WESTON. 1840.

N. J. Alexander, Thomas Aull, H. Basye, Blaine, Tompkins & Barret, A. M. Belt, A. G. Cunningham, G. V. Dawson, Thos. Ellis, Abel Gilbert, Ben Holladay, A. N. Hailey, Bela M. Hughes, Geo. Keller, A. J. Lucas, Richard Meek, W. S. Murphy, Chas. Neal, W. A. Newman, W. G. Noble, G. P. Post, John Thornburg, Thornton & Burnett, Ben Wood, Jerry Woods, Wells.

AT PLATTE CITY. 1840.

In the spring of 1840 Martinsville moved "bodily" over into Platte City. In addition to those named as citizens of Martinsville, I recollect: Wm. B. Almond, Jas. Athy, Wm. E. Black, Sam'l Benton, Isaac Burnes, Hamp. Brown, G. W. and W. P. Dougherty, Jas. H. Baldwin, Isaac Farris, J. R. Hardin, W. R.

Kelly, Col. Lancaster, Dr. W. M. Macey, Jones H. and J. R. Owen, John S. Porter, Geo. Strouse, Sam'l Paul, W. C. Remington, Shad. B. Taylor, John D. Murray, Jacob Baker.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 3—The first sale of lots in Platte City. Alternate lots were sold, and in June the remainder were offered. Smith Calvert was auctioneer. The lots were sold on the ground, the party going from lot to lot. The weather was favorable. Geo. McAfee was living where the cemetery now is, and had a preëmption on the whole quarter under the law of 1838. No respect was shown to his rights, and he was too poor to assert them. Lot 1, Block 29, where the post-office is now kept, was sold to G. P. Dorriess for \$709. This is the highest price paid for a lot. Bidding was spirited, and the sales of February and June aggregated \$20,000. The law appropriated the proceeds of the lots to the erection of public buildings. Improvements were rapidly constructed, and, in a few months, there were six dry goods stores and about 400 inhabitants. All trades and professions were represented. Carpenters were in demand. The first brick house erected was J. H. Johnston's store, on Lot 9, Block 25. It still stands.

COURTS.

Feb. 23—The February term of circuit court was held in the double log cabin, on Lots 11 and 12, Block 34. This was bought by the county court from Zaddock Martin for \$100. Until the courthouse was complete, this house was used for county courts, and for preaching. I kept my office there until I built one on Lot 10, Block 24 (the present public square). The next circuit court was held in a booth constructed of poles and brush, back of G. P. Dorriess' store. Several terms were afterwards held by Judge Atchison in Murray's store, on Lot 8, Block 25. Preaching was also held at the latter place.

SALE OF 16th SECTIONS.

Applications were made for the sale of the 16th sections which a Federal law gave to the State for school purposes. Township 54, R. 33, and T. 53, R. 35, were the first to file petitions; and the county court made the orders. These sales passed a good title. The squatter generally got his land. Nearly all the school lands were sold in 1840 and 1841.

BANK NOTES.

The banks, with the exception of the Bank of Missouri, suspended specie payments in 1837, and gold, silver, and Missouri money were demanded for lots and for 16th sections.

This State was flooded with Kentucky and Ohio money, which was exchanged for gold at a shave of 5 to 20 per cent. Yet it was the currency of the State. Property had three values: 1st, specie; 2d, currency; and 3d, trade or exchange.

S. L. Leonard was allowed \$50 for his survey and plat of Platte City.

Lots 10, 11, and 12 in Block 25 were set apart for public buildings. Lots 7 and 8, Block 23, were selected for the jail.

The purchasers of lots were authorized to cut and use the timber in the streets.

A road from Platte City to Smithville was ordered to be opened.

A road was ordered from the east end of Main Street to connect with the old Military Road a mile from town.

A FREE FERRY.

The county court ordered the bank of Platte River, at the west end of Main Street, cut down, and established a free ferry. Zadock Martin found his occupation gone, at his licensed ferry below the falls, and sued the county for damages. Nothing came of it.

MAY.

May 3—Dr. F. Marshall is appointed treasurer of Platte County in place of Ira Norris, who resigned. Bond, \$10,000.

WESTON TOWNSHIP FORMED.

May 4—A petition was presented to the county court for a new township. It states that Weston has 72 voters; and it is signed, among others, by Robert Allen, Isaac Archer, Aquilla Aull, Nick Benner, Henry Basye, Henry Brill, Jas. Burnett, L. B. Church, Jas. Cox, Jos. Cox, W. H. Crawford, A. G. Cunningham, John S. Davis, Sam'l Downey, Dan'l Durbin, Nat Finch, S. C. Fugate, Geo. Goss, Hiram Hailey, Jacob Hamm, Ben Holladay, Ben Leachman, Jas. Leachman, A. J. Lucas, Geo. J. Lucas, Jas. Lynch, Hus. McFarland, W. S. Murphy, W. A. Newman, W. G. Noble, Wm. Noel, Hosea Norris, Lawrence Page, Elkanah Risk, John Stillwell, Elisha Stone, John Thornburg, M. A. Thornburg, Jesse Vineyard, J. W. Vineyard, Barnett Wells, H. L. Wilkerson, Ben Wood, Jerry Woods, A. G. Woodward.

The prayer of the petition was granted, and Weston Township was cut out of Marshall and Lee.

CULTURE OF TOBACCO.

Emigrants from Virginia, Kentucky, and central Missouri entered enthusiastically into the culture of tobacco, and realized large returns in quantity, but the article was not of the quality to suit the market. Freights were high, prices low; and in some cases, expenses exceeded returns, and the shipper was brought in debt. For ten or fifteen years the culture of tobacco continued, but finally was given up.

HEMP.

From the first settlement of the county, hemp was the staple product. We became wealthy by its culture. No soil on earth, whether timber or prairie, is better adapted to hemp than Platte County. After a few years, the South looked more to Missouri than to Kentucky for a supply of hemp for bagging and rope. Platte, for several years prior to the war, was the banner county of the world. But no machinery ever invented superseded the hand-break in cleaning it; and that was such arduous labor that the abolition of slavery put an end to the culture of hemp. Negroes were, therefore, in demand, and stout men sold readily for \$1,200 to \$1,400. But in 1840 there were not 200 negro men in the county. This number had quadrupled before the war came on.

• LAND TITLES.

June 22, 1838, the first general preëmption law was passed, giving the actual settler the choice of the quarter-section whereon he resided, or that on which his field was situated. June 1, 1840, a second law, of like provisions, was passed. September 4, 1841, a third law was passed, in favor of such as thereafter might settle on public land. But these rights were not assignable; yet the purchaser would take possession, and the law of 1841 gave him, at once, a preëmption. The prohibition of selling thereby became a dead letter. The owners of the 16th sections, and of lots in Platte City, could convey fee-simple titles.

COUNTY REVENUE.

The collector's settlement for 1840 shows the county revenue collected was \$942.84. The levy was 25 cents on the \$100.

JULY.

July 4—The national anniversary was observed for the first time. Sherwood & Martin were erecting a storehouse at what is now the southwest corner of the public square; and from the lumber provided we erected a platform, and had a glorious time. I read the Declaration of Independence, and Dr. D. R. Holt delivered an excellent oration. He was then a candidate for the Legislature.

July 27—Robt. C. Ewing and W. M. Paxton were enrolled as attorneys.

July 30—J. H. and L. D. Winston are appointed administrators of Gen. Jos. Winston. Bond, \$20,000. General Winston had a store at the mouth of the Platte, at the point at which the town of Winston was afterwards laid off. When last seen, he was on the bank of the Missouri. He was supposed to have been drowned.

AUGUST.

At the State election held the 1st Monday in August, 1840, the following officers were chosen:

Governor, Thos. Reynolds; Representative, D. R. Holt; Sheriff, Jones H. Owen; Circuit Clerk, Jesse Morin; County Clerk, J. H. Johnston; County Justices, Jas. Kuykendall, Dan'l P. Lewis, and M. M. Hughes.

The vote for President, National:

W. H. Harrison, Whig	1,274,203
Martin Van Buren, Democratic	1,128,303
James Birney, Abolition	7,609

Harrison received 234 electoral votes; Van Buren received 60 electoral votes.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 5—John Boulware contracts with the county to run a free ferry at the foot of Main Street for twelve months, at \$250.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 6—The county court made an order that Grand Jurors must serve without pay!

Kuykendall and Lewis take their seats as county court justices. Judge Hughes does not qualify until December.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 7—David R. Holt dies at Jefferson City. He was our county representative, and had been chosen speaker of the House. The Legislature honored him by naming a county for him, and, at the cost of \$15,000, erected in the State Cemetery at Jefferson City, where he was buried, a beautiful monument, with the following inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of David Rice Holt, M.D., late representative from Platte County, Missouri, who was born in Green County, Tennessee, the 8th of March, 1803, and died the 17th of December, 1840. Erected by an act of the General Assembly."

THE HOLT LINEAGE.

- I. THOMAS PAXTON, b. in Ireland, 1719; d. 1788; m'd Betsy McClung. They came to Pennsylvania, and thence to Rockbridge County, Virginia. Their oldest son,
- II. JOHN PAXTON, m'd Sarah Walker. They were progenitors of many illustrious Presbyterian divines, including the Paxtons, Houstons, Edmondsons, Campbells, Carrs, Cowans, Rices, and Holts. A dr. of John and Sarah was
- III. ELIZABETH PAXTON, b. April 15, 1774; m'd October 17, 1794, David Holt, b. Feb. 24, 1764; d. Aug. 2, 1837. Their issue:
 1. *Lucy W. Holt*, b. Oct. 17, 1795.
 2. *Edwd. Holt*, b. July 29, 1797.
 3. *John P. Holt*, b. April 17, 1800.

4. *David R. Holt*, b. March 8, 1803.
5. *Sally W. Holt*, b. March 10, 1805.
6. *Nancy P. Holt*, b. March 26, 1807.
7. *W. W. Holt*, b. April 1, 1810.
8. *Mary R. Holt*, b. September 18, 1812.
9. *Jos. M. Holt*, b. Nov. 4, 1814.
10. *Elij. P. Holt*, b. March 27, 1819.

David Holt was an eminent Presbyterian minister, and his posterity are in the high places of the South; we are concerned only with David R. and Jos. M. Holt, who came to Platte in 1838.

I. DAVID RICE HOLT, M.D.

After graduating at Washington College, Va., he studied theology, and was licensed by his presbytery. In 1828 he went to Virginia, and studied medicine. In 1830 he m'd Isabella White, dr. of Maj. White, of Washington Co., Va. They came to Boone Co., Mo. and he preached a while at Columbia. Removing thence to Saline Co., we find him in Platte in 1838, and elected to the Legislature in 1840, without opposition. His ministerial character, handsome person, and dignified bearing, with the polish of a gentleman and the intelligence of a scholar, pointed him out as one well fitted to become the speaker of the House. But he died ere he had fully entered on his work. He left two daughters, but I have no trace of them.

II. JOSEPH MILTON HOLT, M.D.

Born in Greene Co., Tenn., he studied medicine, and came to Platte in 1838. He removed in 1841, to Savannah, Mo., and returned to Farly, Platte Co., Mo., in 1863. After twenty-one years of practice in our county, he removed, in 1884, to Newark, Mo., where he died in 1895, honored for his virtues and revered for his holy walk and affectionate demeanor. He married four times:

1st, Rachel, dr. of William and Lucretia Gordon. She was b. July 11, 1822; d. Feb. 8, 1851. They were m'd June 8, 1841. Ch:

I. DAVID R. HOLT, b. March 22, 1842; d. June 7, 1883.

II. W. GORDON HOLT, b. May 9, 1844; m'd Oct. 17, 1871, Jennie Prior. They had one child, Eva Holt, and were divorced. Wm. lives in Cal., and Jennie m'd John G. Carpenter.

III. JOHN PAXTON HOLT, b. Jan. 25, 1851; d. Aug. 31, 1886. They removed to Texas, where he married, and where his widow and children now reside.

Dr. J. M. Holt m'd 2d, Aug. 23, 1852, Mrs. Susan E. Drake, a dr. of Robert Todd. She was b. in Clay Feb. 24, 1828; d. April 12, 1870. I remember her as a most beautiful and accomplished lady. She was the widow of Charles Drake, who d. without ch. Her ch. by Dr. Holt:

IV. ALONZO T. HOLT, M.D., b. June 10, 1854; m'd 1st, April 20, 1872, Elsie Simpson. She d. leaving an only ch., May Holt, Alonzo m'd 2d, November 5, 1879, Lucy B. Campbell, dr. of Dr. John A. Campbell, of Parkville. Dr. Holt and his

wife are related through the Alexanders and Paxtons. Dr. Holt has practiced at Farly, Waldron, and Parkville. He is a man of superior intelligence, and enjoys universal confidence. His ch. by his 2d wife:

1. *Susie*; 2. *Albert*; 3. *Carlton*; 4. *Mary*.

V. ROBERT TODD HOLT, b. June 12, 1855; m'd Alice Cox. They live in Kansas City. No ch.

VI. EUGENE E. HOLT, b. Sept. 14, 1858; single; lives in Idaho.

VII. JAMES MILTON HOLT, b. Nov. 24, 1863; single; lives in Idaho.

VIII. ANNA E. HOLT, b. Sept. 4, 1868; m'd Nov. 4, 1887, Joe L. Freeland, b. July 11, 1863; son of Jas. M. Freeland, and grandson of Judge John Freeland. He was elected circuit clerk in Nov., 1890, and for a second term in 1894. Ch:

1. *Eulalia*, b. Nov. 8, 1888. 2. *Susie*, b. Aug 31, 1892.

Dr. J. M. Holt m'd 3d, Nov. 11, 1870, Louisa J. Turner, b. March 28, 1826; d. Oct. 28, 1871, childless. She was a dr. of Elder Thomas Turner. (See.)

Dr. J. M. Holt m'd 4th, Nov. 22, 1874, Georgia E. Porter, b. in Miss. April 29, 1838. Ch:

IX. SAM'L WINN HOLT, b. Sept. 25, 1875.

X. JOSIE ELOISE HOLT, b. Feb. 19, 1877.

LINEAGE OF W. M. PAXTON.

As the Paxtons and the Holts are from the same Scotch-Irish stock, let us commence with

I. JOHN PAXTON, b. in Ireland 1721; came to Rockbridge Co., Va., with his brother, Thomas Paxton, from whom we have derived the Holts. John Paxton m'd in 1742, Martha Blair. Their son,

II. CAPT. JOHN PAXTON, b. in Rockbridge Co., Va., 1743; d. Oct. 3, 1787; m'd Phoebe Alexander, dr. of Capt. John Alexander, uncle of Dr. Archibald, of Princeton. Their son,

III. JAMES PAXTON, m'd March 23, 1786, in Rockbridge, Phoebe McClung, dr. of John McClung and Elizabeth Alexander. Their only ch:

IV. JAMES ALEX. PAXTON, b. Sept. 13, 1788; d. in Mason Co., Ky., Oct. 23, 1825; m'd Maria Marshall, b. in Mason Co., Ky., July 20, 1795; d. in Columbus, O., Feb. 6, 1824. She was a dr. of Alex. K. Marshall, a Kentucky reporter, and brother of Chief Justice John Marshall. Their son,

V. WILLIAM McCLUNG PAXTON, b. in Mason Co., Ky., March 2, 1819; m'd Mary Forman Oct. 1, 1840. Ch:

1. *Anna Paxton*.

2. *Tillie Paxton*, m'd Alg. S. Tebbs; ch: [^a] Laura G. Tebbs, m'd Chas. B. Miller. Ch: [¹] Bethine.

[^b] Mary P. Tebbs. 3. *Phoebe Paxton*.

The vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. D. R. Holt as representative was filled at a special election by the choice of D. A. Sutton.

ROADS.

The county court of Clay County never established a road in Platte. The Garrison Road was made by military authority, and had no civil sanction. Up to 1840, roads generally followed the ridges; but now farms are fenced on the lines of the surveys, and there are calls for established roads. For several years the county records are filled with proceedings to establish roads. The settlers had no well-defined titles, and no damages were allowed. The best ground was chosen, and subsequent changes injured the roads.

CHURCHES.

The earliest and largest churches in the county were those of the Hardshell Baptists. The Methodist Church and the Disciples, or Christians, followed. The Cumberland Presbyterians were numerous. The two last named sects had just come into existence, and were full of fire and zeal. Immense camp-meetings were held in the woods, with logs for seats. Sectarian zeal was warm and religious discussions enlivened society. The mode, subject, and design of baptism, the operation of the Spirit, creeds and confessions of faith, education, the anxious seat, call to the ministry, and close and open communion called forth the polemic talent of all classes.

THE COURT HOUSE

Was built in 1840. Demetrius A. Sutton, an experienced architect, drew the plan and specifications, and was paid for his work \$10. He and Jesse Morin, with Elijah Moore, were the building committee. The house was built on Lots 10, 11, and 12, Block 25, and 20 feet back from the streets on the south and east. It was 50 feet square, two 12-foot stories, and pointed roof, surmounted by a cupola, ball, and spire. There were four offices on the south, 18 by 18 feet, two below and two above. A passage led from the front or south door to the court-room below, and another on the second floor to a large room, long used for preaching. The circuit clerk used the lower office in the southeast corner, and the county clerk used the room in the southwest corner. The rooms above were for the probate judge and for juries. The work was sufficiently advanced as to be used for the November term, 1841, of the circuit court. The whole house was, at first, covered with tin; but so defective was the work that all the tin was removed, except upon the cupola, and shingles substituted.

The following marriages, 1840, are not elsewhere noted:
March 19, 1840, Metcalf Smith married Mary Collet.

December 3, 1840, Hosea Norris married Mary Pettigrew.

1841.

OFFICERS.

Governor, Lilburn Boggs; State Senator, And'w Johnson; Circuit Judge, D. R. Atchison; County Clerk, J. H. Johnston; County Assessor, W. C. Remington; Circuit Attorney, P. H. Burnett; Sheriff, Jones H. Owen; Representative, D. A. Sutton; Circuit Clerk, Jesse Morin; County Treasurer, F. Marshall; Justices County Court, Jas. Kuykendall, D. P. Lewis, and M. M. Hughes.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—W. B. Almond, A. E. Cannon, S. L. Leonard, W. M. Paxton, Jas. S. Thomas, C. P. Brown.

Physicians—W. M. Macey, F. Marshall, L. W. Gibson.

Merchants, etc.—Adkins & White, Black & Dickson, Branham & McCausland, G. W. Dougherty, M. D. Faylor, Fergus & Ranson, Hope & Irwin, G. P. Dorris, Johnston & Lewis, Stephen Johnston, Jas. H. Johnston (post-master), Perry Keith, W. R. Kelly, John D. Murray, W. H. Spratt, J. H. Spratt, Shad. Taylor, G. W. Samuel, Platte City Mills (Martin & Co.), Sherwood & Martin.

At Weston: N. J. Alexander, George Aull, Peter Blanjour, Abel Gilbert, H. N. Hailey, Ben Holladay, Bela M. Hughes, W. A. Newman, W. G. Noble, C. A. & E. W. Perry, G. P. Post, J. M. & E. W. Railey, D. P. Wallingford, W. S. Murphy, C. R. Wentworth, Ben Wood, Jerry Woods.

JANUARY.

Jan. 6—The county court appropriated \$3,000 to build a jail on Lots 7 and 8, Block 23, and appointed Jesse Morin commissioner to report a plan, and to let out the contract. The plan adopted was a square, two-story building, with three outer walls of squared, hard timber—the logs of the inner wall being set on end. A door was in the southwest corner, whence a stairway led to the room above, where a trap-door opened to the cell below.

Jan. 21—Since the sales of 16th sections, deeds for land are filed. The first is from Crook to Patton, for part of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 16, T. 53, R. 35.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 4—Joseph Loan and family settle three miles east of Platte City.

MARCH.

The Legislature having formed Platte County into the 12th Judicial Circuit, the governor appoints Gen. D. R. Atchison circuit judge. He therupon removes from Liberty to Platte City, which is his home until the war.

March 22—Judge Atchison holds his first term, in an arbor, constructed for the purpose, back of G. P. Dorriss' store, on Lot 1, Block 29, Platte City.

Chris. P. Brown and Jas. H. Baldwin are enrolled as attorneys.

A large number of citizens are indicted for gambling. They plead guilty, and are fined \$5 each. A number of gamblers, prominent among whom was one of the Younger boys, followed the judge on his circuit, to engage in gambling.

The will of Richard Jacks (1) is probated. It is dated February 10, 1841. His widow is Sophia, and his children: 1, Thomas Jacks; 2, John; 3, Elias; 4, Richard; 5, Polly Lewis; 6, Cath. Anders; 7, Elizabeth Anders; 8, Fanny; 9, Nancy Worrell; 10, Reb. Childers; 11, Louisiana Jacks.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

May 1—Township School Fund paid in \$ 4,108.47

All of which is loaned out at 10 per cent.

Road and Canal Fund 810.00

This is fines collected, and is added to the
County School Fund and distributed.

Lot Fund—sale of lots 16,577.03

Of which there has been paid out 9,669.58

The collector has paid in taxes collected 3,169.00

Expenditures, ordinary 1,868.07

May 6—The county court appoints a committeeman for each township, to solicit subscriptions for a free bridge at Platte City.

James H. Johnson resigns as commissioner of the seat of justice, and S. L. Leonard is appointed to the place, and gives bond for \$30,000.

JUNE.

June 21—Ira Norris is appointed to advertise and let out the construction of a free bridge over Platte River at Platte City.

June 22—S. L. Leonard, commissioner, is ordered to sell publicly, the first Monday in August, all lots not disposed of.

The county court rents for the July term of the circuit court the room over J. D. Murray's saloon, on Lot 8, Block 25, in Platte City.

JULY.

July 1—Tavern license is granted to J. V. Cockrill on Lot 12, Block 25, Platte City.

July 13—Circuit court held over Murray's saloon by Judge Atchison.

R. R. Rees, John Wilson, Jas. B. Gardenhire, S. B. Campbell, P. L. Hudgens and J. R. Hardin enrolled as attorneys.

AUGUST.

Aug. 3—Jacob Hamm, administrator of G. F. List. Bond, \$4,000.

County court grants \$25 for the support of Henry Fulks—the first pauper granted aid.

John Lewis, having taken the contract to build the jail, is granted \$966.

Aug. 28—The Weston Presbyterian Church organized.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 5—S. L. Leonard, commissioner, reports the amount of sales of lots since his appointment is \$3,635.23.

Sept. 8—Ira Norris, commissioner, reports that he has let out to Thos. W. Mercer, for \$8,000, the contract for a lattice bridge over Platte River at Platte City, of one track, 20 feet wide. The contract approved.

Congress grants to the State of Missouri for Internal Improvements 500,000 acres of public lands.

Sept. 21—Bela M. Hughes enrolled as an attorney.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 10—Jesse Morin, superintendent of public buildings, reports the court-house, except plastering, complete. Medlin & Anderson did the stone-work, David Hunt the brick-work, and Sam'l Paul, B. R. Morton, W. D. Bonnell, and Elijah Moore the carpenter-work. The jail was finished in December.

Oct. 25—The circuit court met for the first time in the court-house, yet unplastered.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 7—Josiah Higgins' will probated; dated March 26, 1841. Ch: 1, Josiah Higgins (il); 2, Benjamin; 3, Harmon; 4, Jackson; 5, William; 6, Susan Cooper; 7, Jacob; 8, Peggy Ford; 9, John.

Nov. 10—R. B. Mitchell, administrator of Luke Dorland. Bond, \$2,000; widow, Martha.

Nov. 16—Smith & Henderson, administrators of John P. Smith. Bond, \$25,000. Ch: 1, Wm. V. Smith; 2, Jas. C.; 3, Hiram S.; 4, Gershom; 5, Sarah Ann Chance; 6, Mary Ann; 7, Jane C.; 8, Lucretia; 9, Webster.

Legal advertisements are now printed at Liberty in the *Far West*, Ben Hays editor, and in the *Liberty Herald*, J. H. Darlington editor. The latter worked on the *Reveille* and the *Landmark*. He died in November, 1896, in the St. Joseph Lunatic Asylum.

JAMES F. ADAMS, from Tennessee, settled this year at Ridgely, and started the town on his claim. A saddler by trade, he set up a shop, and a small town grew up. It was a gambling and drinking place, and was first called "Hell Town." He m'd Mary Owens, dr. of Nicholas. Ch:

- I. MARY E. ADAMS.
- II. SARAH M., m'd Rob't Reed, of St. Joseph.
- III. LOU M., m'd W. L. De Berry. (See.)
- IV. MAGGIE, m'd Dr. J. L. Misener.
- V. JULIA M.
- VI. JAS. E. ADAMS.

Mr. Jas. F. Adams was the first post-master at Ridgely. His parents were Jas. Adams and Sarah Barnard.

MARRIAGES IN 1841, NOT ELSEWHERE

March 2, 1841, J. H. Spurlock married Martha Spencer.

March 12, 1841, Calvin Smith married Aggie Gordon.

February 6, 1841, James Moore married Mary A. Grayson.

1842.

OFFICERS.

Governor, Thos. Reynolds; Senator, And. Johnson; Circuit Judge, D. A. Atchison; County Clerk, J. H. Johnston; Treasurer, F. Marshall; County Justices, Jas. Kuykendall, D. P. Lewis, and M. M. Hughes; Representative, D. A. Sutton; Circuit Clerk, Jesse Morin; Sheriff, J. H. Owen; Assessor, W. C. Remington; Circuit Attorney, P. H. Burnett.

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At Platte City: Attorneys—W. B. Almond, Jas. H. Baldwin, R. P. Clark, Nat Burrows, J. R. Hardin, W. P. Hall, I. N. Jones, W. C. Jones, S. L. Leonard, Wm. M. Paxton, J. E. Pitt, J. G. Spratt, Jas. S. Thomas, John Wilson.

Physicians—Wm. Baldwin, Delford Benton, J. H. McFall, N. M. Shrock, W. M. Macey, F. Marshall.

Merchants, etc.—Black & Dickson, I. V. Cockerell, G. P. Dorriess, Fergus & Ranson, Hope & Irwin, J. H. Johnston (post-master), Stephen Johnston, Johnston & Lewis, Martin & Sherwood, Martin & Sons, McCausland & Branham, John D. Murray, G. W. Samuel.

At Weston: Attorneys—L. D. Bird, J. N. Burnes, B. M. Hughes, John R. Tylee.

Merchants, etc.—Geo. Aull, Peter Blanjour, Elijah Cody, Abel Gilbert, Ben Holladay, W. G. Noble, C. A. & E. W. Perry, G. P. Post, J. M. & E. W. Railey, D. P. Wallingford, T. F. Warner, C. P. Wentworth, Ben Wood, Jerry Woods.

JANUARY.

Early in 1842, E. Sangston Wilkinson started the *Eagle*, the first newspaper printed in Platte. March 5, 1842, Allen McLane took editorial charge of the paper, and made it interesting and influential, as well as strongly Democratic in its politics.

E. S. WILKINSON until 1895 resided on a ranch near Denver, Colo. He was born in Harrisonville, Va., 1819; died 1896; was

married June 21, 1837, in Indiana, to Maria Freeland, b. May 20, 1820; d. 1896; daughter of the late Judge John Freeland. After editing the Shelbyville, Indiana, *Statesman* two years, he came with the Freeland family to Platte; here he spent nineteen years in editing and publishing the *Eagle*, the *Argus*, the *Tenth Legion*, and other papers, all strongly Democratic. But when the war came on, and dangers threatened on account of his Southern sympathies, he went to Helena, Montana, where he published the *Rocky Mountain Gazette*, from August 11, 1866, to September 2, 1872. He afterwards published the *Bozeman Times* for three years. His living children:

I. ALLEN McLANE WILKINSON, b. at Platte City, November 13, 1848.

II. RALEIGH T. WILKINSON, b. at Camden Point, August 13, 1853. His ch:

1. *Henry C.*, 2. *John W.* (a captain in the U. S. Army).
3. *Dora.*

Mr. E. S. Wilkinson was in Winston's Regiment, and at Pea Ridge, Corinth, etc. He and his wife both died in Cal. in 1896, whither they had gone for their health.

WESTON INCORPORATED.

Jan. 11—The county court incorporated Weston. Geo. Beeler, Abel Gilbert, John Thornburg, T. F. Warner, and Jerry Woods were the trustees.

ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL TOWNSHIPS.

Jan. 12—The county court, on application, ordered notice to be given for the inhabitants of T. 52, R. 34, to meet at the house of Michael Byrd, to organize for school purposes, the 3d of March, 1842. The State law made each congressional township a corporation, to be divided into districts, for separate schools. The 16th sections were "squatted" upon, and no one dared to bid against the "squatters" for their lands. They therefore got their lands at the minimum price of \$1.25 per acre. The principal of the Township School Fund is only \$21,000. Had there been a fair sale, the fund would now be \$200,000. Allen McLane had independence enough to condemn this fraud, in the *Eagle*, and when he offered for office, he found his course had lost him votes. Nearly all the townships of the county were organized in 1841 and 1842, and school-houses were built in many districts. They were of round or hewed logs, with a door on one side, and a long horizontal window on the other. Below the window a sloping board served for desks. Seats were puncheons or slabs set upon wooden poles, for legs.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 7—Peter Simmons' will probated—John Bretz executor. Bond, \$2,000.

Martha Ambrose, administratrix of Wm. Ambrose. Bond, \$1,500.

Matthias Masten, administrator of his son, Joseph Masten.

Feb. 9—Park & Parsons are granted tavern license at Parkville.

Feb. 11—The county clerk is ordered to procure copies of the Official Survey of the lands of Platte County. The field-notes were furnished. They consisted of two thick square volumes, of 1,100 pages each, and are now in the possession of the county surveyor. They are invaluable, and I have made and indexed a copy for use in my business of abstractor of titles.

MARCH.

March 28—Judge Atchison held circuit court in the new and unplastered court-house.

Enrolled as attorneys, R. P. Clark, I. N. Jones, and W. P. Hall.

APRIL.

April 9—The county court incorporated Platte City, with N. Burrows, W. E. Black, W. P. Dougherty, D. S. Irwin, and Mark McCausland, trustees.

MAY.

May 1—The annual county statement shows:

Receipts	\$ 3,503.19
Expenditures	2,824.64
Principal of Township School Fund	10,876.06

May 4—Edw'd Clarke, administrator of Abner Bozarth, with his will annexed. He left a widow and two daughters. The widow m'd Col. Lewis Burnes. (See.)

JUNE.

June 3—Elisha Green buys Lot 6, Block 28, in Platte City. Here he erected the hotel known as the Green House. His enterprise and public spirit gave a new impulse to the improvement of Platte City.

June 20—Allen McLane announced himself a candidate for the Legislature, but is beaten, on account of his opposing the sacrifice of 16th sections to the "squatters."

JULY.

July 13—Circuit court held by Judge Atchison in the court-house. Bright B. Martin, a son of Zadock, is enrolled as an attorney.

AUGUST.

RESULT OF THE ELECTION.

Aug. 1—Senator, Andrew Johnston; Congressman, Jas. M. Hughes; Representatives, Bethel Allen and J. A. White; Sheriff, J. H. Owen; Assessor, W. C. Remington.

Aug. 4—The bridge specifications are changed, and \$1,500 is added to the price allowed Mercer, the contractor.

Aug. 23—Robert Todd died. (See.)

The plastering of the court-house is finished, and the house complete.

Aug. 28—The Weston Presbyterian Church reorganized, with the following members: 1, Mary Cowles; 2, R. A. Cummins; 3, Amer'a P. Hudson; 4, Anna Nash; 5, Eliz. Neville; 6, Sam'l Morton; 7, Eliz. Norton; 8, R. G. Stephens; 9, P. M. Underhill.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 14—Weston Lodge, No. 53, A. F. & A. M., chartered.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 8—Jones & Waller, administrators of Lewis M. Waller; and W. B. Wood, of Edwin Wood.

Nov. 10—W. L. Brightwell, R. P. and Harrison Gaines, Joseph Coons, and their families, arrive in Platte, coming overland in wagons. They bought corn at 10 cents per bushel.

Nov. 18—Temperature at zero.

The President locates the land office at Plattsburg.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 13—Under this date, Book 3, page 87, of records of the county court, a statement of the sales of 16th sections is found.

The President's message was nine hours in going from Washington to New York, considered quick time.

Two vagrants sold, publicly, in Platte City.

The removal of the land office from Plattsburg to Platte City advocated.

Allen McLane makes the following entry in his diary: "The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was opened to Cumberland (171 miles) on the 3d day of November, 1842. This will bring the mail in ten hours to Cumberland, and in thirty-two hours to Wheeling! Who would have dreamed of this ten years ago?"

Dec. 24—A ball at the court-house for warming. The upper story of the court-house has been seated by subscription, for religious services.

John S. Malott's (see) will probated. It is dated March 9, 1842. He was a son of Wm. Malott. (See.)

CROPS, MARKETS, ETC.

Abundant crops were raised in 1842, but there was no market for them. New settlers, however, had money to spend, and needed supplies. Corn sold for 10 cents per bushel, and wheat at 50 cents. Freights to St. Louis were from \$1 to \$2 per 100 pounds, and the tobacco and hemp shipped brought but small returns. All good lands in Platte had claimants, and emigrants pressed further north. Claims upon the best land sold for \$3 to \$8 per

acre. Under the law of 1841, the new settlers got a preëmption right. With no market, money became scarce.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Farms were rapidly opened, and substantial and comfortable houses erected. Martin & Sons have added an upright saw to their mill; Hall Medlin has constructed a grist- and saw-mill, on Smith's Fork; and Judge M. M. Hughes and Capt. Andrew Johnson have each built a good mill on Bee Creek. Huston McFarland has a saw-mill near Weston, and the Perrys are building a large flouring-mill at Weston. The finest oak and walnut timber ever seen is offered for nothing; and \$1.25 is the price of the best squared timber. Goods are selling at from 50 per cent to 150 per cent on cost.

NEW-COMERS TO PLATTE CITY.

Howell Jenkins (see), a native of Wales, settled at Platte City in 1842. A stonemason by trade, he built with his own hands the rock mansion on Lots 4 and 5, Block 28, and did all the best stone-work in town for years. From our native rock, he cut out and lettered all the tombstones for our graveyard, for twelve years. The first marble monument erected in the cemetery was at the grave of Dr. N. M. Shrock in 1855.

Robert Davis Johnston (see), a native of Kentucky, came to us, by way of Indiana, and formed a partnership with John Lewis, in a general store, on Lot 6, Block 29. He subsequently formed a partnership with Jas. H. Johnston, in the same line. The adversities of trade and the calamities of war drove him from the mercantile business. His military career is familiar to all.

DRS. SHROCK, McFALL, AND CALLAHAN.

The two first named were brothers-in-law. Dr. McFall died soon after his arrival from Kentucky, and Dr. Shrock formed a partnership with Dr. H. B. Callahan, and they were favorite physicians for years. Dr. Shrock was an enthusiastic Mason, and to him we owe the organization of Platte Lodge, No. 56. He was well informed in the mysteries of Masonry, and with diligence instructed his brethren. Dr. Callahan left us in 1857, and in the war found no rest for his feet. He resided at Leavenworth many years, honored as a physician and revered as a citizen. He died in 1896 and was buried at Platte City.

John Zeek established a tan-yard on Block 17, but found it not profitable, and left us for some better location.

Benj. R. Morton (see) worked on the court-house, and erected a carding machine on Block 28.

William C. Remington (see), a handsome and genial youth, wrote an excellent hand, and found ready employment as deputy clerk, until he arose to the office of circuit clerk.

William E. Black, after working on the bridge over the Platte, became a merchant, and then a physician. He returned to Virginia.

John Ritner located near Smithville, and, being an excellent millwright, became a partner with Jas. B. Martin in the Platte City Mills.

James Davis, a large, genial, and agreeable gentleman, and an excellent clerk, wrote in the circuit clerk's office, read law, formed a partnership with John W. Forbis, and disappeared very mysteriously; but was heard from again in one of the Northwestern States.

Archibald Woods and James M. Estill came from Kentucky with money, bought a large body of land, and built the Union Mills. They became also merchants in Weston. Their business was immense, and their creditors suffered. Estill went to California, took some large contracts, and speculated unsuccessfully.

E. S. Wilkinson removed the *Eagle* to Weston, but the winter caught him without paper. He went on horseback to Boonville, but got but little paper. The *Eagle* therefore was issued only as a handbill, until the river opened in the spring.

THE STATE LAND OFFICE.

September 4, 1841, Congress granted the Western States public lands within their borders. Five hundred thousand acres were granted to Missouri. The gift was accepted, and commissioners were appointed to select the lands. They were located chiefly in the Platte Purchase. S. L. Leonard and Dr. A. M. Robinson were commissioners. The Federal law required locations to be in bodies of not less than 320 acres. To induce the settlers to give in their lands to the State, a liberal preëmption law was passed, giving time for payment, and sanctioning sales by the settler, after the first payment. These lands appear on the official plat as "Internal Improvement Lands." About one-eighth of the county of Platte was selected as State lands. The land office was located at Savannah.

1843.

OFFICERS.

Governor, Thos. Reynolds; Senator, And. Johnson; Congressman, J. M. Hughes; Circuit Clerk, Jesse Morin; Treasurer, F. Marshall; Representatives, B. Allen and J. A. White; Circuit Attorney, P. H. Burnett; Circuit Judge, D. R. Atchison; County Clerk, J. H. Johnston; Sheriff, Jones H. Owen; Assessor, W. C. Remington; County Justice, Jas. Kuykendall, D. P. Lewis, and M. M. Hughes.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—W. B. Almond, Jas. H. Baldwin, N. Burrows, R. P. Clark, J. R. Hardin, I. N. Jones, W. C. Jones, S. L. Leonard, W. P. Hall, Jno. E. Pitt, J. G. Spratt, Jas. S. Thomas, John Wilson.

Physicians—Drs. Wm. Baldwin, Delford Benton, John Clarke, J. H. McFall, F. Marshall, W. M. Macey, N. M. Shrock.

Merchants, etc.—Atkins & White, G. P. Dorris, Fergus & Ranson, R. P. Gaines, J. H. Johnston (postmaster), R. D. Johnston, Stephen Johnston, Perry Keith, McCausland & Branham, Phil. Lutes, J. D. Murray, G. W. Samuel, Z. Martin & Sons, Hope & Irwin, W. E. Black, E. Green.

At Weston: Attorneys—L. D. Bird, B. M. Hughes, J. R. Tylee.

Physicians—Bonifant, Bowers, Malin.

Merchants, etc.—P. Blanjour, E. Cody, A. Gilbert, F. G. Cockrill, Ben Holladay, W. G. Noble, C. A. & E. W. Perry, W. S. Murphy, G. P. Post, J. M. & E. W. Railey, D. P. Wallingford, T. F. Warner, C. P. Wentworth, Ben Wood.

JANUARY.

Jan. 2—The Democrats of the county met at the court-house and organized the party.

Jan. 4—A slight earthquake.

Mails come tri-weekly, by hack, from Liberty, arriving at 2 p. m. at Platte City.

Alex. E. Cannon, the first lawyer to locate at Martinsville, is now teaching school. His legal erudition knew no book but the statutes.

Arch'd Woods buys lands in Preston Township.

The State Road from Weston to Plattsburg established. (See Session Acts 1843, p. 345.)

Jan. 9—E. S. Wilkinson still in search of printing paper.

Jan. 15—Subscribers to the Platte River bridge refused to pay. Suit is instituted—hung jury; but they finally triumph.

Jas. H. Baldwin and Allen McLane discuss, privately, county finances, and decide they are badly managed.

The Legislature establishes a State Road from Liberty to Weston. Damages are allowed preëmptioners.

Jan. 20—The county court secretly applies to the Legislature to make the Platte River bridge a toll bridge, which caused much indignation, when discovered.

Weston is rapidly improving. The *Eagle* is now known as the *Platte Eagle and Weston Commercial Gazette*, and is issued occasionally.

The State Land Office is located at Savannah, and in due time A. Jasper is appointed receiver and Nat Burrows register.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 23—Weston is incorporated by statute, acquires title to the site, and deeds are made for the lots that have been sold.

The Legislature legalized the irregular sales of 16th sections and Platte City lots.

Feb. 27—Peter H. Burnett spoke at the court-house on the Oregon question, and advocated emigration thither.

The war on Senator Benton has commenced. The *Eagle* is with Benton.

The Missouri is still closed, and Wilkinson's printing paper is still in abeyance.

MARCH.

It takes twenty days to get news from Washington.

W. L. Brightwell buys smoked hams at 3 cents, and young oxen at \$13 per yoke.

March 6—The United States Senate confirms the appointment of J. H. Birch as register and E. M. Samuel as receiver of the Plattsburg land office.

The Democrats meet at the court-house, Achilles Jasper in the chair, and approve Benton's views on hard money. Bela M. Hughes and L. D. Bird, of Weston, and Leander Kerr, chaplain at the Fort, are present.

Many are preparing to emigrate to Oregon.

The population of St. Louis is 28,354.

March 16—The ground is still covered with snow, and very cold—the coldest winter on record.

March 30—Another fall of snow and still cold.

Peter H. Burnett, having resigned, the bar recommends Bela M. Hughes for the place of circuit attorney.

APRIL.

April 1—The Plattsburg land office opens with Birch as register and Samuel as receiver.

Six inches of snow fell.

April 4—Warmer, with rain at intervals.

Jesse Morin is appointed commissioner of the seat of justice in place of S. L. Leonard, resigned.

D. A. Sutton is appointed commissioner of Platte River bridge in place of Ira Norris, resigned.

April 10—Phineas Skinner buys land east of Camden Point. The Missouri River ice commences moving.

April 13—The Steamer *Ione* reaches Weston, bringing Wilkinson's paper. The *Eagle* now comes out regularly. The *John Aull* arrives at Weston on the 14th.

April 15—The first regular issue of the *Eagle* at Weston—No. 1, Vol. II.

April 22—Pritchard is killed in Weston by Price.

April 27—The Platte City Presbyterian Church organized with the following members: 1, Wm. B. Almond; 2, John Y. Cooper; 3, Dr. John Clarke; 4, Ann, his wife; 5, N. H. Hope; 6, S. P. S. McCurdy; 7, Jos. Patton; 8, Allen Sloan; 9, Anna M., his wife; 10, Jas. E. Walker. Dr. J. M. Fulton was invited to supply the pulpit. W. M. Paxton and wife united a few months later. The organization took place in the large upper room of the courthouse, where preaching was held by all denominations.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Amount received...	\$2,017.12
Paid out..	1,622.07
	<u>\$395.05</u>

The season was backward, and no ground was plowed before the 20th of April. For three weeks the ground was in good order for the plow, and corn planted before the 10th of May did well; but in May the windows of heaven were opened, and late-planted corn and hemp were failures. Hemp and wheat were covered by snow from November to April. Wheat was protected by the snow, but hemp did not rot until the spring rains; and then the weather was so wet that the hemp could not be broken out. Much of it was left in the shock and lost. Throughout the winter one snow was added to another, and by spring formed a solid covering for the earth, a foot thick. Not half the corn was gathered before the snows commenced, and vast flocks of prairie-fowl from the west damaged the standing corn.

LAND ENTRIES.

Samuel and Birch were able and accommodating officers. A specific time was fixed for the settlers of each township to prove their preëmptions. The settlers of each neighborhood went in a body, and there was no trouble to get witnesses to prove residence. A prescribed oath was taken, a neighbor was called to prove settlement, the money was paid in gold, silver, or Missouri bank-notes, and a certificate given that made the preëmptioner a freeholder. There were but few controversies, and these generally were settled to the satisfaction of both parties. There was not an appeal from Platte County. It required \$320,000 to enter the lands of Platte, or \$2,000,000 for the Platte Country. Until the Mexican War brought relief, I witnessed a state of awful pecuniary distress. Some of the settlers had money laid by to enter lands; but a greater number had to sacrifice their personal property to save their lands. Property had three prices: 1st, trade or exchange price; 2d, currency price; and 3d, land-office money price. The unfavorable seasons of 1843 and 1844 added to the distress. In 1843 the county assessment of slaves and personal property, including notes and money, was only \$412,000. Land was not assessed.

JUNE.

June 1—Heavy rains retarded agriculture.

The Oregon emigrants, having gathered at Westport, organized by choosing Peter H. Burnett as captain, J. W. Nesmith orderly sergeant, and 9 councilmen.

PETER H. BURNETT.

We will hear no more of Peter H. Burnett in the history of Platte; and I cannot dismiss so honored a friend without a tribute to his merits. The whole family possessed talent, and a religious sentiment made them enthusiasts in every good cause. The enterprise, hardihood, intelligence, and devotion of Peter H. Burnett have blessed and benefited four States of our Union. He was our first prosecuting attorney, and discharged the duties of his office with marked success. He led the first overland expedition to Oregon, amid untold dangers, privations, and suffering; passed to California over a trackless wilderness, became the first governor of the newly acquired territory, and surrendered his office with clean hands and an unclouded name. He published "A Lawyer's Reasons for Joining the Catholic Church" in a neat volume; and in another volume, "An Old Pioneer," he has given sketches of his eventful life. His style is plain and simple, and his adventures are replete with interest. He died in San Francisco May 18, 1895. I will give his genealogy:

GEORGE BURNETT, the ancestor, was b. in Va., Sept. 26, 1770; went to Tenn.; m'd 1802, Dorothy (Dolly) Hardeman, b. in Tenn. May 15, 1786; d. in Platte March 17, 1843. Issue:

I. CONSTANTINA BURNETT, m'd 1st, Jas. M. Miller, who was killed by lightning, 1821, at Boonville. She m'd 2d, W. L. Smith, a merchant of Liberty. I knew him well. He was an accomplished gentleman.

II. PETER HARDEMAN BURNETT, b. at Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 15, 1807; d. in San Francisco May 18, 1895; m'd a dr. of Judge Peter Rogers. I have already noticed him. Issue:

1. *Dwight J. Burnett.* 2. *Martha L.* 3. *Romietta.*
4. *John.* 5. *Armistead.* 6. *Sallie C. Burnett.*

III. GLEN OWEN BURNETT, a Christian preacher.

IV. GEO. WM. BURNETT, at one time constable of Carroll Township, Platte County.

V. ELIZABETH A. BURNETT, m'd 1st, in Clay Co., Dr. Ware S. May, who d. in Nov., 1847. Mrs. May possessed beauty, spirit, virtue, and intelligence. Dr. May was a pioneer physician, and successful in his practice. His fund of anecdotes and his genial disposition, seasoned with mirth and humor, made him popular with all classes. Yet he was not a happy man, and in one of his sprees took morphine and died. Issue:

1. *George R. May*, m'd Oct. 9, 1869, Miranda J. Waller, and went to Iowa.
2. *Mary C. May*, m'd May 27, 1858, Edwin R. Williams, b. Nov. 15, 1826.
3. *Dorothy (Dolly)*, d.; m'd July 27, 1866, Oliver Todd. Ch: [a] George Todd; [b] Lizzie; [c] Millie. Mr. Todd will be noticed again.
4. *Susan May*, m'd April 4, 1866, Sam'l C. Park. Ch: [a] Edward Park; [b] Burnett.
5. *Benj. L. May*, b. June 17, 1841; d. April 24, 1882; m'd Sept. 28, 1865, Mary A. Nicol, b. April 4, 1846, a dr. of David Nicol. Ch: [a] Geo. E. May, b. 1866; [b] David W., b. 1868; [c] Anna E., b. 1870; [d] Ben. W., b. 1872; and [e] Frank, b. 1879. Dr. B. L. May studied medicine with his father, graduated at Bellevue Medical College, settled at Barry, and became an eminent physician. From him May Township took its name. He died April 24, 1882. His widow and children live at the old Nicol homestead.
6. *Elizabeth May*, m'd May 10, 1866, Lee M. Williams, b. May 15, 1843, son of William.

Mrs. Elizabeth May, widow of Dr. W. S. May, afterwards m'd Robert Cain. (See.)

VI. *JAS. WHITE BURNETT*, m'd Sarah Jane Turner, dr. of Elder Thomas Turner.

VII. *MARY H. J. BURNETT*, m'd 1836 Dr. Benj. S. Long, b. at Versailles, Ky., Jan. 12, 1808; graduated at the medical department of Transylvania University in 1835. She d. in 1843, and he d. May 11, 1877. Ch:

1. *George M.* 2. *Anna B.* 3. *James.* 4. *Mary A.* 5. *Harriet.* 6. *Louisa*, who m'd John Fulton, of Parkville.

VIII. *THOMAS S. BURNETT*, a M. E. preacher.

June 6—Heavy rains have raised the streams. The Platte and Missouri are overflowing, and many bridges have been washed away. Cut-worms are damaging corn.

June 16—The Steamer *Col. Woods* came round from Weston to Platte City, bringing as passengers E. S. Wilkinson and Isaac Carter. They met with no trouble on the way. The boat lay all night at the foot of Main Street. The town got drunk, and G. P. Dorriess shipped a hogshhead of sugar to New Orleans.

JULY.

July 5—W. H. Edgar takes out tavern license for Platte City. His hotel was the Faylor log house, that stood where the Wells Bank now stands.

July 10—Atkins & White, merchants of Platte City, fail, and Stephen Johnson buys their storehouse, on Lot 7, Block 25, for \$400.

July 18—Branham & McCausland buy Lot 6, Block 26, in Platte City, for \$50. Here they built a frame store.

Dudley Wells convicted of manslaughter in the fourth degree, and fined \$1,000.

The members of the bar recommend Allen McLane for register of the State land office at Savannah; but Nat Burrows receives the appointment.

July 26—St. Joseph was laid off in June, 1843, and named the 26th of July. The latter day is observed as Founders' Day.

AUGUST.

Aug. 4—Letters are granted to Philip Walker on the estate of Daniel Varble. Ch: 1, Margaret Varble; 2, Henry; 3, James; 4, Sallie; 5, Manon; 6, Jasper; 7, a daughter.

Aug. 7—Letters granted to G. D. Toole on the estate of Samuel Staggs. Bond, \$6,000. Ch: 1, Samuel Staggs (ii), m'd May 29, 1873, Ada M. Dooley.

Aug. 13—M. N. Owen buys land one mile west of Platte City.

Aug. 19—J. H. and R. D. Johnston buy the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 9, T. 52, R. 34, for \$800.

Aug. 23—H. D. Martin sells to Zadock and Jas. B. Martin his interest in the water mills at Platte City, and goes to Oregon.

Jerry V. Cockrill sells to R. P. Gaines his hotel on Lot 12, Block 24, Platte City, for \$3,000.

At a special election, held the first Monday in this month. Lycurgus Shepard was chosen county surveyor in place of S. L. Leonard, resigned.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—Phinehas Skinner buys a large body of land near the Narrows, and, forming a partnership with Zabina Babcock, opens a country store.

Sept. 7—Platte City incorporated with W. C. Remington, Phil. Lutes, John S. Porter, John Edwards, and W. E. Black as trustees.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—Zadock Martin conveys to Platte County 24 acres in the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 36, T. 53, R. 35; Jesse Morin is appointed commissioner, and lays off an addition to Platte City, consisting of Blocks 35 to 41.

The banks are resuming specie payments.

Oct. 3—Senator Lewis F. Linn dies at Ste. Genevieve, and Judge D. R. Atchison is appointed to the vacancy.

Judge Henderson Young succeeds Atchison as circuit judge.

Fielding and Clinton Cockrill buy farms two miles west of Platte City, and Felix G. Cockrill starts a store in Weston.

Oct. 9—Judge Henderson Young holds circuit court. B. F. Loan is enrolled as an attorney.

A Democratic meeting is held at Platte City with G. P. Dorris as chairman. Allen McLane and A. Jasper were appointed delegates to the Democratic State Convention. D. A. Sutton pronounces Van Buren a broken-down horse, and Jesse Morin agrees with him; but B. M. Hughes, A. Jasper, and Capt. Andrew Johnson defended Van Buren.

S. Penn, editor of the *St. Louis Reporter*, attacks Benton vigorously.

Oct. 24—Letters granted John Lewis on the estate of George Strouse. Strouse m'd a dr. of Abram Miller and left a son, who went to Kansas.

Oct. 28—The great naturalist, Audubon, passes down the Missouri, after a visit to the Yellowstone in the interest of science.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 4—A lot is bought for the Line Creek Regular Baptist Church in N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 19, T. 51, R. 33.

Nov. 7—R. P. Gaines takes out tavern license at Platte City. Letters are granted John Land on the estate of Leroy Stapp.

D. R. Atchison left Weston for Washington.

Nov. 25—G. P. Dorris buys of J. H. Johnston the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 36, T. 53, R. 35, for \$600.

Nov. 30—J. G. Shultz sells to Dougherty & Swords his interest in the site of Iatan. Much sickness prevails.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 5—John R. Hardin administered on the estate of G. W. Dougherty.

Dec. 9—W. J. Norris buys the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 18, T. 53, R. 35, on the road from Platte City to Weston, for \$1,400.

Dec. 14—Died suddenly, while attending court at Plattsburg, Gen. Andrew S. Hughes.

THE HUGHES FAMILY.

David Hughes was descended from Jesse Hughes, who came to America from Wales, about 1730. David was b. in 1756, in Powhatan Co., Va.; came to Kentucky in 1785, settled in Montgomery Co., and d. in 1805. His ch: 1. William Hughes; 2. James; 3. John; 4. Jesse; 5. Andrew S.; 6. David; 7, a dr., m'd Ben Bowen, and was mother of Elizabeth C. Bowen, wife of J. J. Throckmorton. Of these children we shall notice only

ANDREW S. HUGHES,

Who was b. in Montgomery Co., Ky., Feb. 9, 1789; d. at Plattsburg Dec. 9, 1843. His mother was Margaret Frame, b. 1758, a dr. of David Frame. After attending the best schools of his day, he read law, and practiced in the counties of northern Kentucky. He m'd Dec. 29, 1814, Rhoda Dent Metcalfe, b. Feb. 28, 1789, in

Fayette Co., Ky. In 1829 he came to Clay Co., Mo., and for some years was an agent for the Sacs and Foxes, and was stationed at the ford of Platte River, east of Blacksnake Hills. He was active in having the Platte Purchase attached to Missouri. While in Kentucky, he represented Bracken and Nicholas counties in the State Senate for two terms. When I knew him, he was a bustling, genial, and generous-hearted old gentleman. He knew everybody, told a good story, and was very influential with a jury. He had but one child:

- I. BELA METCALFE HUGHES, b. at Carlisle, Ky., April 6, 1817; educated at Augusta College; he studied law and practiced in Platte County; he was a brigadier-general of militia, register of the land office at Plattsburg, represented Platte in the State Legislature, and went west. He now resides in Denver, a hale and happy old gentleman. He m'd Jan. 9, 1838, Catherine Neal, b. Aug. 20, 1820; d. Sept. 6, 1844. Ch:

1. *Mary C. Hughes*, b. March 27, 1842.

2. *Andrew S.* (ii), b. Dec. 19, 1843.

Gen. B. M. Hughes m'd 2d, in June, 1849, Laura L. Allen, dr. of Tandy Allen, of Bourbon Co., Ky. Ch:

3. *Jessie C. Hughes*, b. May 21, 1851.

4. *Edith A.*, b. June 17, 1852.

5. *Georgiana*, b. June 11, 1854.

6. *Tandy A.*, b. March 17, 1860.

THE METCALFES

Are one of the most distinguished families of Kentucky. A volume would be required to record their honors, in both civil and military life. We can only give the lineage of Mrs. Rhoda D. (Hughes) Metcalfe:

- I. FRANCIS METCALFE, of Yorkshire, England: His son,
 II. JOHN METCALFE, came to Virginia about 1760: His son,
 III. JOHN METCALFE, b. in Fauquier Co., Va., in 1780, came with his parents to Kentucky, in 1784. His ch. were:
 1. *Thomas Metcalfe*, the old "Stonehammer," governor of Kentucky.
 2. *Bela*. 3. *Sarah*. 4. *Lucy*. 5. *Rhoda D.*
 IV. RHODA DENT METCALFE, m'd Gen. Andrew S. Hughes.
 V. BELA M. HUGHES, of Denver.

WILLIAM BROWN

Died about August, 1843. He was the father of a large family of children, most of whom will be hereafter noticed. He was a son of Samuel Brown (i), and was b. in Kentucky in 1782. He m'd Ann ———, and his administrator thus enumerates his ch:

1. William Brown (ii); 2. Adam C.; 3. Susanna, wife of Samuel Brown (iii); 4. Arch'd; 5. Thomas; 6. The ch. of Mrs. Thomas Moberly as follows: [a] Newton Moberly; [b] Susan, wife of

C. R. Barnett; [c] Nancy, wife of Wm. Chandler; [d] Ann; [e] Elizabeth; [f] Mary; [g] Jas. Moberly. 7, Ch. of Mrs. Scollin.

MARRIAGES IN 1843 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

January 1, Thos. Allen m'd Sidney Ann Draiss.
 January 10, G. W. Dye m'd Louisa Hague.
 February 2, G. A. Crobarger m'd Elizabeth Cooper.
 February 16, R. C. C. Gray m'd Susan M. Hart.
 February 16, Thos. A. Dye m'd Lucinda Cook.
 March 3, C. F. Robertson m'd Elizabeth Ussary.
 June 8, Ben Simpson m'd Nancy Cooper.
 June 15, Brooking Jeffers m'd Cath. Ellsworth.

1844.

OFFICERS.

Governor, Thos. Reynolds; Circuit Judge, Henderson Young; County Justices, Lewis, Kuykendall, and Hughes; Sheriff, J. H. Owen; Treasurer, F. Marshall; Public Administrator, Robt. Patton; State Senator, And. Johnson; Representatives, B. Allen and J. A. White; Circuit Clerk, Jesse Morin; County Clerk, J. H. Johnston; Circuit Attorney, Jas. Craig; Assessor, W. C. Remington; Surveyor, L. Shepard.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—W. B. Almond, J. H. Baldwin, R. P. Clark, J. R. Hardin, I. N. Jones, W. C. Jones, S. L. Leonard, J. E. Pitt, J. G. Spratt, Jas. S. Thomas, W. P. Hall, John Wilson.

Physicians—Drs. Baldwin, Clarke, Marshall, Callahan, Shrock, Black.

Merchants, etc.—Wm. Brown, G. P. Dorris, L. Fleshman, H. P. Kutchenthall, J. H. Johnston (postmaster), Stev. Johnston, R. D. Johnston, McCausland & Branham, J. D. Murray, Fergus & Ranson, G. W. Samuel, Z. Martin & Son, R. P. Gaines, Elisha Green, L. Tracy, W. C. Remington, Wm. H. Spratt, B. R. Morton.

At Weston: Attorneys—L. D. Bird, Bela M. Hughes, J. R. Tylee, H. J. Wolf.

Physicians—B. Bonifant, Jos. Malin, J. M. Fulton.

Merchants, etc.—P. Blanjour, F. G. Cockrill, E. Cody, Ben Holladay, W. S. Murphy, A. Gilbert, W. G. Noble, G. P. Post, C. A. and E. W. Perry, T. F. Warner, D. P. Wallingford, Richie & Miller, J. P. Georgens, James Osborn, C. P. Wentworth, Ben Wood, Railey & Bro.

JANUARY.

Jan. 2—The will of Wm. Spencer, dated October 7, 1843, is probated. His wife, Nancy, qualifies as executrix.

Jan. 6—Capt. Wm. Triplett buys land two miles north of Platte City.

Heavy rains.

Jan. 8—Democratic meeting at Platte City, nominate Van Buren.

Jan. 23—Elisha Green buys of Ira Norris the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 30, T. 53, R. 35, adjoining Platte City, for \$1,600.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 9—Governor Reynolds commits suicide, and is succeeded by Lieutenant-Governor Marmaduke.

Bond, \$1,500.

Feb. 24—Hugh Swaney buys land five miles east of Platte City.

MARCH.

Feb. 14—John R. Hardin, administrator of Dr. J. H. McFall.

March 1—Nelson Faulconer buys the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 13, T. 51, R. 34, at \$1,400.

Democrats in State Convention, nominated J. C. Edwards, for governor, in place of Reynolds, deceased. The Democratic party is divided into "Hards" for Benton, and "Softs" against him.

Allen McLane buys the *Eagle* of Wilkinson, and, bringing the press and type to Platte City, issues the *Platte Argus*. He goes to St. Louis to purchase paper and new type.

Andrew Tribble buys the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 3, T. 52, R. 35, for \$600.

March 6—Baptist Church at Ridgely organized.

March 26—Thompson T. Jones buys land three miles east of Platte City.

APRIL.

April 3—The county court orders Commissioner Morin to lay off an addition to Platte City on the 24 acres deeded to the county by Z. Martin, and sell the lots publicly.

The court orders the bridge commissioner (Sutton) to let out the construction of aprons for the Platte City bridge. The court demanded of Mercer, the contractor, that he build the approaches to the bridge under his contract to build the bridge—but this point was given up.

April 18—The first plat of Parkville filed, by Geo. S. Park. He had already sold lots, but had not conveyed them.

MAY.

THE COUNTY FINANCES.

May 1—Revenue collected, \$3,650.52; expended, \$3,472.30. The county levy is 50 cents on the \$100.

Assessment, lands	\$576,000.00
Assessment, personalty, notes, and money	709,076.00
Total	\$1,285,076.00

THE JARVIS MURDER.

This spring, a gang of desperadoes, chiefly from Clay County, went west on the Santa Fé Trail, and met the train of Jarvis, a Mexican, coming with money to buy goods at Independence. After killing Jarvis, they robbed the train of a large amount of money and everything valuable. The perpetrators of this crime bragged of their success, and it was found that other men of good standing had furnished the outfit, and had shared in the booty. Brown, a saloon-keeper at Hell-Town (Ridgely), and McDaniel, a son of a worthy farmer of Clay, were apprehended, tried in a Federal court, convicted, and hung. Quite a number implicated suddenly disappeared.

The first number of the *Platte Argus* is issued at Platte City by Martin L. Harden, publisher, and Allen McLane, editor.

The United Baptist Church of Pleasant Ridge buys an acre of land at the center of Sec. 5, T. 53, R. 35, and builds a brick church.

Henry Clay is nominated, at Baltimore, by the Whigs, for President; and James K. Polk is nominated May 27th, by the Democrats.

POSTAGE.

For long distances, is now, for letters. 25 cents.
May 30, 1845, reduced to. 12½ cents.
May 2, 1846, reduced to. 10 cents.

May 23—Congress passes an act granting preëmption to trustees for town sites. Under an enabling act of the State Legislature, Weston entered its site and sold lots.

Incessant rain.

JUNE.

June 6—John Linville's will probated, dated March 28, 1844. His widow was Nancy, and his children: 1, Nancy; 2, William; 3, Robt. S.; 4, John B.; 5, Richard B.; 6, Jubal; 7, Henry H. Linville.

THE OVERFLOW.

For several weeks, this month, the Missouri and Platte rivers spread from bluff to bluff, driving out to the hills families and their stock. The site of the town of Tracy was covered. This is the only flood ever known to cover the highest grounds in the Missouri bottoms. The overflows of 1858 and 1881 left some ground above the water. The Indians have no tradition of its equal. The great rise of 1826 was 4 feet lower. That of 1858 was 3 feet lower. The Platte kept pace with the Missouri in every great rise. I had marks in the old mill at Platte City, of the overflows of 1844, 1858, and 1881. The waters in 1844 were 20 inches higher than 1858, and the waters in 1858 have never since been reached by 2 feet. The Mississippi River attained its greatest elevation at St. Louis, June 24th. It was then 7 feet 7 inches above the city directrix. The overflow of 1844 is an era in our

history. Sickness, especially chills and fevers, followed the overflow, and the mortality was fearful. The people were discouraged. Their fields were overgrown with weeds, the furrows were running with water, the land sales had exhausted their money, and to the failure of their crops, sickness is added. With fainting hearts, they stood upon the bluffs and cast tearful eyes upon the dismal and ruinous waters.

June 14—The floods are at their height.

June 16—John Austin is appointed administrator of Milton J. Byram. Bond, \$20,000. He came from Lewis Co., Ky., and settled near Iatan. He was a handsome, courteous gentleman. He m'd 1st, a Watkins, who died, leaving: 1. Wm. P. Byram; 2. Almarinda R., wife of John J. Young; 3. Jas. G. Byram; 4. Milton J. Byram, Jr. Mr. Byram then m'd Margaret Lay, b. in Woodford Co., Ky., May 10, 1819, who bore him, 5. Susan J. Byram. His widow, Margaret (Lay) Byram, m'd 2d. Nov. 5, 1846, Arnold Blythe, born in Fayette Co., Ky., May 10, 1815. He was a son of Sam'l Blythe and Jemima Lay, and settled in Marshall Township in 1844. He is wealthy, and possesses much land. Their ch:

- I. MARY BLYTHE, a lovely and interesting girl, was educated by Prof. H. B. Todd, and m'd W. W. Goodwin, of Memphis, Tennessee.
- II. SARAH J. BLYTHE, m'd in 1879 Jessie Force, of St. Joseph, son of Daniel Force and sister of Maud, wife of W. F. Norton. Ch:
 1. Arnold D. Blythe, Jr. 2. Sam'l. 3. Nellie.

June 25—Geo. B. Sanderson buys a large body of land between Weston and Platte City.

Continued high water in the Platte tempted several steamers to ascend the river to Platte City. Among these steamers were the *Col. Woods*, the *Anawan*, and the *Lexington*. A small steamer subsequently sank in the woods below the Falls and a man named Hutchinson lost all he had on her. The visit of these steamboats excited the visionary people, and, for some years, it was thought Platte City was destined to become an important seaport. Ground for a wharf was reserved, an act was passed to lock and dam the stream, and a company was formed which bought the steamer *Haidee*, and with Anderson Martin as captain, Jas. S. Thomas as clerk, and John Bane as mate, ran the Missouri for a few years, but never ventured into the Platte.

JULY.

July 1—Theo. F. Warner buys land at Rialto and starts a store. John B. Wells is running the Rialto ferry. The rivers are still high.

July 5—Philip Lutes, who has been living in the country, buys Lot 10, Block 22, Platte City, which for long years was the family homestead.

July 18—Andrew Tribble, administrator of Wm. Markwell. Bond, \$4,000.

Though the hemp crop was damaged by rain, it is estimated that it brought \$80,000 to the county.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—The campaign of the “Hards” and the “Softs” resulted in a victory for Benton. Edwards was chosen governor. W. B. Almond ran for lieutenant-governor, as a “Soft,” and was beaten.

The total vote for President:

For James K. Polk, Democratic	1,325,013
For Henry Clay, Whig	1,231,643
For Jas. Birney	66,304

Bela M. Hughes and Achilles Jasper were chosen to represent Platte in the Legislature.

Jas. Kuykendall was chosen sheriff; D. P. Lewis, H. B. Mayo, and John Freeland were chosen county justices; W. C. Remington assessor; L. Shepard surveyor. Robt. Ellis was elected State Senator.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 3—The newly elected county justices, Lewis, Mayo, and Freeland, take their seats.

Sept. 4—Samuel Brown's will probated, dated January 8, 1838. His widow is Susanna, and their ch: 1, Sashel Brown; 2, Robt. S., m'd March 13, 1862, Eliz. S. Duncan; 3, Townsend F. Brown, m'd Dec. 10, 1855, Mary Tolson; 4, James; 5, Samuel (ii); 6, Wm.; 7, Josiah; 8, Frances, m'd May 13, 1858, Ben F. Kimsey; 9, Elizabeth, m'd Jones Hoy; 10, Nancy, m'd Fugate. These children become heads of large families, and will be hereafter noticed.

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, near Camden Point, organized.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 9—Ben Simpson, administrator of Sam'l Kimsey. Bond, \$1,000.

Oct. 15—Lucretia Gordon, administratrix of Wm. Gordon. Bond, \$10,000. His will was dated August 14, 1841, and probated October 14, 1844. They were parents of Silas Gordon, the guerilla, of Mrs. Dr. Holt, and others. (See Lucretia Gordon.)

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 4—Lucy Silvey (widow) administers on the estate of James Silvey. Bond, \$800.

THE SILVEY FAMILY.

James and Lucy Silvey came from St. Charles Co., Mo., about 1840, leaving some of their children there. They settled near Smithville. James d. in 1844, but Lucy survived him many years. Children:

- I. DARIUS SILVEY, was a merchant in Parkville, and a man of integrity. He m'd Lucy Boone, a niece of Dan'l Boone, the great pioneer. He d. Dec. 1, 1852, and T. H. Starnes administered, giving bond for \$2,400. His ch. were:
1. *Ann Eliza Silvey*, m'd Alfred Winter.
 2. *Malinda*, m'd May 28, 1872, D. D. Buie.
 3. *Wm. B. Silvey*. 4. *Jane Silvey*.
 5. *Lucy B. Silvey*, m'd Jan. 6, 1857, Alf. Owens.
 6. *Thos. Silvey*.
 7. *Martha C. Silvey*, m'd January 5, 1857, John M. Martin.
- These seven children all died childless and Darius Silvey's family is extinct.
- II. ELIJAH SILVEY, m'd Susa S. Brown and went to California.
- III. CASSANDRA, m'd Mont. Trimble, of Denver.
- IV. PHEBE E., m'd Mounce Byrd, Jr. 1 ch., Alfred.
- V. JOHN, m'd Mel. Stewart, of St. Charles.
- VI. MALINDA, m'd Boone Calloway, of St. Charles.
- VII. MARTHA A., m'd John McFall and moved to Arizona.
- VIII. JAMES MADISON SILVEY, b. April 10, 1828; m'd May 10, 1860, Harriet Warfield. She d. Nov. 28, 1891. Mr. Silvey is one of the solid men of the county. He is an intelligent and prosperous farmer. He lives seven miles east of Platte City. Ch:
1. *Jeff. J. Silvey*, m'd December 18, 1884, Nancy K. Waller, dr. of Abs. Waller. Ch: [a] Solon; [b] Jas. M. (ii); [c] a babe.
 2. *Elijah Silvey* (ii), b. Nov. 10, 1863; m'd Feb. 26, 1885, Virginia Kindred, dr. of Joshua. Ch: [a] Mabel; [b] Byrd.
 3. *Luella Silvey*, m'd Feb. 22, 1883, W. H. Barnard. Ch: [a] Silvey; [b] Carrie.
 4. *Byrd Silvey*.
 5. *Hattie Silvey*, m'd Oct. 13, 1889, Henry H. Brooks.
 6. *Georgia*, m'd Dec. 14, 1887, John R. Lott. Ch: [a] Byrd Lott.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 4—Prices: At the sale of the personal property of William Gordan, deceased, the following prices were obtained: Large hogs, \$2.60; sheep, \$1.10; mares, \$20. \$40; horses, \$25; oxen, \$9.10; cows, \$8.55; heifers, \$4; steers, \$4.30; calves, \$1; small hogs, 60 cents. At the appraisalment of Jas. Silvey's personalty, property was rated as follows: Horses, \$20; sheep, \$1; cows, \$5. These prices ruled until the Mexican War.

THE BENNERS.

In 1844, Nicholas Benner, a German, and his wife, Martha, settled at Weston, and still live there. Their children are highly connected, and are as follows:

- I. JACOB BENNER, b. in Weston November 28, 1846; m'd March, 1870, Annie Bland, b. Jan. 8, 1850. Ch:
1. *John*. 2. *Louise*. 3. *Allie*. 4. *Wm*.
- II. J. W. BENNER, m'd Jan. 27, 1892, Stella Allison.
- III. DAN'L BENNER.
- IV. ELIZ. BENNER, m'd Jona. Bonnell.
- V. EMMA BENNER, m'd Oct. 11, 1877, Oscar B. Mitchell.
- VI. CHAS. BENNER, m'd Jan. 27, 1885, Annie Rumpel, dr. of William.
- VII. MARY BENNER, m'd Oct. 24, 1865, Sam'l Risk, son of Elkanah. He served a year in the Southern army. Ch:
1. *Wm. E. Risk*. 2. *B. F. Risk*. 3. *Emma M.* 4. *Mary E.*
- VIII. HENRY BENNER.
- IX. LYDIA A. BENNER, m'd Jan. 27, 1880, J. W. Layton. Ch:
1. *Estill*. 2. *Claude*. 3. *Elvira*. 4. *Chas. C.* 5. *Chris. C. Layton*.

MARRIAGES IN 1844 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

April 7. Francis Brown m'd Nancy Bell.

November 25, G. B. Sanderson m'd Ellen Johnson.

1845.

OFFICERS.

Governor, John C. Edwards; Representatives, A. Jasper and Th. Ward; Circuit Judge, S. L. Leonard; Sheriff, Jas. Kuykendall; County Justices, Lewis, Mayo, and Freeland; Surveyor, L. Shepard; Circuit Attorney, Jas. Craig; Circuit Clerk, Jesse Morin; County Clerk, J. H. Johnston; Treasurer, F. Marshall; Public Administrator, R. Patton.

Judge Henderson Young had resigned, and S. L. Leonard had been appointed to his place. B. M. Hughes had resigned as representative, and Gen. T. Ward had been elected at a special election.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Almond, Baldwin, Clark, Hardin, Jones, Pitt, Spratt, Thomas, Vories, Wilson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Clarke, Marshall, Benton, Lancaster, Callahan, Shrock.

Merchants, etc.—Branham & McCausland, Brown, Dorris & Johnston, Fleshman, S. Johnston, R. D. Johnston, Kutchenthall, Samuel, Murray, J. H. Johnston (postmaster), Green, Edgar, Gaines, Martin & Son, Morton, Black & Dixon, Tracy.

At Weston: Attorneys—Bird, Burnes, Hughes, Tylee, Wolf.

Physicians—Bonifant, Bowers, Malin, Fulton.

Merchants, etc.—P. Blanjour, F. G. Cockrill, E. Cody, Ben Holladay (postmaster), W. S. Murphy, A. Gilbert, W. G. Noble,

G. P. Post, Perrys & Young, Raileys, Georgens, Osborn, Warner, Wallingford, Wentworth, Wood, Basye, Chadwick, Fellows, Middleton, Bell & Venable.

At Parkville: Geo. S. Park, Summers & Hord, Bar. Sisk, D. Silvey, Bueneman.

JANUARY.

JONES HOY'S FAMILY.

He was born in Estill Co., Ky., May 1, 1773; and d. in Platte Jan. 8, 1845. He m'd in Ky., Eliz. Brown, dr. of Samuel. (See.) She was b. April 7, 1778. They came, as early as 1815, to Howard Co., Mo., where they incurred privations, and dangers from Indians. In 1837 they came, with a large emigration of Browns, Woods, etc., and settled a few miles north of Parkville. The settlement was known as Brown Town. By will, he gave all he had to his wife. She d. in 1856, and I administered. The estate was large, and the heirs numerous. Their children were:

- I. SAMUEL B. HOY, b. Sept. 13, 1806, in Kentucky; removed to Howard Co., Mo., with his parents, in 1815; m'd Dec. 27, 1836, Mary Ann Burton, dr. of Jas. She was b. Dec. 16, 1815, in Henry Co., Ky. After her death, he m'd 2d, Mrs. M. L. Watts, July, 1865. Mr. Hoy came, in 1837, to Platte, with his parents, and settled in the same neighborhood. He was a jovial and companionable gentleman, and possessed sound judgment and ability. His ch:
 1. *Bettie Hoy*, b. June 29, 1848; m'd March 5, 1874, Thos. L. Moore.
 2. *May Hoy*, b. Feb. 5, 1856; m'd Feb. 18, 1877, Mortimer M. Miller, b. Nov. 1, 1849. He is a son of the late Capt. Warner J. Miller, and is a successful farmer, residing near Settle. Mrs. Miller is a handsome and spirited lady. Ch: [a] Mabel L. Miller; [b] Mort. M. (ii); [c] Robt. T.
 3. *Lydia Hoy*, b. Feb. 8, 1853; m'd Sept. 12, 1878, G. W. Rixey; 7 ch. (See.)
 4. *Nannie Hoy*, b. March 3, 1840; m'd Sept. 18, 1878, Chas. Clarke, son of Edw. No ch.
 5. *Rowland Hoy*, b. Aug. 10, 1838; m'd Sept. 18, 1866, Belle L. Anderson. They live in Colo.
 6. *Luther Hoy*, b. July 24, 1843; m'd Feb. 14, 1875, Lou Brown, dr. of Frank. They live in California.
 7. *Robt. Hoy*, b. Dec. 16, 1850; d., single, June 30, 1883.
- II. WILLIAM HOY, b. 1806; m'd Addie McQuiddie. Ch:
 1. *Benj. Hoy*, m'd Laura Hackler. Ch: [a] William; [b] Myrtle.
 2. *Rufus*, lives near Artesian Springs.
 3. *Mattie Hoy*, m'd Sept. 1, 1881, Huntley Summers, of St. Louis. Ch: [a] Charis; [b] Addie Summers.
 4. *John Hoy*.
 5. *Leora*, m'd March 23, 1880, David Strang, of Bates Co.

6. *William*, m'd Abbie Higgins, dr. of Littlebury. Ch: [a] Edith; [b] Benj.

7. *Katie*, m'd Feb. 14, 1888, Lewis W. Morrow. No ch.

8. *Strother Hoy* (ii), b. Oct. 11, 1867; m'd Oct. 7, 1896, Mintie Turner.

III. **FANNIE HOY**, m'd Merryman Pemberton. She d. in 1852. Children:

1. *Albro Pemberton*, d. in Ark. 2. *Stephen*. 3. *William T*.

4. *Sallie Pemberton*, m'd June 21, 1866, Rev. Asa L. Bird. 2 ch.

5. *Pryor Pemberton*, m'd July 10, 1870, Virg. Offutt.

6. *Martha*. 7. *Fannie*, m'd Thompson.

8. *Mary F.*, m'd May Burton.

IV. **DOSHA HOY**, was the 1st wife of Patrick Cooper. She d. 1857. Ch:

1. *Bettie Cooper*, m'd Sam. B. Tolson. 2 ch: [a] Polly; [b] Dosh. They live in California.

2. *Hoy Cooper*.

3. *Stephen Cooper*, b. 1839; m'd Nancy Hooper.

4. *Joseph Cooper*, married and died, leaving 8 ch.

5. *Nancy Cooper*, married and died, leaving 6 ch.

6. *Susan Cooper*, m'd a Carson, and left 2 ch.

After the death of the first Mrs. Cooper, Patrick Cooper married her sister,

V. **ALGIVA HOY**. No children. Mr. Cooper returned to Howard County. He was genial and jovial, and spent much of his time in town.

VI. **NANCY HOY**, m'd Hendley Cooper. They lived in Howard County.

VII. **RUFUS HOY**, went to California.

VII. **STROTHER HOY**, b. in Estill Co., Ky., June 18, 1824; d. in Platte Nov. 29, 1892. He went with Gen. Doniphan to Mexico, and after spending some years in the West, returned, and m'd April 3, 1856, Margaret Hazlerigg, sister of Mrs. W. C. White and of Mrs. W. J. Summers. During the war, he went to Montana, and returned after eighteen years. He was highly esteemed as a gentleman of integrity. His widow lives with her sister, Mrs. White, in Platte City. No ch.

IX. **MARY E. HOY**, m'd March 27, 1860, Milton P. Thompson, of Clay. They removed to Bates County.

X. **MARTHA HOY**, d. Oct. 24, 1896; m'd Dec. 22, 1859, Granville L. Brightwell, son of Waller L. They live near Hampton. Ch:

1. *Waller L. Brightwell* (ii).

2. *Ada*, m'd Jas. B. Ferrel. Ch: [a] Benj.; [b] Nannie Ferrel.

3. *Permelia Brightwell*, m'd James W. Thomas. Ch: [a] Lurena Thomas.

4. *Henry Brightwell.* 5. *Nannic.* 6. *Samuel.*

XI. J. CALLOWAY HOY, d., single, 1864.

XII. ROBERT HOY, d. after marriage, in California. No ch.

Jan. 8—Elijah H. Norton this day arrived in Platte City. The Democrats were holding their 8th of January meeting. Gen. Thompson Ward was in the chair. Jesse Morin was the chief speaker.

Many are preparing to go to Oregon. Prominent among the emigrants are Wm. J., F. B., and H. D. Martin.

Rev. Charles D. Herbert is preaching for the Presbyterian Church in Parkville.

Kansas City is laid off into lots and blocks this year.

The M. E. Church at Ridgely is organized by the Ellingtons, Graysons, Mayos, *et al.*

G. W. Goodlander is appointed public administrator.

The aprons of the Platte City bridge are complete, and the public are using the bridge.

Jan. 10—Wm. R. Bane takes out tavern license at Platte City.

Jan. 22—Nebraska Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F., is chartered at Platte City.

Jan. 24—Platte City is incorporated by the Legislature.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 4—Wm. Conway is appointed administrator of Miles Keeton. Bond, \$1,200.

Feb. 8—Joshua Noland is appointed administrator of Obed Noland (i). Bond, \$1,400.

Feb. 10—Bela M. Hughes having resigned as representative, a special election is held this day, and Thompson Ward is chosen over Elisha Green.

MARCH.

March 1—The winter has been delightful—almost summer. The new bridge over Bee Creek, on the lower road, is now complete.

The county court authorizes the upper room in the court-house to be used for preaching. It has long been so used, but without authority.

March 10—Sam'l McAdow administers on the estate of H. B. Hornbuckle.

Zenar Collins buys the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 28, T. 53, R. 34.

March 29—John Ferrier buys Lot 11, Block 32, Platte City, for \$34.

APRIL.

April 8—Circuit Court: Judge Leonard presiding, Morin clerk, Kuykendall sheriff, and Jas. Craig circuit attorney.

William Gabbert buys the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 31, T. 54, R. 35, for \$775.

Zadock Martin sells his half interest in the Platte City Water Mills, to his son, G. B. Martin, for \$9,000, and the old man goes with several of his sons to Oregon. He could not stand civilization.

April 9—Hail storm and heavy frost injure fruit. Spring backward.

A COPY OF THE "PLATTE ARGUS."

April 12—Through the courtesy of Mr. J. B. Mundy, I am permitted to examine the *Argus* of this date. It is Vol. I., No. 49; showing that the first number was issued in May, 1844. Prior to that time it was called the *Eagle*. It is published by Martin L. Hardin, with Allen McLane as editor.

ITS CONTENTS.

The first two columns are from the *Missourian* and the *Courier*, deploring the rejection, by the State Senate, of the appointment of Allen McLane as register of the State land office at Savannah. Mr. McLane is extolled, and his qualifications commended; but ah! he was a Benton man.

The 8th Senatorial District, composed of Clay, Ray, and Platte, has 14,421 free white males—more than any other district in the State, except St. Louis. The districting bill was passed by the last Legislature.

The controversy with England over the northwest boundary is the chief topic of discussion. The war-cry is "54° 40' or fight!" The message of President Tyler, declining to make public the correspondence with the British minister, is printed.

G. P. Post, of Weston, at the last election of officers of the Lexington Branch of the Bank of Missouri, was chosen a director.

Many are starting to Oregon. H. D. Martin is president of the Emigration Company.

A Democratic meeting at the court-house is called for the 14th of April, signed by 150 names, to express condemnation for McLane's rejection as register.

Among the Platte City signers are: W. B. Almond, W. C. Bates, J. H. Baldwin, J. C. Brady, John Bryant, Hamp. Brown, Mich'l Byrd, G. P. Dorriss, Henry and John Freeland, Abe and Wm. Hartman, R. P. Gaines, J. H. Johnston, W. R. Kelly, H. P. Kutchenthall, John Kuykendall, D. P. Lewis, Phil. Lutes, J. B. Martin, T. W. Mercer, Jesse Morin, J. D. Murray, Ira Norris, A. B. Sherwood, Chas. Wells, E. S. Wilkinson.

From Weston are: N. J. Alexander, J. C. Bell, Lewis Calvert, Smith Calvert, T. S. Dabney, Jas. Fergusys, Ben Holladay, B. M. Hughes, E. Cody, R. P. S. Elley, Jo. Holladay, G. W. Hood, Jo. Malin, W. J. Norris, John Owens, Thos. E. Jordan, G. P. Post, J. C. Ranson, R. G. Stevens, J. R. Tylee, J. B. Wells, C. R. Went-

worth. Here we find the "Hard" or Benton branch of the Democratic party.

The marriages of Dr. Wm. Baldwin and Miss Ann Johnson and of A. B. Sherwood and Miss Sidonia Gaines are announced as occurring April 6th. Elder Thos. Turner was the administrator.

Robert Brown, executor of Sam'l Brown, gives notice that on the 19th instant he will sell, publicly, at the court-house, the slaves of the deceased.

A list of 140 letters is published, as remaining in the post-office at Platte City, by J. H. Johnston, postmaster. At that day every letter in the office at the end of the quarter was published. Among the names are: W. B. Almond, David Bruton, Z. Babcock, Jacob Boydston, Isaac Cotton, Bradley Cox, E. M. Dobson, Stev. English, Israel Heath, Rev. S. P. Heath, Free B. Jones, Daniel King, Phil. Lutes, S. L. Leonard, Elijah Morgan, Alex. Reed, Amos Riley, M. V. Snell, W. H. Speed, Barnet Sisk, J. P. Srite, Phin. Skinner, Jeff. Walls.

Legal advertisements from Clinton, Buchanan, and even from Clay, appear.

The editor announces that \$3 will be charged subscribers not paying in advance.

Philip Lutes advertises a sale of furniture at auction.

Michael Byrd advertises a likely negro girl for sale, publicly.

Stephen Johnston advertises dry goods, shoes, clothing, etc.

McCurdy & Norton advertise as attorneys.

Dorriss & Johnston advertise as general merchants.

Nat Burrows advertises as an attorney at Weston, dated August 3, 1844.

The law authorizing a Constitutional Convention, approved February 26, 1843, is printed.

The *Mary Tompkins* and the *Ione* advertise regular trips between St. Louis and St. Joseph.

April 15—E. H. Norton, S. P. S. McCurdy, and H. M. Vories are enrolled as attorneys.

The Presbyterian Church at Parkville is organized, by E. Wright, of Weston. The first members were: G. S. Park, R. A. Parsons, H. Penick and wife, and R. G. Stevens and wife.

MAY.

May 1—Judge Henderson Young, having resigned, S. L. Leonard is appointed in his place as circuit judge.

Allen McLane and family visit the McLane homestead in Delaware. Their servant is stolen by Abolitionists.

May 8—John R. Hardin sells his Platte City property, and removes to Weston. S. J. Lowe settles in Weston and becomes a merchant and Baptist preacher.

There is a post-office at Todd's Creek, kept by Robt. Cain.

T. H. Talbott buys the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 36, T. 54, R. 36, for \$2,250.

JUNE.

Emigration to Oregon continues.

June 13—S. L. Leonard is commissioned as circuit judge.

Sarah A. Fox is appointed administratrix of Richd. L. Fox. Bond, \$1,000. Mr. Fox was a native of Mason Co., Ky., and an urbane gentleman. He m'd Sarah A. Williams and came to Missouri about 1842, and settled four miles west of Platte City. They had several children.

JULY.

July 5—F. Kaufman and Peter McDuff buy property in Weston.

July 26—A. V. Baldwin buys 40 acres in Sec. 9, T. 52, R. 35, for \$250.

AUGUST.

Aug. 3—The result of the election of delegates to the Constitutional Convention was the choice of Col. John E. Pitt and Gen. Thompson Ward.

WILLIAM ASHER

Died this year. He was born in Culpeper County, Virginia. Oct. 17, 1771; m'd in 1813, Lucinda Clayton. They came to Clay in 1828, and in 1836 crossed into Platte before the Indian title was extinguished. Their ch:

- I. W. D. Asher, b. Dec. 16, 1816; went to California.
- II. ROBERT D. ASHER, b. in Clay Co., Sept. 14, 1831; m'd Jan. 18, 1857, Mary E. Russell, b. April 15, 1836; d. June 25, 1881. Ch:
 1. William, b. Dec. 9, 1857; m'd Eleanor Breckinridge, of Clay. Ch: [*a*] Cleveland; [*b*] Lela; [*c*] Estill; [*d*] Melvin.
 2. Jas. R. Asher, m'd Emma Eston.
 3. John Asher, m'd Lou. Breckinridge.
 4. Nannie P. Asher, m'd Nov. 7, 1886, Benton Rogers, of Clay.
 5. Anna V. Asher, b. April 20, 1872; m'd Wm. Sherman, of Clay.
 6. Thos. J. Asher, b. May 15, 1875.
- Mr. R. D. Asher m'd 2d, Dec. 15, 1881, Lydia A. Hinton.
- b. May 15, 1848, dr. of John. Ch:
 7. Wylie Asher, b. Oct. 11, 1882.

8. *Lewis Asher*, b. April 2, 1884.

9. *Ruth Asher*, b. Sept. 9, 1887.

SEPTEMBER.

COLLINS.

The ancestor was James Collins, of Maryland. His son, ZENAS COLLINS, was b. in Md. Feb. 27, 1797, d. in Platte Sept. 28, 1845. In 1803 he came with his father, James Collins, to Fairfield Co., Ohio. Here Zenas received an academic education, and m'd Katherine Sites, dr. of Henry. She was b. in 1797, in Virginia, and d. in Platte in Nov., 1862. Zenas was a short but heavy man, full of spirit, of sound judgment, and social temperament. Ch:

I. JOHN COLLINS, b. in Fairfield, Ohio, Dec. 19, 1819; d. in Platte City May 12, 1890; m'd Nov. 1841, Jemima Brown, dr. of Pitts Brown. She still lives with her children, who are much attached to her. John Collins was well educated, of sound judgment, firmness, independence of thought and action, zealous in the performance of Christian duty, deliberate in his speech, and nearly always right in his religious, social, and political views. He was a Whig before the war, opposed secession, and in his latter years a moderate Democrat. He was an elder in the Christian Church, and a promoter of temperance and every order of benevolence. Ch:

1. *Marion P. Collins*, b. in Platte May 10, 1844. He lives at the ancestral farm, four miles east of Platte City, is a farmer, but possesses talents that would adorn a profession. He is an excellent manager, and is rapidly accumulating wealth. He m'd 1st, Mollie Waller, dr. of Hiram. She was b. in Platte Nov. 22, 1850; d. Dec. 3, 1884, leaving ch: [*a*] Lela Collins, b. Dec. 29, 1873; m'd John Throckmorton, b. Nov. 9, 1869. Ch: [*1*] Richard W., b. Aug. 7, 1895. [*b*] Dora Collins, b. July 28, 1875; m'd June 26, 1894, R. C. Elgin.

Mr. Collins m'd 2d, May 5, 1886, Miss Jane Colman, dr. of Henry, a tall, handsome, Christian lady, of superior education and admirable qualities. No ch.

2. *Nannie Collins*, b. Dec. 2, 1845; m'd Nov. 20, 1866, D. F. Masterson, a large and handsome gentleman, much regarded for social virtues. They live on a farm in Preston Township. Ch: [*a*] Anna Masterson; [*b*] Myra.

3. *Elmira* (Myra), b. Jan 12, 1850; m'd Nov. 24, 1874, And. Jackson Colman, b. Dec. 17, 1845. Mrs. Colman is an agreeable lady, and, like all her family, fond of

church music. Mr. Colman learned the tinner's trade with his father, carried on the business with him in Weston and in Texas. After the war, they came to Platte City. From a tinner's shop A. J. Colman's establishment has become a large hardware store. His industry is remarkable, and his success surprising. He is wealthy, and by his politeness and urbanity has surrounded himself with friends. He is an enthusiastic Mason—has taken every degree, and attends the highest conventions of the order. Ch: [a] Guy C. Colman, b. May 1, 1876; [b] Ada, b. June 4, 1880; [c] Alma, b. July 18, 1883; [d] Mary, b. Jan. 25, 1886.

4. *Mary E. Collins*, b. Dec. 17, 1851; m'd Jan. 26, 1876. William M. Lewis, of Kansas City. Ch: [a] Grace Lewis; [b] Nellie; [c] Etta; [d] George.

5. *Hattie B. Collins*, b. Sept. 20, 1859; m'd Feb. 27, 1877, Sidney J. Park, son of Jeff. J. They live in Clay. Ch: [a] Garland Park; [b] Maud; [c] John.

6. *Jesse Collins*, b. Nov. 7, 1861; m'd Nov. 10, 1886, Sallie Miller, dr. of Jas. L. Mr. Collins possesses the characteristics of the family, both in person and mind. He is an elder in the Christian Church, and zealous in every good work. His wife possesses loveliness as well as intelligence. Ch: [a] Mary Lee Collins.

7. *Henry Clay Collins*, b. April 12, 1864; m'd Nov. 29, 1888. Jennette I. Young. No ch. They live in Chicago.

II. **HARRIET COLLINS**, m'd Jan. 23, 1849, James Swaney. They live in Kansas City. Ch:

1. *Dr. Lorin Swaney*, m'd Georgia Robinson. Their ch: [a] James Swaney; [b] Ethel; [c] Georgia.

2. *Rebecca*. 3. *Haley*. 4. *Lee*. 5. *Collins*.

III. **KATHERINE COLLINS**, m'd W. T. Carrington. Ch:

1. *Geo. Carrington*.

IV. **PERRY H. COLLINS**, m'd 1st, Mary J. Swaney, dr. of Hugh. She d. Feb. 9, 1854, leaving:

1. *Hugh Collins*, m'd 1st, Jan. 13, 1874, Ella Heath, dr. of W. R. Ch: [a] Perry Collins.

Hugh m'd 2d, Jan. 3, 1877, Agnes Miller, dr. of Jona. Ch: [b] Lula; [c] Chas.; [d] Grover L.; [e] Hattie; [f] David.

2. *Harrison Collins*, m'd Eliza Herndon, dr. of Simeon. Ch: [a] Clay; [b] Carrie; [c] Mary; [d] William; [e] Effie; [f] Lola; [g] Ella.

Mr. Perry H. Collins m'd 2d, Jose Miller, dr. of Sam'l.

3. *Z. Samuel Collins*, b. Sept. 13, 1857; represented the county in 1895-96. 4. *Chas. Collins*.

5. *Kate*, m'd H. H. Snail. No ch.

Mr. Perry H. Collins m'd 3d, Jan. 24, 1867, Elizabeth Rice, dr. of Chas. She d. Oct. 27, 1896.

6. *John Collins.*

BARNET SISK

Died, and Jos. Still is appointed administrator. Bond, \$1,200. Mr. Sisk was a hotel-keeper in Parkville. He married twice. By his first wife he had:

I. FANNIE SISK, m'd Nov. 15, 1878, A. B. Darnall.

II. JORDAN SISK.

Barnett Sisk m'd 2d, Feb. 7, 1843, Lois Brown. Ch:

III. LUCRETIA SISK, m'd March 6, 1860, John Tribble, his second wife. Ch:

1. *Mary*, m'd I. M. Oliver. 2. *Jennie*, m'd W. H. Harley.

3. *Susan*, m'd W. J. Coates. 4. *James Tribble.*

Sept. 28—The Todd's Creek Old Baptists buy a site in Sec. 11, T. 52, R. 34, and proceed to build a log church in the prescribed form of a cross.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—Larkin Fleshman makes his first appearance in Platte City as a merchant.

Oct. 11—Jas. Kuykendall sells to W. H. Bell his 160-acre farm on the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 10, T. 54, R. 36, for \$1,500.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 3—Elizabeth Massie appointed administratrix of W. R. Massie. Bond, \$4,500.

Nov. 14—Allen McLane buys Lot 9, Block 31, Platte City, for \$575.

R. C. Ellifrit buys a lot in Ward's Addition to Weston, for \$25.

Nov. 17—The Constitutional Convention meets at Jefferson City. Pitt and Ward are our delegates.

THE SEASON.

Fine crops are raised—prospects brighten. The crop of hemp is large, and brings readily \$5 to \$6 per 112 pounds. Pork-packing commences at Weston. Owen & Estill commence their pork operations, they build a large pork-house on the wharf at Weston. The Santa Fé trade has increased. People have learned to live upon their own resources. Banks are paying specie. Orchards are bearing fruit.

The Legislature repealed the barbarous "forthwith law," by which a poor debtor was apprehended and security for the debt demanded. If not given *forthwith*, the justice rendered judg-

ment. Nothing but one's clothing was exempt from execution. Constable sales were almost daily. The "forthwith law" was a disgrace to our civilization.

1846.

OFFICERS.

Governor, John C. Edwards; Circuit Judge, S. L. Leonard; County Justices, Lewis, Mayo, and Freeland; Sheriff, Jas. Kuykendall; Surveyor, L. Shepard; Representatives, A. Jasper, Thompson Ward; Circuit Clerk, Jesse Morin; County Clerk, J. H. Johnston; Treasurer, F. Marshall.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—W. B. Almond, J. H. Baldwin, H. M. Vories, R. P. Clark, I. N. Jones, W. C. Jones, S. P. S. McCurdy, E. H. Norton, J. E. Pitt, Amos Rees, J. G. Spratt, John Wilson.

Physicians—Wm. Baldwin, H. B. Callahan, W. E. Black, F. Marshall, N. M. Shrock.

Merchants, etc.—Black & Dickson, Wm. Brown, Branham & McCausland, Dorris & Johnston, John Ferrier, S. Johnston, R. D. Johnston, H. P. Kutchenthall, E. Green, R. P. Gaines, J. B. Martin & Co.

At Weston: Attorneys—L. D. Bird, N. Burrows, J. R. Hardin, Bela M. Hughes, J. R. Tylee.

Physicians—Bonifant, Bowers, Malin.

Merchants, etc.—N. J. Alexander, H. Basye, W. H. Bell, Peter Blanjour, B. Holladay (postmaster), Bell & Venable, Middleton, Perry & Co., E. Cody, S. J. Lowe, Peter McDuff, Post & Railey, W. S. Murphy, W. G. Noble, F. Kaufman, R. P. Wentworth, Ben Wood, W. B. Barnett, D. P. Wallingford, Parrott & Bro., Jas. Osborn, J. P. Georgens, Jas. Fergus, F. G. Cockrill, Owen & Estill.

At Parkville: Aspling & Stevens, G. S. Park, Summers & Hord, Geo. Roberts.

At Ridgely: J. F. Adams (postmaster), P. Ellington, H. B. Mayo, Dr. S. Phillips.

JANUARY.

Jan. 14—Stone & Freeland, administrators of Joshua Stone. Bond, \$2,000.

Jan. 19—Dan'l T. Jones, administrator of Rodham Jones. Bond, \$4,000.

Jan. 23—Bear Creek Church (Salem) buys a site in the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 22, T. 54, R. 37.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 4—Thos. M. Lewis, administrator of R. T. Lewis. Bond, \$2,000.

Feb. 10—G. W. Grayson, administrator of Isaac Moody. Bond, \$2,000.

Feb. 17—A private letter of this date, from Platte City, says: "Hemp is worth \$2.50 and \$2.75 per 112 pounds. It is dark and inferior, owing to the dry fall, succeeded by a warm and wet winter. Rain has colored and injured the lint."

Feb. 27—Elm Grove M. E. Church buys ground in the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 29, T. 52, R. 34.

MARCH.

March 3—Alex. P. Reed buys land in Sec. 31, T. 54, R. 34, at \$4.50 per acre.

Camden Point Christian Church buys a building site in the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 32, T. 54, R. 34. Some years earlier, a Scotch school-master tried to get a post-office established at his house, on a high hill or *point*, near the present town. He gave it the name of Camden; but there was another Camden in the State. So, with Scotch persistency, he called the proposed office Camden Point. The Female Academy was purchased on another point, and the Scotchman's name was adopted. Subsequently, the town was laid off by Mr. Logue, and called Camden Point.

March 12—Clinton Cockrill buys of F. B. Martin 480 acres of land, including the site of Tracy, for \$5.25 per acre.

March 14—Lewis J. Wood buys the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 19, T. 51, R. 33, at \$8.10 per acre.

Allen McLane is commissioned register of the land office at Plattsburg.

THE MEXICAN WAR.

March 28—Gen. Zachary Taylor, provoked by the invasions of the Mexicans, takes possession of Matamoros; and thereupon Mexico declares war against the United States. Congress appropriated ten millions to prosecute the war, and a call is made for 50,000 volunteers.

WILLIAM BELL

Dies east of Camden Point. His widow is Sultana C. Bell, and his ch: 1, James Bell; 2, David Bell; 3, William W. Bell; 4, John Bell, d. leaving Eugene Bell, his only child; 5, Elizabeth Bell; 6, Mrs. Jerome Arnold; 7, Mrs. Wm. Royston.

March 30—Willard P. Hall is nominated for Congress by the Democratic Convention at Gallatin. The State has been dis-

tricted, and he is the first nominee from the 4th District for Congress. Mr. Hall had moved to St. Joseph.

APRIL.

April 2—The Presbyterian Church of Weston buys part of Lot 147, Block 14, for \$1,000.

F. B. Martin, for \$3,000, sells to J. B. and T. B. Martin his one-fourth interest in the Platte City Water Mills.

April 4—The *Liberty Tribune* established.

April 17—Jas. Kuykendall buys the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 24, T. 53, R. 35, at \$5 per acre.

MAY.

May 1—The Mexican War commences in earnest. The President having called for 50,000 volunteers, Governor Edwards, about the middle of May, calls for a regiment. W. S. Murphy, of Weston, raises a company of infantry.

JUNE.

June 2—The appraisement of Wm. Wood's estate shows the following prices: Mares, \$20 and \$30; fillies, \$25; cows and calves, \$7, \$10; steers, \$2, \$4; sheep, \$1; hogs, \$1; geese, 13 cents.

June 4—J. M. Rogers, administrator of Wm. M. Fox. Bond, \$1,500.

June 15—Swope & Henderson, administrators of John Henderson. Bond, \$2,000.

June 18—When the volunteers reached Ft. Leavenworth, they were formed into a regiment, and A. W. Doniphan was chosen colonel, C. F. Ruf lieutenant-colonel, and William Gibson major. A list of part of Capt. Murphy's company will be found in Gatewood's "History of Platte," page 613.

June 26—The brigade of 1,658 men started to Santa Fé under command of Gen. Kearney. They reached Santa Fé August 18th. On September 25th Gen. Kearney left for the Pacific coast, and Col. Doniphan, now general, succeeded to the command, and immortalized himself by another "march to the sea." He has been called "the Xenophon of the West."

JULY.

July 1—Sterling Price, a member of Congress from Missouri, resigned his seat, and returned home to recruit another regiment for the war.

Jesse Morin raised a company in Platte. They met at Platte City, and elected Isaac W. Gibson first lieutenant and John Larkin

second lieutenant. The ladies, represented by Miss Kutchenthall, presented the company with a national flag. A list of the men may be found on page 615 of Gatewood's "History of Platte."

July 13—William Bywaters purchases land at Camden Point.

AUGUST.

GENERAL ELECTION.

Aug. 3—W. P. Hall, though nominated by the Democrats of the 4th District for Congress, volunteers as a private, and joins Price's regiment. Nevertheless, he is elected over Jas. H. Birch. Heretofore, Congressmen were elected on a general ticket. Hall is the first to represent our congressional district. Lewis Burnes is elected State senator; Wm. Conoway and Lewis Calvert are chosen representatives, Ira Norris circuit clerk, Dan'l P. Lewis county clerk, and M. N. Owen sheriff. The new Constitution was rejected by the people.

William Jack buys of S. P. S. McCurdy Block 41, in Platte City, for \$950.

Aug. 9—Jesse Morin's company joins the remainder of his regiment at Fort Leavenworth. Col. Price is chosen as commander, D. D. Mitchell lieutenant-colonel, and Capt. Edmondson major. The 2d Regiment united with Gen. Doniphan's command at Santa Fé.

Aug. 20—A third regiment is authorized, but the order is countermanded. Yet James Denver, a spirited youth of Platte City, who had been writing in the clerk's offices, and aiding in the work upon the *Platte Argus*, raised a small company, and hurried to the front. He was inexperienced and unknown, but, by intelligence and energy, rose to be a statesman and soldier of whom our country is proud. He rose by merit, without friends or influence. He died a few years ago, a millionaire, leaving several children.

ELDER THOMAS TURNER.

Aug. 21—Elder Thomas Turner died at Barry. He was a good and earnest minister of the Old Baptist Church. He came from Madison Co., Ky., to Howard, and thence to Platte, settling in 1838, on Todd's Creek. He was b. 1791; m'd 1815, in Kentucky, Fanny Sisk, who. d. Jan., 1859. He built up a large church at Todd's Creek and was a faithful laborer in his Master's vineyard. I was at his bedside, a few hours before his death, and found his faith fast changing into sight. Ch:

I. JOEL TURNER, d. May, 1889, in California.

II. MARY B. TURNER, m'd Jos. F. Still. They yet live, with seven children, in California.

- III. **REB. TURNER**, m'd Simeon Fugate. She is now a widow, with three children, in California.
- IV. **LUCRETIA M. TURNER**, was the third wife of John Tribble. Both are dead, and their three children live in Kansas. John Tribble m'd 1st, April 11, 1850, Elizabeth Redman, dr. of Rev. Wm. Redman. He m'd 2d, March 6, 1860, Lucretia Sisk, dr. of Barnet.
- V. **LOUISA TURNER**, m'd Nov. 17, 1870, Dr. J. M. Holt. (See.)
- VI. **SARAH J. TURNER**, widow of J. White Burnett (see), with three children, lives in Oregon.
- VII. **JOHN TURNER**, single, lives in Kansas.
- VIII. **THOS. L. TURNER**, b. April 7, 1833; m'd March 9, 1858, Mary A. De Berry, dr. of John L. Mr. Turner lives in Tracy. He has long been a deputy sheriff, and has been a justice of the peace. He is much esteemed for intelligence and virtue.

1. *Lida Turner*, m'd Feb. 28, 1887, F. Richey.

- IX. **JAS. CALVIN TURNER**, single, lives in California.

- X. **FANNIE M. TURNER** (Mildred), m'd Jan. 7, 1855, Lemuel T. Oliver (his second wife), b. July 19, 1820. He is a son of John Oliver, b. 1793, and Libella Eskridge. Prof. L. T. Oliver resides at Farley, and has devoted his life to teaching. He is an active spirit in the M. E. Church, and a promoter of every scheme of improvement. His children by his first wife, Libella Eskridge, whom he m'd June 8, 1848, are:

1. *William Oliver*, b. April 3, 1849.

2. *Sallie Oliver*, b. 1851; m'd June 29, 1881, Jacob Den-
neller.

Libella died August, 1853, and Mr. Oliver m'd Fannie Turner. Ch:

3. *Vernie Oliver*, d. March 22, 1893.

4. *Helen M. Oliver*, b. April 25, 1858; d. June 15, 1892; m'd April 12, 1877, Cole L. Banning, his second wife.

Mr. Banning was b. in Newcastle Co., Del., March 6, 1835. His parents were John A. Banning, a graduate of Princeton College, and Elizabeth Cole. He came west in 1851. He has had large experience as a farmer, a merchant, a stock-raiser, and a speculator. He possesses sound judgment, and is well educated. Being a Republican, he has held no office except that of postmaster at East Leavenworth and justice of the peace. His public spirit and intelligence make him a leader in every local enterprise. Mr. Banning m'd 1st, Aug. 23, 1855, Mrs. Hulda A. Stewart, dr. of Sol. Funk. She d. in 1873, leaving ch: [a] Nicholas; [b] Alice Banning, m'd Chris. Farris, of Kansas; [c] Mamie Banning, m'd Oct. 4, 1893, Adam Oliver.

Mr. Banning m'd 2d, April 12, 1877, H. M. Oliver. Ch: [d] Jessie, b. 1879; [e] Henry, b. 1881; [f] Kate, b. 1883. Mr. Banning now lives at Stillings. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow in good standing.

5. *Sunie Oliver*, m'd Chas. Pitts. 2 ch. (See.)

6. *Lula Oliver*, m'd Oct. 3, 1883, George Flynn. 1 ch.

7. *Middie Oliver*. 8. *Thos. Oliver*.

Elder Thomas Turner volunteered as a soldier of the War of 1812, and was with Commodore Perry on Lake Erie. His widow, Fannie, survived until January, 1859. Mr. Oliver administered, giving bond for \$16,000.

Aug. 26—L. D. Bird, administrator of A. M. Chadwick. Bond, \$9,000.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 8—N. W. Asbury, administrator of Phantley R. Bean, who died some years earlier. Bond, \$6,000. Mr. Asbury, July 1, 1846, m'd Susan Bean, widow of Phantley R.

Sept. 15—Dr. Joseph Walker, an army surgeon, resigns, and purchases land in Sec. 21, T. 52, R. 34, at \$6.25 per acre.

Sept. 28—Col. Price's regiment reaches Santa Fé.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 13—J. R. Lynch, administrator of John Lynch, Sr. Bond, \$300.

Oct. 24—John Bigham, administrator of John Miller. Bond, \$500.

NOVEMBER.

Nor. 20—G. W. Gist buys in Block "N," Weston.

Thos. Cox, administrator of Jos. Cox. Bond, \$4,000.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 6—Battle of San Pasqual, California. Here fell two sons-in-law of M. M. Hughes, of Platte.

I. CAPT. BENJ. D. MOORE, b. in Bourbon Co., Ky., Sept. 10, 1810; m'd Martha M. Hughes, dr. of M. M. Hughes. Ch:

1. *Matthew J. Moore*, m'd Mary Helen Webb; 7 ch. They live in California. Mr. Moore is a highly educated and accomplished gentleman.

II. LIEUT. THOS. C. HAMMOND was the other son-in-law of Judge Hughes who fell at San Pasqual. He was b. at Fort McHenry, Md., Aug. 19, 1819. He m'd Mary A. Hughes, dr. of Judge Hughes. Ch:

1. *Thos. C. Hammond, Jr.*, now of Platte; born May 22, 1846. He studied medicine with his step-father, Dr. Sam'l Rixey; attended lectures in Philadelphia.

where he met, wooed, and m'd, Feb. 14, 1869, the lovely Miss Ella Upham. They live six miles east of Platte City, on a large and fertile farm. Dr. Hammond practices among his neighbors, by whom he is much beloved and trusted. Ch: [^a] Samuel R. Hammond; [^b] Richard H; [^c] A E.; [^d] Letian; [^e] a daughter.

The remains of Capt. Moore and Lieut. Hammond were never recovered. The troop of dragoons of which they formed a part were surprised and massacred to a man. A monument to their memory stands in Platte City cemetery.

INVESTIGATING SCHOOL FUNDS.

A grand jury having reported a deficiency in the Township School Funds, of more than a thousand dollars, the county court appointed a committee, consisting of W. B. Almond, James Davis, and W. M. Paxton, to investigate the matter. The committee discovered that the county court had attempted to cancel sales of the 16th sections, and had returned to purchasers the money paid. Upon the report of the committee, these purchasers were required to restore the money. Patents had been issued for the land, and yet no payment had been made or secured. All was satisfactorily adjusted.

HEMP CROP.

Dec. 22—A private letter of this date, speaking in relation to the hemp crop of Platte, says: "The farmers of Platte County put in less hemp than usual last spring (1846), but the fiber is better and heavier, and will equal last year's (1845). Lafayette County produces the most hemp—perhaps 1,500 tons. Platte and Jackson come next, producing, each, 1,000 tons; and Clay 900 tons. Hemp has sold here as low as \$1.50 per 112 pounds, and none, since spring, at over \$2. The farmers of Missouri seldom stack hemp. They suffer it to receive enough rain, after cutting, to color it. It is then taken up and shocked, without binding. About the middle of October it is spread out to rot. Our winters are so dry that the hemp must receive several rains before it is shocked. I have frequently seen hemp taken up in the spring not half rotted."

Dec. 24—Isaac Dean, administrator of Francis Dean. Bond, \$2,000. Francis Dean and Patsy Swearengen were married February 15, 1844.

Green T. Martin sells to Jas. B. Martin his half of the Platte City Water Mills.

Dec. 25—Battle of Brazito, New Mexico.

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR.

The year of 1846 was the transition period from financial distress to financial prosperity. From this time until 1860, the county advanced rapidly to wealth. Every article of produce rose in price: hemp, from \$2 to \$4; hogs from \$1 to \$3. I sold, myself, potatoes at 6, and butter at 5 cents. Constables were busy collecting money on executions. I saw many poor families robbed of beds and household furniture. There was no exemption law worthy of the name. The situation of the poor called for pity.

But the Mexican War made a change. Produce, as well as land, went up in price; and every hand found employment. To carry on the war, a foreign loan was made, and German gold took the place of silver and depreciated paper. The low tariff that prevailed had carried to foreign lands the little American gold in circulation. The balance of trade was against us. Horses, mules, oxen, wagons, forage, and provisions were demanded at Fort Leavenworth for the Army of the West. The discovery of gold in California added to our prosperity. Every article of produce was wanted by the overland emigrants; and when the Civil War commenced, we were in affluence.

For years Mexican silver and American half-dollars were the chief circulation. From 1845 to 1849 I was buying hemp for the Louisville Manufacturing Company and dealt chiefly in silver half-dollars. In 1847 German gold was abundant. For several years I purchased one-third of the crop, and paid for it chiefly in subsidiary silver. Bank notes were at a discount. Merchants often sent silver to St. Louis by steamboats. There were no banks then, and there were no robbers. I made hundreds of horseback trips, from Parkville, Platte City, and Weston, with saddle-bags weighted with silver. The foreign gold soon disappeared.

The building of the Hannibal & St. Joe Railroad is now agitated.

1847.

OFFICERS.

Governor, J. C. Reynolds; Congressman, W. P. Hall; Circuit Clerk, Ira Norris; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; Treasurer, J. S. Thomas; Assessor, E. S. Wilkinson; Representatives, W. Conoway and L. Calvert; Circuit Judge, S. L. Leonard; County Justices, Mayo, Freeland, and Barnett; Sheriff, M. N. Owen; Surveyor, L. Shepard; Public Administrator, G. W. Goodlander.

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Physicians—Wm. Baldwin, H. B. Callahan, F. Marshall, N. M. Shrock.

Merchants, etc.—Black & Dickson, Wm. Brown, Dorris & Johnston, John Ferrier, L. Fleshman, S. Johnston, R. D. Johnston, H. P. Kutchenthall, E. Green, R. P. Gaines, J. B. Martin & Co.

At Weston: Attorneys—L. D. Bird, N. Burrows, J. R. Hardin, Bela M. Hughes, J. R. Tylee.

Physicians—B. Bonifant, Jos. Malin, R. P. C. Ridley.

Merchants, etc.—N. J. Alexander, H. Basye, Peter Blanjour, W. H. Bell, Bell & Venable, Belt & Murphy, D. Bowman, E. Cody, Fergus & Ranson, B. Holladay, Middleton & Perry, Post & Railey, J. V. & D. P. Parrott, W. G. Noble, T. F. Warner, R. P. Wentworth, Ben Wood.

At Parkville: G. S. Park, Summers & Hord, J. H. Bueneman, Aspling & Stephens.

At Ridgely: J. F. Adams (postmaster), P. Ellington, Dr. S. Phillips, Dr. H. D. Oden, H. B. Mayo.

DATES OF FILING TOWN PLATS, AND BY WHOM.

TOWN PLAT FILED.	FOUNDER.
Atchison Junction, March 30, 1881.	Simon Barton.
Barnard Place, Dec. 16, 1886.	J. F. M. Stine.
Camden Point, Oct. 23, 1848.	M. M. Logue.
1st Ad., June 21, 1851.	M. M. Logue.
Hardisty's Ad., March 29, 1887.	J. W. Hardisty.
Biscoe & Wright's Ad., Nov. 19, 1890.	Biscoe & Wright.
Dearborn (Kimball), Feb. 15, 1883.	A. H. Burgess.
1st Ad., March 8, 1883.	C. A. Stagner <i>et al.</i>
2d Ad., March 24, 1884.	C. A. Stagner <i>et al.</i>
3d Ad., Oct. 24, 1884.	C. A. Stagner <i>et al.</i>
4th Ad., Feb. 20, 1889.	C. A. Stagner <i>et al.</i>
5th Ad., Jan., 1890.	C. A. Stagner <i>et al.</i>
6th Ad., May 5, 1890.	A. H. Burgess.
7th Ad., Maple L., Dec. 15, 1890.	J. R. Ferrel.
8th Ad., May 4, 1891.	Stagner <i>et al.</i>
East Leavenworth, Aug. 2, 1869.	N. L. Bickford.
Edgerton, May 29, 1871.	Jas. N. Burnes.
White's Ad., June 2, 1887.	H. B. White.
Standiford's Ad., April 30, 1894.	J. Standiford.
Bruce's Ad., Oct. 3, 1894.	I. H. Bruce.
Farley, Oct. 14, 1850.	Josiah Farley.
Rapp's Ad., Feb. 20, 1852.	John G. Rapp.
Iatan, May 22, 1841.	Dougherty, Swords & Shultz.
Linkville, Nov. 12, 1885.	Eli J. Link.
Linkville, Nov. 10, 1888.	W. M. Couch.

TOWN PLAT FILED.	FOUNDER.
New Market, Oct. 14, 1843.....	Jacob Adamson.
Thompson's Ad., Feb. 10, 1891.....	T. M. Thompson.
Parkville, April 18, 1844.....	G. S. Park.
1st Ad., June 4, 1851.....	G. S. Park.
2d Ad., June 4, 1851.....	G. S. Park.
3d Ad. (College), June 4, 1851.....	G. S. Park.
North Park Ad., March 7, 1889.....	McGeehan & Hamilton.
Brightwell's Ad., Nov. 17, 1890.....	R. T. Brightwell.
6th Ad., Dec. 6, 1886.....	G. S. Park.
Platte City, Feb. 3, 1840.....	Platte County.
1st Ad., May 6, 1845.....	Platte County.
Almond, P. & O. Ad., Sept. 24, 1857.....	Almond, Paxton & Owen.
Eastern Extension, Sept. 2, 1886.....	Mrs. M. A. Norton.
Koster's Ad., June 17, 1892.....	H. A. Koster.
Ridgely, Dec. 22, 1846.....	Adams, Black & Phillips.
Black's Ad., March 12, 1852.....	C. N. Black.
Phillips' Ad., Feb. 15, 1854.....	S. Phillips.
Ellington's Ad., March 1, 1854.....	P. Ellington.
Stillings, Aug. 12, 1889.....	Vinton Stillings.
Tracy, April 30, 1872.....	W. C. Wells, trustee.
1st Ad., Sept. 20, 1882.....	W. C. Wells, trustee.
Waldron, May, 1869.....	J. M. & W. H. Waldron.
Weston, Nov. 5, 1844.....	City of Weston.
Burnett & Teals' Ad., Dec. 30, 1842.....	Burnett & Teals.
Ward's Ad., Dec. 19, 1846.....	Th. Ward.
Warner's Ad., Feb. 11, 1851.....	T. F. Warner.
Meek's Ad., Oct. 7, 1851.....	R. Meek, Jr.
Jas. Moore's Ad., May 7, 1848.....	Moore, Bird & Holladay.
Wilhite's Ad., Feb. 10, 1852.....	E. S. Wilhite.
Abiram Moore's Ad.....	A. Moore.
Doniphan's Ad.....	John Doniphan.
Woodruff, May, 1869.....	W. H. & C. C. Montgomery.

JANUARY.

Jan. 4—Thos. F. Richardson, administrator of Robert R. Richardson.

The German M. E. Church of Weston organized.

Jan. 11—Capt. And. Johnson buys the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Block 37, Platte City.

Jan. 24—Battle of La Cañada, New Mexico, in which Capt. Murphy's company of infantry, from Weston, now in command of Capt. Jonas S. Woods, shared in a gallant charge upon a superior force of Mexicans, and gained a noted victory. In this charge Lieut. Van Valkenburgh and private John Graham were killed; and several others from Platte were wounded.

The battle of Moro, in which Capt. Morin's company achieved a victory, followed close on the battle of La Cañada.

Jan. 26—Thomas Flannery, administrator of

JAMES FLANNERY,

Who was b. in Virginia, in 1783. He was a son of John Flannery, and m'd Rachel Benham, b. 1784, dr. of John Benham. James Flannery came to Platte in 1837, and settled three miles east of Platte. He was one of the first justices of the peace, appointed by the county court of Clay County in 1837, and died in office. He was a man of sound judgment and unimpeachable integrity. His education was limited, but his honesty, justice, and firmness won for him the esteem of the people. We will first give a list of all his children, and then notice, fully, those whose posterity are yet in Platte:

- I. JOHN FLANNERY.
- II. WILLIAM, d. in Iowa.
- III. REBECCA, m'd N. Chrisman, of Jackson Co., Mo.
- IV. MARTHA, m'd Jas. Crabtree, of Texas.
- V. NANCY, m'd T. Dougherty, of Andrew Co., Mo.
- VI. PHOEBE, m'd Fletcher Crabtree.
- VII. FRANKLIN Y.
- VIII. ELIJAH, m'd Oct. 3, 1839, Tabitha Brock, and d. in Iowa.
- IX. THOMAS.
- X. RACHEL.

I believe all are dead. We will now notice those who left posterity in Platte:

I. JOHN FLANNERY,

Farmer and physician, was b. in Lee Co., Va., Sept. 17, 1806; d. in Platte Nov. 9, 1891. He received a classical education and came to Randolph Co., Mo., when a youth. He studied medicine with Dr. W. B. Magee, attended lectures at the Medical Department of Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., in 1835-6, and practiced until 1865. From that time, he devoted his attention to his farm. In Christian Co., Ky., he m'd 1st, Winifred Perkins, dr. of Jesse. Ch:

- I. NANCY JANE FLANNERY, m'd July 3, 1849, L. Dearing (first wife), and d. childless.
- II. AMANDA, m'd 1st, Josiah Comstock; m'd 2d, — Barnes.
- III. JOHN FLANNERY (ii), b. September 8, 1844; m'd Phoebe Crabtree.
- IV. LOUISA FLANNERY, m'd Chris Peters.
- V. GEO. D. FLANNERY, went to California, and d. Feb., 1896.
Dr. John Flannery m'd 2d, May 6, 1856, Mary Ann Brooks, dr. of Sanders Brooks, of Fauquier Co., Va.
- VI. VIRGIE FLANNERY, b. March 28, 1857; m'd Aug. 20, 1877, James Mason.
- VII. REBECCA, single.
- VIII. JOSIAH FLANNERY, single, went to Colorado.
- IX. LUCY D., m'd March 16, 1890, Robert Jacks.
- X. FRANKLIN, m'd Dec. 21, 1889, Jennie M. Ford.

II. THOMAS FLANNERY

Was b. Nov. 10, 1820, in Lee Co., Va.; d. in Platte April 25, 1889; came with his father in 1837; m'd June 8, 1843, Fanny Brunts, dr. of John. She was b. in Howard Co., Mo., Feb. 6, 1822; d. Feb. 18, 1886. Ch:

I. JOHN B. FLANNERY, b. June 14, 1844; m'd April 7, 1868, Alice Freeland, dr. of H. J. Mr. F. is a gentleman of superior business qualifications. He was deputy sheriff and collector under Geo. W. Belt, and was elected county treasurer in 1868; was in the insurance business, and cashier of the Bank of Parkville, and was considered one of the most reliable business men of the county; but in 1886 his health failed, and he removed, with his family, to Colorado, where he now resides. Ch:

1. *Thos. H. Flannery*. 2. *Minnie F.* 3. *John C.* 4. *Nora A.* 5. *Anna E.* 6. *William K.*

Mr. Flannery is a Knight Templar.

II. MISSOURI A. FLANNERY, b. Dec. 14, 1846; m'd May 10, 1866, James H. Daniel, son of Shelby, b. in Ky., Dec. 7, 1835. Ch:

1. *Ben. F. Daniel*, b. Sept. 19, 1869; a worthy and exemplary young man, residing with his father.

2. *Issie Daniel*, b. Nov. 15, 1879.

III. JAMES F. FLANNERY, b. Jan. 13, 1849; d. May 2, 1891. He was a genial, kind-hearted gentleman, social and exceedingly agreeable in his manners. He engaged in mercantile ventures, at several places and times, but was too generous and accommodating to gather wealth. He received an academic education at Platte City Academy, and was highly esteemed as a business man. He was elected county treasurer in 1878, over Jas. Adkins, by a vote of 889 to 684, and was re-elected in 1880, without opposition. He was a Knight Templar, and at one time mayor of Platte City. He m'd Feb. 9, 1870, Mary L. Mason, dr. of R. F. She was b. July 17, 1849, and d. Nov. 24, 1877. Ch:

1. *Dora*, m'd P. H. Sullivan, of Ky., and d. childless.

2. *Lillie F. Flannery*, b. Jan. 9, 1875; d. Nov. 17, 1895, in Platte City.

Mr. Jas. F. Flannery m'd 2d, April 17, 1879, Issie D. Million, b. Feb. 7, 1856; educated at Camden Point Orphan School. She possessed intelligence, personal graces, and religious zeal. She d. childless, at Platte City, in August, 1887, much lamented.

Mr. Flannery's life was the visit of a prince to his garden: He plucked the flowers, inhaled their fragrance, cast them to the ground, and left to return no more.

I knew and admired both his wives. I paid to each, at her death, a poetic tribute, from which I select a stanza:

TO MRS. MARY L. FLANNERY.

The loveliest flowers are culled to grace
 The halls where royal feasts are spread;
 And so the purest of our race
 Adorn the banquet of the dead.
 No vestal had a purer heart—
 No seraph had a sweeter voice.
 Her sympathy could joy impart,
 And make despairing souls rejoice.

TO MRS. ISSIE D. FLANNERY.

The earth is fresh upon thy grave;
 No evergreens above it wave;
 For only yesterday we gave
 Thy body to the sod.
 A few years since, a lovely bride,
 You came in health and youthful pride,
 And chose the Savior for your guide,
 And in His footsteps trod.

IV. THOMAS B. FLANNERY, b. June 16, 1857; m'd Sept. 17, 1879, Kate McComas, b. April 10, 1860. She is the lovely dr. of Judge Stephen McComas. Mr. Flannery is a worthy farmer, residing in Platte City, and is the present superintendent of the M. E. Sunday-school in that place. Ch:

1. *Lora Flannery*, b. Sept. 12, 1878.

2. *Estill S.*, b. Sept. 23, 1888.

3. *Paul Ditzler Flannery*, b. March 25, 1895.

V. BIRDIE FLANNERY, b. Aug. 21, 1866; d. May 1, 1896; m'd Oct. 8, 1892, Thos. Cecil, son of Kimsey B., b. Oct. 2, 1861. Children:

1. *Rhea*, b. July 25, 1893. 2. *Ruth*, b. March. 1893.

III. FRANKLIN Y. FLANNERY

Was b. Feb. 27, 1824; d. March 16, 1890; m'd Sept. 18, 1848, Rhoda Martin, b. Sept. 30, 1827; d. Oct. 3, 1861. Mr. Flannery was a farmer, residing three miles east of Platte City. He possessed superior mental powers and some education. Ch:

I. JENNIE FLANNERY, b. March 24, 1851; m'd Oct. 19, 1870, J. T. Dunkin, b. June 27, 1837; d. Aug. 7, 1883. He was for years constable of Carroll Township; was of immense stature—6 feet 4 inches in height, and weighed 300 pounds. His wife weighed about 110 pounds. Ch:

1. *Waller W.* 2. *Fannie.* 3. *Lena.* 4. *Jessie.*

II. MARY ANN FLANNERY, b. Aug. 10, 1853; m'd March 2, 1881, James Hollifield. Ch:

1. *Nellie*, b. Feb. 5, 1885. 2. *Georgella*, b. Nov. 24, 1888.
3. *Mabel*, b. June 12, 1890.
- III. GEORGE FLANNERY, b. July 13, 1855; m'd Feb. 7, 1878,
Ella Day, b. July 28, 1863. Ch:
 1. *Hattie Pearl Flannery*, b. Sept. 13, 1880.
 2. *James F. Flannery*, b. July 17, 1883.
 3. *Nora*, b. Aug. 18, 1891.
 4. *Silvey M. Flannery*, b. Oct. 29, 1894.
- IV. IDA FLANNERY, b. Aug. 12, 1857; m'd June 20, 1879, Merit
Estes, b. 1859. Ch:
 1. *Dora*, b. June 5, 1881.
 2. *Nellie*, b. Oct. 29, 1882; lives in Kansas.
- V. LULA FLANNERY, b. Sept. 7, 1859; m'd Feb. 9, 1881, Ste-
phen Brown. Ch:
 1. *Thos. Brown*, b. Dec. 3, 1882. 2. *Pearl*, b. May 2, 1885.
 3. *Della*, b. Aug. 17, 1888.
 Mr. F. Y. Flannery m'd 2d, July 14, 1868, Mary J.
Holland. Ch:
- VI. ELLA MAY FLANNERY, b. May 21, 1871; m'd Aug. 20,
1889, N. T. Dick. Ch:
 1. *N. T. Dick, Jr.*
- VII. FRANKLIN, b. May 3, 1873; lives at Edgerton.
- VIII. JAS. C. FLANNERY, b. March 31, 1875; m'd Sept. 24, 1896.
Lillie Davis, dr. of James.

IV. RACHEL FLANNERY.

She m'd in 1843, John Walker, b. in Tenn., Sept. 10, 1814; d.
near Linkville Nov. 10, 1894. He was a man of sound judgment,
and highly esteemed. He lost an eye in early life. Ch:

- I. JAS. WALKER, living in southern Missouri.
Mr. John Walker's second wife was Sarah J. Martin, dr. of
John. Ch:
 - II. WILLARD H. WALKER, b. April 8, 1855; m'd Aug. 15, 1876,
Nannie De Berry, dr. of Robt. Ch:
 1. *John*. 2. *Guthrie*. 3. *Sallie*. 4. *Florence*. 5. *Cecil*.
 6. *Vernie*.
 - III. IRA NORRIS WALKER, b. Jan. 16, 1857; m'd Oct. 27, 1880.
Luella Chinn. Mr. Walker was twice county assessor, and
is now county collector. He is an accomplished gentleman,
and is his highly esteemed for his probity. Ch:
 1. *Lula*. 2. *Estill*. 3. *Curtis*. 4. *Mary*. 5. *Sarah*.
 6. A boy.
 - IV. MARY WALKER.
 - V. VIRGINIA WALKER.
 - VI. NANNIE.
 - VII. FRANK WALKER, m'd Dec. 24, 1896, M. Liza Clardy.
Jan. 29—H. D. Oden, administrator of Henry A. Lloyd. Lloyd

left a widow, Judith, and a son, Henry. The widow m'd March 2, 1884, David Vaughn.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 4—The county pays Thos. Gray \$100 for digging a public well near the center of Block 25 in Platte City.

The county pays Davis and Paxton \$70 for investigating the Township School Funds; and Denver Shrock and McCurdy are appointed to investigate the Revenue Fund and the Three per cent Fund.

Feb. 5—F. Marshall resigns the office of county treasurer, and James S. Thomas is appointed in his place.

The storming of Fort Pueblo-de-Taos, by Gen. Price.

The M. E. Church of Platte City purchases Lot 3, Block 33, for \$50, and two years later erects a frame church 25x40 feet.

Feb. 6—Mary Rupe, administratrix of David Rupe. Bond, \$2,000.

MARCH.

March 2—Circuit Court: James Davis is enrolled as an attorney.

HENRY HUVENDAHL.

March 3—Henry Huvendahl buys land north of and adjacent to Weston. He was b. in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, Sept. 3, 1828; d. in Weston in July, 1896. His father, John H. Huvendahl, was b. Jan. 7, 1780; and his mother, Mary A. Brill, b. Jan. 26, 1788. They came to America in 1834, and settled at Weston in March, 1839. Their son, Henry Huvendahl, m'd March 6, 1853, Amanda Fortune, o. Feb. 16, 1838. Theirs is a Christian family, zealous of good works. They are all workers in the church and Sunday-school. Children:

I. ELIZABETH HUVENDAHL, b. March 28, 1854; m'd Dec. 29, 1870, William S. Siler. Ch:

1. *Lewis H. Siler*, m'd Dec. 25, 1894, Dora B. Bious, of Dearborn. 2. *C. C. Siler*. 3. *Artie*. 4. *Norman*.
5. *Estella*. 6. *Jason Siler*.

II. LYDIA A. HUVENDAHL, b. Sept. 14, 1858; d. May 16, 1896; m'd Nov. 24, 1881, Chas. B. Carrico. Ch:

1. *Alma Carrico*.

III. MARY, b. Oct. 4, 1860; m'd March 8, 1882, Price S. Simmons, son of Peter. Ch:

1. *Bertha*. 2. *Gertie Simmons*.

IV. LOTTIE, b. Aug. 8, 1864; m'd Nov. 24, 1890, Hickman J. Kruser, son of William. Ch:

1. *Vernie Kruser*.

V. HENRIETTA, b. June 11, 1866.

VI. J. B. HUVENDAHL, b. Jan. 16, 1869.

VII. MATTIE B., b. Nov. 2, 1870.

VIII. CATHERINE, b. Nov. 2, 1874.

MAY.

THE FIRST FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

This year I made for the county clerk his annual financial statement. Though the law commands the statement to be made, yet it had been neglected.

Warrants Drawn	\$9,009.86
Revenue Collected	6,981.47

Deficit	\$2,028.39
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The items of expenditure are the following:

Paid Treasurer (Marshall)	\$230.00
Paid for paupers	562.00
Paid Justices of County Court	424.00
Paid for public well	100.00
Paid County Attorney	2.00
Restored to School Funds	420.00
Miscellaneous	450.47
Paid Circuit Clerk (Norris)	814.00
Paid County Clerk (Lewis)	730.00
Paid for bridges	2,201.00
Paid Assessor (Wilkinson)	86.00
Paid Sheriff (Owen)	635.00
Paid interest on warrants	327.00

Total	\$6,981.47
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May 3—Geo. Martin, administrator of Isaac Miller. Bond, \$4,000.

May 7—A. J. Goodyear buys property in Parkville.

May 17—J. W. Christy buys 80 acres in Sec. 1, T. 52, R. 35, for \$780.

Hemp is selling at \$3.50 and hemp seed \$2.

The mails have come from St. Louis tri-weekly, but now, owing to the failure of the contractor, we get them irregularly—not more than once a week.

JUNE.

June 9—S. P. S. McCurdy removes to Weston.

S. P. S. McCurdy, administrator of Thos. N. Mitchell. Bond, \$40,000.

June 10—T. F. Warner, administrator of Michael Nye. Bond, \$8,000.

Allen McLane buys Lot 11, Block 26, Platte City, and removes to it the *Argus* office.

JULY.

July 6—Jas. M. Estill takes out ferry license at his mills, known as Union Mills, on Platte River. Mr. Estill and his father-in-law, Gen. Arch. Woods, came from Kentucky, bought a large tract of land, set up a circular saw, and enclosed a large farm, then erected a dam on the Platte, and built Union Mills. In company with Owen, Estill built a large pork-packing house, warehouse and store in Weston, and, by enterprise, brought about a new era of prosperity. He ultimately failed, and went to California, to renew his schemes.

July 9—The Battle of Cienega, New Mexico, in which the following men of Capt. Jesse Morin's company fell: 1, Lieut. John Larkin; 2, W. Owen; 3, J. A. Wright; 4, W. S. Mason; 5, A. S. Wilkerson. The following were severely wounded: 1, Hayden Lewis; 2, John Huntington; 3, William Story.

THOMAS EASTBORN.

July 15—Thomas Eastborn died. He was b. in Baltimore Sept. 5, 1803; m'd Sept. 2, 1835, Elizabeth Jones, b. in Mason Co., Ky., Aug. 30, 1810; came to Platte in 1839. Ch:

- I. MARTHA EASTBORN, b. Dec. 1, 1836; m'd Dec. 15, 1855, Jas. Allison.
- II. JAS. EASTBORN, b. Dec. 23, 1838; m'd Aug. 5, 1866, Cor. Goss.
- III. FRANK EASTBORN, b. March 17, 1841; m'd in March, 1866, Mary Brown.
- IV. MARY EASTBORN, b. Jan. 30, 1844; m'd July 4, 1861, Jasper Allison.

After Mr. Eastborn's death, his widow, Eliz., m'd Aug. 28, 1849, William Brown. Ch:

- V. WILLIAM BROWN, b. June 12, 1850; m'd June 1, 1882, Tillie Bland.
- VI. ROBERT BROWN, b. March 23, 1854; m'd Feb. 14, 1881, Cora Lucas.

DR. WM. M. MACEY.

July 22—Dr. Wm. M. Macey's estate administered on by J. S. Thomas. Dr. Macey was a native of Kentucky. After reading his preparatory course, he attended medical lectures at Cincinnati. He came west in 1840, and settled at Platte City. He m'd Sept. 29, 1841, Ann P. Winston, dr. of Gen. Joseph. She died, leaving one child, Joseph P. Macey, now of Colorado. Dr. Macey was genial and sociable. He was given to speculating in land. Being without means, he purchased on credit. To engage in trade, he

forsook his profession. After the death of his first wife, Dr. Macey married again. His wife lives, childless, in Jackson County, Mo. Joseph Macey espoused the side of the South, and in the border warfare made his name famous by his deeds of daring.

AUGUST.

Aug. 2—John Miller's estate administered on by John D. and Jas. A. Miller. Bond, \$6,000.

ANDREW MILLER.

Aug. 3—Andrew Miller's estate administered on by Thos. Allen. His widow was Nancy, and his ch: 1, Sarah Miller, m'd John M. Pauley; 2, Margaret Miller; 3, Eliz. Cowan; 4, Mary R., m'd Samuel Lawson; 5, Rebecca Miller, m'd — Noland, and their ch were: [*a*] Jas. Noland; [*b*] Andrew; [*c*] Margaret E.; [*d*] Nancy; [*e*] Wesley; [*f*] Sarah A.; [*g*] Mary A. Noland; [*h*] Jas. Noland. 6, Children of Isaac Miller: 1, Eveline; 2, Sarah A.; 3, Martha J.; 4, Minerva; 5, Kate Miller.

WILLIAM H. LEACHMAN.

Aug. 4—William H. Leachman's estate administered on by James Leachman. His only child was

I. JAMES LEACHMAN, m'd Matilda, who survived him, and died in August, 1855. Ch. of James and Matilda:

1. *Mary Leachman*, m'd Jas. Saunders.
2. *Matilda Leachman*, m'd Dr. Ben Bonifant.
3. *Amanda*, b. 1840; d. childless, July 30, 1865; m'd Judge H. J. Wolf, who d. July 10, 1867. Judge Wolf was a classical scholar, an excellent lawyer, and a finished gentleman. He was the partner, for years, of Hon. Jas. N. Burnes; served a term as judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, and at the time of his death was a member of the Legislature.

Aug. 10—Henry Colman buys in Block 17, Weston.

HUGH McEOWEN.

Aug. 11—Hugh McEowen's estate administered on by T. T. Jones. Bond, \$12,000. He was b. in New Jersey in 1804; removed to Ohio, where he m'd Juliana Shrader, b. in Philadelphia in 1809; d. in Platte Feb. 24, 1876. Mr. McEowen d. June 27, 1847. He was a farmer of little education, but, by industry and fair dealing, had accumulated a good estate. Ch:

I. JOHN McEOWEN (ii), b. May 26, 1829, in Ohio; m'd Feb. 14, 1866, Lucella Anders, dr. of David. Ch:

1. *Kate Lee McEowen*, b. Feb. 27, 1867.

II. HUGH McEOWEN (ii), b. July 8, 1831, in Indiana; m'd Feb. 28, 1866, Mary M. Sloan, b. June 6, 1833, dr. of William. They are living comfortably, but childless, in Kansas City, Missouri.

III. SAMUEL McEOWEN, m'd Joanna Swinford, and d. childless.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—Simpson Park and Wm. A. White buy farms five miles east of Platte City.

Sept. 3—Col. Lewis Burnes buys Lot 14, Block 52, Weston, at \$100.

E. S. Wilkinson is now living in Platte City, and assists McLane in publishing the *Argus*.

Sept. 14—Geo. W. Kay's estate is administered on by Thos. J. Keller. Bond, \$3,000.

THE SOLDIERS OF THE MEXICAN WAR.

Sept. 3—The soldiers of the Mexican War return, the term of their enlistment having expired. A grand barbecue is given them, in the Platte bottom, opposite Platte City. A rain cast a damper on the meeting, yet the concourse was immense. Two long trenches were dug, filled with wood, which was burned, and over the embers whole oxen were roasted.

Albert G. Wilson's estate administered on by Hiram Rich. Bond, \$2,000.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 5—J. A. Wright's estate administered on by Colden Brown. Bond, \$1,200. He fell at Cienega, New Mexico. His widow married L. Shepard.

Jas. B. Martin administered on the estate of John Riley Owen, a corporal in Jesse Morin's company. He fell, July 6, 1847, at Senegal Creek, New Mexico.

THE OWEN FAMILY.

Two brothers, Wilson and Abel Owen, were reared in North Carolina. Their ancestor came from Wales. Only one of Wilson Owen's children interests us—Stacy Owen, who married L. C. (Cub) Jack. She d. Feb. 3, 1896, in Grant City, Mo., and will be noticed with her husband. But three of Abel Owen's sons were distinguished in the annals of Platte:

- I. JONES HARVEY OWEN, was appointed by Gov. Boggs, early in 1839, the first sheriff of Platte, and was subsequently elected to the same office. He possessed vigor, both of body and mind, and made an excellent officer. He went to Santa Fé with Gen. Doniphan, and distinguished himself as a soldier. After the Mexican War, he went to California, where he d. May 8, 1858, aged 55. He never married.
- II. JOHN RILEY OWEN'S death has just been noticed. He was deputy sheriff under his brother Jones H., and was a merry, carousing young man; but sobered down after marrying the lovely Josephine Martin, dr. of Zadock Martin, the pioneer. She died a year after marriage, leaving an infant, Susanna Owen, who died just as she was verging on womanhood. Mr. Owen then entered the Army of the West, and was killed as stated.
- III. MOSEBY NEELY OWEN, son of Abel Owen and Eliz. Gooch, was b. in North Carolina Oct. 11, 1802; d. in Platte City July 4, 1860; m'd April 1, 1831, in Lexington, Mo., Eveline Jack, dr. of Capt. William Jack. She was b. Jan. 4, 1810; d. in Jacksonville, Oregon, Dec. 14, 1869. Mr. Owen was a Whig, but was twice chosen sheriff of Platte. His agreeable manners and just deportment, his generous nature and boundless hospitality inspired love and confidence and made him exceedingly popular. He purchased Dr. Callahan's interest in the Platte City Water Mills, and, for years we were partners. The following verse from a poem I wrote at his grave expresses my esteem:

An honest man lies 'neath this sod—
My genial friend and elder brother.
We knelt together serving God;
With mingling souls we loved each other.
His generous heart and open hand
In hospitality abounded;
His hand was true, his words were bland,
And faithful friends his board surrounded.

LIEUT. JOHN LARKIN.

As has been stated, fell July 9, 1847, at the battle of Cienega, New Mexico. He was a tall and agreeable man, and lived four miles southeast of Platte City. His widow, Elizabeth, administered. His large and valuable farm was partitioned among his children. Mrs. Larkin d. in Oct., 1869.

- I. GEO. W. LARKIN, m'd March 15, 1877, Mary J. Cole, dr. of William. No ch.
II. ROWENA LARKIN.
III. RUFUS O. LARKIN.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 2—James Finch's estate administered on by Margaret Finch. Bond, \$3,000.

JAMES WILLIAMS.

Nov. 4—James Williams' estate administered by his widow, Harriet. Their ch:

I. ELIZ. CRABTREE.

II. LAURA WILLIAMS, m'd 1st, a Hill, who d., leaving

1. *Laura Hill*, m'd Henry C. Reynolds.

III. ELIZA WILLIAMS, m'd a Mulkey, and d., leaving

1. *Sarah H. Mulkey*.

Jesse Morin bought one undivided half of the Platte City Water Mills, of Bright. Martin, for \$2,000.

JOHN H. HARPER'S ACQUITTAL.

Nov. 18—J. H. Harper, son-in-law of Sam'l Owens, of Independence, having obtained a change of venue from Jackson, was tried here for murder, and acquitted. The trial was interesting and the whole community was excited. That night the friends of Harper had a grand drunken carousal. "Old Sacramento," the cannon brought back from New Mexico by the soldiers, was brought forth and doubly charged with powder; the heavens were made to tremble and the earth to shrink with terror. In the morning there was not a whole light in the court-house windows, and the county court had to appropriate \$50 for repairs.

Nov. 22—Richard Meek, Jr., buys ten acres of land north of Weston, and lays off his addition.

Nov. 29—James G. Hodge's estate is administered on by Geo. Quimby and Eliza Hodge. Mr. Hodge was the father of Mrs. Marcella Young, and was the first husband of Mrs. Eliza Tolley.

DECEMBER.

REV. JESSE MOORE.

Dec. 4—Rev. Jesse Moore, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, died. Born and reared in Kentucky, he m'd Mary Ann Story, of Mt. Sterling, b. Oct. 23, 1807. They came to Missouri in 1847, and the same year Mr. Moore died. The widow m'd in 1854, John Smith, and they lived in Weston. She died Feb. 7, 1893, and Mr. Smith survived her only a few days. Her ch. by her first husband:

- I. S. B. MOORE, of Larned, Kansas.
- II. JAMES E. MOORE, now of De Kalb, was assistant cashier of the Weston branch of the Mechanics' Bank of Missouri. and a man of much sprightliness.
- III. KATE MOORE, wife of J. C. Crook, of St. Joe.
- IV. HARRIET, m'd 1st, H. N. Risk. She m'd 2d, Nov. 26, 1896, Robert Collier, Sr.
- V. DR. WILLIAM E. MOORE, of Kansas.
- VI. THOMAS M. MOORE, now a merchant of Dearborn, and a gentleman of refinement and business qualifications.
 - 1. *Jettie Moore*, m'd Dec. 25, 1892, R. H. Bruce.
 - 2. *Lida Moore*, m'd Feb. 24, 1894, B. F. Sampson.
- VII. BEN F. MOORE, b. in Indiana March 18, 1847. In 1883 he located in Weston, where he held the office of postmaster. He m'd Jan. 19, 1877, Augusta A. Dickson, a step-daughter of Ad. Smith, late of Iatan. Ch:
 - 1. *Lena D. Moore.* 2. *Inez C.* 3. *Ben F., Jr.*

Dec. 6—Dr. W. S. May's will probated. He had become intemperate, and in a spree at Parkville took morphine, and died. He was buried at the graveyard on his homestead. (See his sketch.) He was a surgeon in Doniphan's regiment, and went to Santa Fé.

Dec. 8—James H. Nash buys property in Parkville.

MARRIAGES IN 1847 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

February 14, Melvin McKee m'd Mary McAdow, dr. of Geo.
 March 18, W. A. Singleton m'd Cath. Miller.
 March 23, Ben Wood m'd Mary A. Menifee.
 June 10, Mad. J. Draiss m'd Lucinda J. Swaney.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 1847.

Heaven was propitious, and crops were good. The hemp crop reached 1,500 tons; at \$100 per ton, this brought \$150,000 into the county. But chills and fevers were almost universal. I, myself, suffered with them for three months. Lands were in demand at \$8 and \$10 per acre. The war brought gold into circulation. The paper of only specie-paying banks was received. Owen & Estill put up a \$10,000 packing-house and bought 8,000 hogs. Perrys & Young erected a spacious steam flouring mill. Freight to St. Louis is 37 cents. The rushes in the Missouri bottoms are exhausted and herders are now driving to the islands, above, in the river.

James C. Cochran came in 1847, and settled in Preston Township, and has prospered by farming. He is a son of Jonathan Cochran, and was b. in West Virginia Oct. 15, 1820. He m'd Mary Ann Payne, of Fleming Co., Ky. Ch:

- I. HENRY S. COCHRAN, m'd March 5, 1890, Nannie Dougherty.
- II. NETTIE T. COCHRAN, m'd Taylor Beery.
- III. GEORGIA A. COCHRAN, m'd Wm. Mays.
- IV. MARGARET A. COCHRAN, m'd Horace Chrisman.
- V. MARY V. COCHRAN, m'd Ben Carpenter.
- VI. JOHN COCHRAN, d.; m'd Amanda Lanham.

Postage stamps were used for the first time in the United States in 1847.

1848.

OFFICERS.

Governor, John C. Edwards; Circuit Judge, S. L. Leonard; County Justices, Mayo, Freeland, and Barnett; Sheriff, M. N. Owen; Surveyor, Israel May; Representatives, Wm. Conway and L. Calvert; Circuit Clerk, Ira Norris; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; Public Administrator, G. W. Goodlander; Assessor, Levi Macey.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Almond, Baldwin, Clark, Jones, Norton, Pitt, Rees, Spratt, Thomas, Vories, Wilson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Callahan, Benton, Marshall, Shrock, Black, McCalister.

Merchants, etc.—Black & Dickson, Brown, Johnston & Keith, Johnston (postmaster), Fleshman, Kuykendall & Remington, McCausland & Branham, Murray & Freeland, Green, Gaines, Martin & Co.

At Weston: Attorneys—Bird, Burnes, Hardin, McCurdy, Tylee, Tutt, Wolf.

Physicians—Bonifant, Bowers, Malin, Ridley, Fulton.

Merchants, etc.—Basye, Blanjour, Bell & Venable, Belt & Murphy, Bowman, Briggs, Burnes Bros., Fergus & Ranson, Hatlenback & Dessaux, Holladay, Hood, Noble, Parrott, Perrys & Young, Post & Railey, Owen & Estill, Lowe, Warner, Wentworth, Wood, Dye, McHolland.

At Parkville: Aspling & Stephens, Burney, Burnes, Crust, Davis, Ringo, Park & Parsons, Summers & Hord, Miller, Goodyear.

At Farley: Burnes & Stiles.

At Iatan: N. J. Alexander.

At New Market: Dr. Bishop, Dr. Field, Sol. Bishop.

At Ridgely: Adams (postmaster), Ellington, Phillips.

JANUARY.

THOMAS McQUEEN.

Jan. 11—His estate is administered on by John Bane. Bond, \$2,700. He was a farmer, living southeast of Platte City. Ch:

I. THOMAS McQUEEN (ii), went to California.

II. SARAH, m'd Henry Ratliff. Ch:

1. *Mary Ratliff*, m'd Clerk Warder, and lives in Johnson County, Mo.

Sarah died and Henry Ratliff m'd 2d, Jan. 1, 1873, Eliza J. Blanchard.

III. URIAH McQUEEN, m'd Nov. 30, 1860, Mary E. Joiner. No children.

IV. MARY J. McQUEEN, m'd 1st, G. W. Morehead. She m'd 2d, Adam Mann. No ch.

V. SAMUEL.

VI. WILLIAM McQUEEN.

Jan. 12—H. B. Callerman buys the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 16, T. 51, R. 33, near Barry, for \$600.

This year G. W. Threlkeld, father of John E., of Parkville, settled, with his wife, Eveline (Sexton) Threlkeld, at Kansas City, and started a livery stable. There were then only three residences in the town. Geo. W. d. in 1851, aged 38.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 2—Treaty of peace with Mexico concluded.

Feb. 3—Stephen Johnston buys the Eades farm, three miles east of Platte City.

Feb. 9—Ann Strode, administratrix of Constant Strode.

Henry Smith, administrator of Francis Early.

Feb. 19—Jacob Swope succeeds G. W. Goodlander as public administrator.

MARCH.

March 1—Dramshop licenses are now granted to all applicants, for \$30, divided equally between State and county.

March 8—S. S. Larose, administrator of W. G. Smith. Bond, \$1,000.

March 9—The county purchases the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 24, T. 54, R. 34, for a poor-house farm. The claim was bought, and the land entered at \$200.

March 14—J. P. Thompson, administrator of Shelby Graves. Bond, \$400.

March 25—Wm. Wilson, administrator of Samuel Wilson. Bond, \$2,000.

Jas. S. Thomas resigns as county treasurer, and Jas. Kuykendall succeeds. Bond, \$20,000.

APRIL.

April 1—Many new State roads are established by the Legislature. Large damages are claimed on the State roads from Parkville to Plattsburg, and from Weston to Plattsburg, for the right of way.

DEMETRIUS A. SUTTON.

April 4—His estate was administered on by his son, John G. Sutton. Bond, \$5,000.

Hon. D. A. Sutton was b. in 1795; m'd 1820, Caro Grant; resided in the Missouri bottom, above Farley. A fatal epidemic prevailed in 1848, in the vicinity of Farley, and Mr. Sutton was one of the victims. His wife's death followed three weeks later. He was a native of Fayette Co., Ky. He was a man of native intellect, as well as of educational acquirements. He was an excellent architect, and prepared the plan and specifications of our first court-house, and was superintendent of its construction. He also superintended the construction of the first bridge over Platte River, at Platte City. After the death of Dr. Holt, in 1840, he was chosen his successor in the Legislature. He was well read in literature and science, and agreeable as well as instructive in conversation. Ch:

- I. WILLIAM B. SUTTON, b. in 1821; d. in the West, April 20, 1847, before his parents. He was a private in Maj. Jesse Morin's battalion of mounted volunteers in the Mexican War, and d. on duty. Never married.
- II. HENRY D. SUTTON, b. in 1831; m'd Oct. 9, 1856, Nancy Lanter, dr. of Thomas. They went to Texas.
- III. JOHN G. SUTTON, b. May 2, 1823; m'd Dec. 27, 1849, Aurey Hunt, dr. of David, by his first wife. She died, leaving 1. *David*; 2, *Henry*, both of whom died unmarried.
John G. has married again, and lives in northwestern Missouri.
- IV. MARY P. SUTTON, b. March 15, 1832; m'd March 22, 1849, Marion Todd, son of Major William Todd (see), and b. in Clay Co., Mo., Aug. 10, 1823; d. in Bates Co., Mo., Oct. 3, 1893. She survives. Ch:
 1. *Sarah Ellen Todd*, b. May 13, 1850; m'd Feb. 1, 1871, Dr. John S. Tisdale, b. July 17, 1817; d. in Clay, May 13, 1874; buried at Todd Cemetery in Platte. Ch:
[^a] Fannie S. Tisdale, b. Dec. 6, 1871.

Sarah Ellen m'd 2d, Nov. 16, 1876, Peter H. Harsel. Ch:
[^b] Thos. L., b. March 11, 1878; [^c] Mary P., b.
June 22, 1883.

2. *Henry E. Todd*, b. Dec. 28, 1851; d. in Colo., May 18, 1883.

3 and 4. *Wm. C.* and *Lucy F.* (twins), b. Feb. 3, 1855.
William is an epileptic. *Lucy F.* m'd Feb. 14, 1878,
Alf. D. Moore. Ch: [^a] Clinton C. Moore, b. May
20, 1880; [^b] Grace, b. June 5, 1883; others not
recollected.

5. *Mollie Paulina Todd*, b. April 4, 1857.

6. *John S. Todd*, b. Aug. 12, 1859; m'd Dec. 4, 1884, Amelia
B. Stewart. Ch: [^a] Marcus T., b. Sept. 22, 1885;
[^b] Mollie, b. Oct. 23, 1888; [^c] Nellie May, b. Aug.
13, 1890.

7. *Marcus P. Todd*, b. March 9, 1863.

8. *Annie L. Todd*, b. Nov. 26, 1865; m'd Oct. 6, 1885, W. H.
Erwin.

The Todd family live in Merwin, Mo.

V. RUTH ELLEN SUTTON, b. in 1826; m'd Geo. P. Southard;
d. in Oct., 1863. Ch:

1. *Juliet Southard*, m'd Feb. 28, 1872, Wm. McWhirt.

2. *Elizabeth*. 3. *George D. Southard*.

NATHANIEL SCOTT'S

Will probated, and W. C. Scott and Jos. Shannon qualify as
executors. Bond, \$2,500. He left a widow and ch: 1, Elizabeth;
2, John L.; 3, Nathan. 4, Julian Clark. 5, Susan Cain. 6, Mary
F.; 7, Ch. of Ben Snider.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

<i>May 1</i> —Expenditures	\$5,090.14	
Receipts	4,184.99	\$ 905.14
Add estimated debt, 1847		6,001.00
Debt, 1848		<u>\$6,906.14</u>

PRINCIPAL EXPENDITURES.

Poor-house farm.	\$ 672.00
Paupers.	341.00
Roads and bridges.	241.00
Assessor (Macey).	173.00
Investigating committees.	312.00
County Court Justices.	288.00
Jail.	198.00
Sheriff (Owen).	432.00
Circuit Clerk (Norris).	268.00
County Clerk (Lewis).	913.00
Miscellaneous.	1,202.14

Total. \$6,906.14

W. B. Almond resigns as county attorney.

The county court orders a house to be built on the poor-house farm.

EDWARD HERNDON.

May 4—His will probated, dated March 15, 1848. He was a wealthy and influential man. His widow, Rebecca, d. in May, 1855. Ch:

I. MARY C. HERNDON, m'd Rev. Robt. Scott, a pioneer Presbyterian preacher, who built up Ridgely Academy, became involved, went to West Virginia, and died. Ch:

1. *Edward H. Scott.* 2. *James.* 3. *Maggie.* 4. *Robert.*
5. *Kate.* 6. *John.* 7. *Paxton.* 8. *Louisa Scott.*

II. MARIA L. HERNDON, m'd John Darst. He d., leaving

1. *Margaret*, b. April 26, 1846; m'd Oct. 8, 1867, Rev. T. R. Valliant, b. in Talbot Co., Md., April 12, 1835; came west, enlisted in the Confederate army, and served four years; went to Clarksville, Tenn.; was ordained an Episcopal minister in 1878, by Bishop Quintard; the same year commenced preaching at Weston, and in a short time came to Platte City to take charge of the business department of the *Landmark*. In a short time he became proprietor and editor. He was a true friend of the South, and an ardent Democrat. He was a good writer of sketches, proficient in rhetoric, but deficient in logic. Under his management the *Landmark* became an influential paper. His Christian spirit, kindness of heart, and his suavity of manner made him a general favorite. Though I repeatedly offered to pay for the paper, he would accept nothing. With so unselfish a spirit, he was always in pecuniary straits. Of course he was loved and trusted. In December, 1888, he determined to devote his life fully to the ministry, and

the *Landmark* was sold to J. B. Mundy. But an insidious disease had already attacked his frame. and Feb. 6, 1890, he was called to a glorious reward. He was an ardent Mason, and found delight in the duties of that fraternity. Ch: [a] Louise Valliant, b. Aug. 10, 1868; d. Aug. 5, 1890. She enjoyed the distinction of being the "Daughter of Belt Commandery." But she did not live long to wear the mantle, which no other young lady has been thought worthy to take up. [b] Laura Valliant, b. June 30, 1873. [c] E. Darst Valliant, b. Oct. 6, 1875; an officer in the Camden Point Military Institute. [d] Augusta S., b. July 22, 1878; [e] Thos. R., b. June 28, 1881; [f] Margaret, b. Dec. 9, 1885; [g] Varda M., b. Aug. 22, 1888.

2. *John E. Darst*, b. Aug. 31, 1849; m'd Cassie Elley, b. Feb. 13, 1855. Ch: [a] Elley Darst. Live in Bate County, Mo.

III. SETH R. HERNDON, m'd Ange Shortridge. Ch:

1. *Dora*.
2. *Judge W. S. Herndon*, b. Nov. 5, 1855; m'd Nov. 28, 1892. Maggie McPhetridge, of Plattsburg. He studied law and was enrolled a member of our bar April 4, 1881. After practicing in Platte City, he removed Oct. 20, 1883, to Stewartsville, and thence to Plattsburg. Having received the Democratic nomination for judge of this circuit, he was elected in November, 1892, to that office, which he now holds.
3. *Albert S. Herndon*. 4. *Harry*. 5. *Julia*.

IV. EDWARD B. HERNDON, d. in May, 1853, unmarried.

- V. *HENRY HERNDON*, m'd March 31, 1863, Augusta A. Young. She died, and he married again. They live in California.

VI. SUSANNA HERNDON, b. in Kentucky May 21, 1838; d. March 9, 1877; m'd Nov. 2, 1863, Huston McFarland, b. in Ste. Genevieve, Mo., Dec. 28, 1813; d. June 8, 1888. He removed to Cooper Co., Mo., and thence, in 1837, to Platte. He m'd 1st, ——— by whom he had

1. *William McFarland*, of Gallatin, Mo., a man highly esteemed and beloved.

Huston McFarland had by his second wife, Sus. B., ch:

2. *Maggie McFarland*, b. Jan. 14, 1852; d. Feb. 17, 1889; m'd Nov. 3, 1887, Arthur G. Meads. No ch.
3. *Mary McFarland*, b. March 17, 1867; m'd Nov. 3, 1887, Clinton B. Cockrill, b. Sept. 11, 1862, son of Clinton, Sr. They now live at the old Cockrill homestead, two miles west of Platte City. Mr. Cockrill is a man of business qualifications and financial ability. He is farming, and assisting his aged father in managing his large estate: Ch: [a] Maggie May Cockrill.

b. Oct. 5, 1888; d. June 14, 1896; [*b*] Thos. M., b. Sept. 7, 1890; [*c*] John, b. Feb. 8, 1893.

VIL SARAH E. HERNDON, m'd March 2, 1860, E. S. Dalton. Ch:
1. *Mary Dalton*. 2. *Harry*. 3. *Robt. L.*, m'd Effie Smith,
of Clinton. 4. *William*. 5. *Junior Dalton*.

GEO. K. MITCHELL.

May 6—His estate was placed in charge of Mitchell & Collins. He m'd Elizabeth Walls. Ch:

I. NANCY, m'd a Walker.

II. MADISON W. MITCHELL, b. in Woodford Co., Ky., Dec. 12, 1811; came to Platte in 1844; m'd Feb. 8, 1838, Mary M. Guthrie, dr. of Wm., b. Dec. 3, 1823; d. March 4, 1896.

1. *Thomas A. Mitchell*, b. Sept. 4, 1848; m'd Dec. 22, 1870, Jennie McKinnin. Ch: [*a*] John M., b. Nov. 24, 1871; m'd Dec. 14, 1892, Lydia A. Wallace; [*b*] Thos. F., b. Jan. 3, 1873; [*c*] Hugh C., b. Nov. 18, 1876; [*d*] Maud E., b. April 2, 1880; [*e*] Harry F., b. Aug. 18, 1882.

2. *Oscar B. Mitchell*, b. Oct. 11, 1855; m'd Oct. 11, 1877, Emma Benner, dr. of Nic. Ch: [*a*] Ida Ruth; [*b*] Chas. D.

3. *Wm. W. Mitchell*, d. April 12, 1888.

Geo. K. Mitchell left 3 sons in Kentucky: 1, Geo. B. 2, Jas. W. 3, William.

CAMDEN POINT FEMALE ACADEMY.

Chiefly through the enterprise of Hon. Wm. M. Kincaid, of Camden Point, a joint stock association was formed, and eight acres of ground purchased for a female academy: The board of managers was composed of twelve men, each of whom subscribed \$200. Their names: 1, John C. Bywaters; 2, Ed. P. Duncan; 3, John Freeland; 4, Jona. F. Forbis; 5, John W. Forbis; 6, Alf. Jack; 7, Hiram Jeter; 8, W. M. Kincaid; 9, W. M. Paxton; 10, A. L. Perrin; 11, A. P. Reed; 12, Phinehas Skinner. Subscriptions were circulated in all parts of the county, and the necessary amount was raised.

May 20—The county court appropriated \$100 to buy a money safe.

JUNE.

June 5—James H. Biggs' estate administered on by J. P. Thompson. Bond, \$1,000.

SAM'L R. HUGHES.

Sam'l R. Hughes' estate administered on by Smith Calvert. Bond, \$2,000. Mr. Hughes was the only son of Judge M. M.

Hughes He was intemperate, and, with him, the name became extinct in Judge Hughes' posterity. Samuel m'd Ann W. Calvert. dr. of Smith. She survived her husband, and d. childless July 6, 1851, aged 22.

M. N. Owen is paid by the county \$75 for taking the census of the county.

June 6—Joseph James' estate administered on by Barbara James. Bond, \$500.

The county court appropriates \$300 to pave in front of the court-house.

June 12—John Adams' estate administered on by Geo. Gabbert. Bond, \$3,500.

FANNY OWENS.

Fanny Owens' will probated, and J. W. Vineyard qualifies as executor. Bond, \$40,000. She was the widow of the celebrated Sam'l Owens, of Independence, Mo., who fell at the battle of Sacramento, in the Mexican War, by a suicidal exposure of himself. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Owens came to Platte to dwell among her relatives—the Vineyards, Mitchells, and Williams.

JULY.

July 3—Henry Lowman's estate administered on by Jacob Swope.

WILSON POTTER.

Wilson Potter's will probated, and Holland and Potter qualify as executors. He names in his will no widow, and mentions only part of his children: 1, Mary Ann Boydston; 2, Sarah Jones, who had died, leaving ch: [a] Anna M. Jones; [b] Wilson W. Jones; [c] Eliz. Jones; 3, John Potter.

WILLIAM MALOTT.

William Malott's will probated, and his widow, Christina (Moore) Malott, qualifies as executrix. Ch:

- I. JOHN SOUTH MALOTT, m'd Sarah B. McAlexander. He was a farmer, and a man of note in his day. He sold to Simpson Park his fine farm, four miles southeast of Platte City. Ch:
 1. *Polly Malott*, m'd Joel Turner Moore (first wife), who will be noticed.
 2. *Ann E. Malott*, b. May 23, 1850; m'd April 28, 1870. John L. Piburn, b. July 19, 1849, in Ray Co. Ch: [a] Simon C. Piburn, b. June 29, 1872; [b] Jas. W., b. Dec. 27, 1874; [c] George, b. Nov. 9, 1877; [d] Milton.

b. Oct. 1, 1880; [e] Franklin, b. June 22, 1882; [f] Grant, b. Aug. 8, 1885; [g] Isaac, b. April 26, 1888; [h] Sallie, b. Dec. 30, 1891.

3. *Alice Malott*, m'd Jas. Elgin. Live in Colorado.

4. *Geo. Malott*. 5. *Izora Malott*, m'd Robert Gregory.

6. *Melissa Malott*, m'd Schuyler Gregory. 7. *Wm. G.*, m'd Emma Rogers. 8. *Hulda J.*, m'd James F. Taylor.

9. *John W.*, b. Sept. 20, 1870. 10. *Kate*, m'd Peyton Wade.

II. ELIZ. J. COLLINS.

III. JOSEPH MALOTT.

IV. WILLIAM MALOTT.

V. MARY J. MALOTT.

VI. KATE MALOTT, m'd Madison Rogers.

VII. JASPER N. MALOTT, m'd Mary F. Moore.

VIII. SALLIE MALOTT, m'd Franklin Starkie.

IX. REBECCA MALOTT, m'd John Rogers.

X. LOUISA MALOTT, m'd Dan'l Dunagan.

XI. ANDREW MALOTT, lives in Kansas.

AUGUST.

Aug. 4—Rev. Edmund Wright, Presbyterian minister, buys property in Weston.

THE ELECTION.

Presidential Vote: Z. Taylor (Whig), 1,362,242; Cass (Democrat), 1,223,795; Van Buren (Free Soil), 291,378. Austin A. King was chosen Governor; Wm. P. Hall reelected to Congress, from the 4th District, by a majority of 6,422, over E. M. Samuel (Whig).

County Ticket: Representatives, H. L. Wilkinson and A. M. Robinson; Sheriff, M. N. Owen; County Justices, Barnett, Wood, and Chinn.

Aug. 9—The Roman Catholic Church of Weston buy Block 1, for a church lot.

C. R. P. Wentworth is appointed guardian for his wife, who is declared insane.

Aug. 15—The people of Barry buy a site for a school-house.

Aug. 18—The county road running east from Main Street, Platte City, after much litigation, is established.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 4—The site of the Quinn school-house is purchased.

The site of Camden Point public school is bought.

JAMES C. LINDSAY.

Sept. 9—His estate is administered on by Emily Lindsay. Bond, \$1,200. James C. Lindsay (i) came from Pennsylvania in

1838 with Emily, his wife, and settled near Bee Creek Mills. She was killed, a year after her husband's death, by a fall from a horse. Their only ch:

- I. JAMES C. LINDSAY (ii), b. July 15, 1840; m'd Feb. 29, 1865. Ruth Crutchfield. They live near Woodruff. Ch:
1. *Edward C. Lindsay*, m'd Dec. 20, 1891, *Ida McClain*, dr. of A. J. Ch: [^a] Thurman.
 2. *Lula Lindsay*, m'd Jan. 31, 1894, *Jas. T. Fairhurst*.
 3. *Cora B.*, m'd Feb. 28, 1894, *B. M. Van Meter*.
 4. *Jos. H. Lindsay*. 5. *Jas. P.* 6. *Sallie*.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 14—Bishop Kendrick buys a site in the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 31. T. 51, R. 34, for a Roman Catholic church.

Judge Wm. B. Barnett, of the county court, disappears, but returns with excuses for his absence. Yet subsequently he leaves to return no more, much to the embarrassment of his creditors.

W. L. Blanton locates at Platte City as a shoemaker.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 7—Matthias Masten's estate administered on by Lem. Sparks. Bond, \$500. He was one of the justices of the peace appointed by the county court of Clay. His only child, Joseph, died before him.

Thos. W. Davis buys property in Parkville.

Prices: Bacon, hams, 4 cents; beeves, $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents; coffee, 10 cents; corn, 20 cents; hemp, per ton, \$100; hogs, dressed, $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents; sugar, $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents; wheat, 70 cents.

MARRIAGES IN 1848 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

February 14, *Elisha Green* (ii) m'd *Eliz. J. Hamilton*.

March 16, *John Houts* m'd *Eliz. S. Bowman*.

March 30, *Ben Grable* m'd *Serilda Rose*.

May 16, *Peter Klamm* m'd *Margaret Brenner*.

June 20, *Jacob Cox* m'd *Susan Noble*.

1849.

OFFICERS.

Governor, A. A. King; Congressman, W. P. Hall; Representatives, H. L. Wilkerson, A. M. Robinson; Circuit Judge, S. L. Leonard; Circuit Clerk, Ira Norris; County Justices, W. B. Barnett, R. Chinn, and L. J. Wood; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; Sheriff, M. N. Owen; Treasurer, J. S. Thomas; Assessor, E. M. Dobson; Public Administrator, Jacob Swope; Surveyor, Israel May.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Shubal Allen, W. B. Almond, Jas. H. Baldwin, Jas. Gardenhire, Thos. Herndon, I. N. Jones, E. H. Norton, Amos Rees, Jas. G. Spratt, J. S. Thomas, H. M. Vories, John Wilson.

Physicians—Wm. Baldwin, H. B. Callahan, F. Marshall, N. M. Shrock.

Merchants, etc.—Black & Dickson, Blanton, Brown, Ferrier, Fleshman, Horr, Hyatt, Green, Gaines, Johnston (postmaster), S. Johnston, R. D. Johnston, McCausland & Branham, Murray & Freeland, Remington & Kuykendall, Townsend, Martin & Morin.

At Weston: Attorneys—L. D. Bird, J. N. Burnes, John Doniphan, J. R. Hardin, J. R. Tylee.

Physicians—Bonifant, Malin, Ridley, Fulton.

Merchants, etc.—Basye, Bell & Venable, Belt, Blanjour, Burnes & Bros., Bowman, Cody, Dye, Fergus & Ranson, Knudson, Hattenback & Desseaux, Holladay, Noble, Owen & Estill, Perrys & Young, Post & Railey, Parrotts, Rich & Wilson, Wallingford, Wentworth, Wood.

At Parkville: Aspling & Stephens, Burney, Davis, Embry, Barnes, Crust, Hord, Nash, Summers, Ringo.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Cartwright, Singleton.

At Ridgely: Adams, Ellington, Oden, Phillips, Hill.

At Farley: Stiles, Burnes & Co.

JANUARY.

Jan. 20—The bridge over Sugar Creek is finished.

THE ADKINS FAMILY.

Jan. 25—Edwin G. Adkins died. He was b. in Owen Co., Ky, in 1800; m'd in 1823, Eliz. Garvey, dr. of Job Garvey, a soldier of the Revolutionary War. She survived her husband, and died April 4, 1883. In 1834 the family came to Lewis Co., Mo., and in 1846 to Platte, settling three miles southeast of Platte City. Ch:

L. BEAUFORD D. ADKINS, b. in Owen Co., Ky., Nov. 15, 1824;

d. in Platte, Jan. 21, 1878; m'd June 3, 1847, Margaret F. Bivins, b. Feb. 16, 1831, in Clay; d. in 1895. She was a sister to the widows of Daniel Carey and John Cain. Mr. Adkins was an enterprising farmer and stock-raiser, living six miles southeast of Platte City. Ch:

1. *Lizzie Adkins*, b. Dec. 7, 1848; m'd Jan. 21, 1868, John L. Collier, b. in 1836; d. March 23, 1896. They lived in Kansas City. Ch: [^a] Maggie Collier, m'd Clark Simpson; [^b] Lucy, m'd June 14, 1893, W. L. Rock; [^c] Annie D.
2. *Jas. D. Adkins*, b. May 29, 1852.
3. *Anna*, m'd Oct. 15, 1871, Dav. E. Pendleton.
4. *Nora B. Adkins*, b. Sept. 30, 1859; m'd Jan. 22, 1883, John L. Baldwin, of Clay.
5. *Hattie H. Adkins*, b. Feb. 7, 1862; m'd Sept. 14, 1886. G. M. Adair, of Illinois. Ch: [^a] Willie.
6. *Willie Adkins*, b. May 1, 1864; m'd Nov. 19, 1885, W. L. Black, of Kansas City.
7. *Benj. G. Adkins*, b. May 5, 1866; m'd Mamie Clark, and lives in Springfield, Mo.
8. *Ella C. Adkins*, b. Dec. 8, 1868; m'd Sept. 10, 1889, Rev. James Froman, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.
9. *Minnie D. Adkins*, b. Nov. 17, 1871; m'd Sept. 28, 1892, Benj. F. Oldham

II. JAMES ADKINS, b. in Owen Co., Ky., Dec. 7, 1830; d. at Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 6, 1885; m'd May 27, 1851, Calista Remington, b. May 4, 1830, in Vermilion Co., Ill., and now a widow in Platte City. Mr. Adkins was a politician of popularity and distinction. He went to Atchison Co., Kansas, prior to the war, and was elected sheriff of the county, member of a Constitutional Convention, and of the Legislature. But he was not allowed, for political reasons, to take his seat in the House. Returning to Platte, he served as deputy sheriff, under Bryant, and was three times elected representative; he died in office.

Mr. Adkins was one of my intimate friends, and in the embroglio of Ring and Sorehead, we stood shoulder to shoulder, in support of the latter. A stanza from one of the poems I published in his memory expresses my appreciation of his character:

A bold and magnanimous knight,
He knew neither fear nor reproach;
On innocence, virtue, and right
He suffered no man to encroach.
Impetuous, firm, and severe,
Discouragement quickened his zeal;
And prudent, when dangers were near,
His nerves were as rigid as steel.

His children:

1. *Edwin R. Adkins*, b. May 4, 1852; m'd Dec. 17, 1873, Harriet L. Searcy; went to Utah.
2. *Eugene R. Adkins*, b. Oct. 12, 1854; d. July 21, 1880; m'd Sept. 2, 1879, Carrie King.
3. *Frank R. Adkins*, b. Oct. 3, 1856; m'd in Utah.
4. *Helen C. Adkins*, b. Aug. 4, 1860; m'd Jan. 7, 1880, Jas. Wren, b. Sept. 9, 1844. He is an enterprising and prosperous farmer, living three miles northwest of Platte City. Ch: [a] Eula Wren, b. Dec. 25, 1880; [b] Jas. A., b. May 5, 1882; [c] Susan E. Wren, b. Jan. 7, 1888.
5. *Joel M. Adkins*, b. Nov. 10, 1862.
6. *Birdie*, b. April 23, 1865; m'd Jan. 6, 1886, Thos. J. Thatcher, of Smithville.
7. *James C. Adkins*, b. Feb. 13, 1869.

III. **GRANVILLE ADKINS**, m'd Dec. 16, 1856, Medelina (Della) Patterson. She was the only child of the distinguished Prof. Arch. Patterson and his wife, a Miss Kemper, of Walnut Hills, Cincinnati. She was a lady of superior education and accomplishments. She died childless, May 31, 1875, in Leavenworth, and was buried at Platte City. Mr. Adkins is still single, and lives at St. Joseph. He represented Buchanan County in the Legislature and was coal oil inspector.

IV. **AMANDA M. ADKINS**, b. in Lewis Co., Mo., Sept. 15, 1837; d. at Winchester, Kan., Oct. 15, 1881; buried at Platte City; m'd April 21, 1854, W. C. Remington, b. March 8, 1819; d. at Omaha, Neb., Dec. 20, 1864; buried at Platte City. He came to Platte City in 1843; was appointed assessor, and subsequently elected circuit clerk. He refused to take the oath required by the ousting ordinance, and opened a hotel in Omaha. His handsome brick residence in Platte City was burned in July, 1864, by Federal orders.

He first m'd July 2, 1848, Sarah J. Kuykendall, dr. of Judge James, who d. Aug. 30, 1853, leaving

1. *Jennie Remington*, who m'd Sept. 28, 1871, W. L. Blakely. They live in Denver.

By second wife:

2. *Craight Remington*, b. 1855; d. in Kansas, Feb. 13, 1882.
3. *Jas. W. Remington*, m'd Laura Johnson; and d. in Leavenworth, leaving 7 ch.
4. *May* (a boy), lives in Kansas City.

V. **JANE ADKINS**, m'd Howard Conley.

VI. **JOHN ADKINS**, d. Sept. 5, 1868.

VII. **WALLER ADKINS**, d. April 26, 1868.

FEBRUARY.

EMIGRATION TO CALIFORNIA GOLD MINES.

Feb. 3—The discovery of gold in California creates intense excitement. Wm. B. Almond, an old mountaineer, as well as an educated and accomplished jurist, forms a company of forty emigrants, and draws up a constitution for their government. The volume in which their proceedings were recorded has lately come to light. It is now a record of the San Francisco Court of First Instance, and was used as a minute book in the court over which Gen. Almond presided, from October 17, 1849, to May 6, 1850. The book shows the company was organized February 3, 1849. The last entry is July 29, 1849, when the company reached Fort Sutter, and dissolved, with a vote of thanks to Capt. Almond for his discretion, enterprise, and energy. Among the emigrants of 1849 I remember: W. B. Almond, W. R. Bane, G. P. Dorris, Perry Keith, Ben Holladay, R. Mat. Johnston, Richard Murphy, John S. and Wm. Brasfield, R. P. Wood, John G. Hayden. Platte sent 350 emigrants.

Holladay & Warner sent a train to Salt Lake with \$70,000 in goods.

Feb. 5—John Doniphan enrolled as an attorney.

The county court appropriates \$1,000, and appoints Dr. H. D. Oden commissioner, to build a bridge over Platte, at Skinner's Mill. A further amount is raised by subscription.

PLATTE RIVER NAVIGATION.

Feb. 27—An act of the Legislature incorporated "The Platte River Navigation Company," with J. H. Baldwin, Elisha Green, Andrew Johnson, Jas. Kuykendall, Hugh Swaney, and John Wilson, directors, with power to make locks and dams, and to create water-power. Nothing was done.

MARCH.

March 3—Rev. Geo. S. Woodward, a graduate of Bowdoin College, commences preaching to the Presbyterian Church at Parkville, with only three members, and yet a house of worship and a parsonage are built. He laid a foundation for the immense work that followed at Parkville.

March 10—The office of county treasurer is made elective, and an election appointed for August.

The Jackson pro-slavery resolutions passed by the Legislature, and the Democratic party is disrupted in Missouri.

HEMP.

There were no fall rains, and hemp was covered throughout the winter by from 10 to 15 inches of snow. The spring opened with continued rains. The price was \$4, and at that sum I engaged 125 tons before the market opened. The farmers were late in breaking out their hemp, but all was saved.

APRIL.

April 4—Lewis J. Wood resigns as county court justice, and Peter Rogers is appointed in his place.

April 13—A copy of the *Platte Argus* of this date is extant. J. W. Denver is editor. The California fever is raging.

Prices: Bacon and lard, 9 cents; coffee, 10 cents; corn, 50 cents; sugar, 6 cents. The county court pays \$12 for a cow and calf for the poor-house.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Warrants drawn	\$8,398.75
Revenue collected	6,922.17
Deficit	<u>\$1,476.58</u>

Purpose of Expenditures.

Poor-house and poor	\$1,769.00
Assessor	89.00
County Justices	160.00
Roads, besides Internal Improvement Fund	160.00
Jail	8.00
Treasurer (Thomas)	279.00
Sundries	1,376.75
Printing	2.00
County Clerk (Lewis)	1,077.00
County Attorney	150.00
Paving	300.00
Sheriff (Owen)	255.00
Circuit Clerk (Norris)	64.00
Bridges	2,435.00
	<u>\$8,398.75</u>

County levy, 30 cents. Assessment of real estate, \$1,091,155.
State school moneys, \$1,236.31.

Remington & Kuykendall buy of Dorris Lot 1. Block 29
Platte City.

May 7—Fielding Cockrill is appointed commissioner to build a bridge over Burckhardt's Branch.

Judge W. B. Barnett appears, after his escapade, and takes his seat as county judge. In his absence the court had recommended Geo. T. Hulse.

Phinehas Skinner takes out ferry license, at Ringold, until the bridge is finished.

May 9—Senator Benton publishes his appeal from the resolutions passed by the Legislature, denouncing them as treasonable.

James Kuykendall is appointed treasurer until the next general election in August.

Isaac Eades' estate is administered on by John Eades. Isaac m'd Harriet Brunts, dr. of John.

May 15—Alex. Baker is appointed administrator of Richard Dillon.

May 27—Mount Zion Baptist Church buys a site for a house of worship in Sec. 20, T. 54, R. 33.

May 30—Eliezer Wilhite buys property in Weston, and erects a steam flouring mill.

This month the great fire in St. Louis occurred; 23 steamers and \$2,750,000 worth of property burned.

JUNE.

SAMUEL BOWMAN.

June 2—Samuel Bowman's estate is administered on by L. P. Stiles. His will is dated May 22, 1849. He had a beautiful bottom farm, near Farley. His widow's name was Jane, and their children:

- I. GEO. W. BOWMAN.
- II. MICHAEL BOWMAN, d. single.
- III. JACOB BOWMAN, died, and his only child soon followed, leaving his widow, Sarah, sole heir.
- IV. HENRY, d. in Jan., 1863, leaving a widow, Sarah, and a child:
 1. *Mary J.*
- V. HARRISON.
- VI. EDWARD.
- VII. THOS. H.
- VIII. JOHN M.
- IX. SARAH BOWMAN, m'd March 16, 1848, John Houts. Children:
 1. *Jacob.*
- X. LAVINIA, m'd McClain.
- XI. SAMUEL BOWMAN (ii).

June 3—Humphrey Finch's estate administered on by Finch & Moore.

OBED BROWN, SR.

His estate was administered on by W. M. Paxton. He was born in Ohio, and there he was married, and there his wife died. In

1838 he came to Platte, with his children, and settled on Wildcat Branch of Todd's Creek. Several of his children never came west. Those that came:

- I. OBED BROWN (ii), m'd Eliza Grover and will be noticed.
- II. LOIS BROWN, was the second wife of Barnet Sisk.
- III. LUMMUS BROWN, m'd Feb. 8, 1848, Drusilla, dr. of Leonard Prunty.
- IV. CLARISSA BROWN, m'd Jed. Prunty, and went to Kansas.

June 6—Coleby Powell's estate administered on by R. F. Mason. Bond, \$7,000.

PLATTE CITY BRIDGE.

For some years after this bridge was built, the trestle at its center was left standing, but it was washed out by drift that lodged against it. The bridge then careened over, and threatened to fall up stream. But a stout brace was fastened in the rock bottom of the river, and secured it. But this was liable to be torn out by drift, and the court appoints Elisha Green commissioner, and appropriates \$1,500 to erect a pier in the middle of the stream.

David Cordray's estate administered on by John Doniphan.

June 10—B. F. Warren's estate administered by John Meek.

WILLIAM O. TATE.

William O. Tate's estate was administered on by Lydia Tate. Bond, \$2,200. He was an officer in J. Morin's company, and was severely wounded in New Mexico. He came home, and died March 10, 1849. He m'd in 1825, Lydia Sloan, b. May 15, 1804, d. Jan. 18, 1894. She was a dr. of David Sloan. Ch:

- I. ROBERT, lives single.
- II. JAMES TATE, m'd Miranda B. Lewis, dr. of Judge D. P. Lewis. She d. Nov. 13, 1894. He is a prosperous farmer, four miles southeast of Platte City. Ch:
 - 1. *Wm. O. Tate* (ii).
 - 2. *Dan'l Boone Tate*, m'd Aug. 9, 1896, Ida B. Armstrong.
 - 3. *John W. Tate*, m'd Etta Cole.
 - 4. *Tallman Tate*.
 - 5. *Benj. F. Tate*, m'd Aug. 29, 1872, Cyrena Sloan.
 - 6. *David Tate*.
 - 7. *Jennie Tate*, m'd March 14, 1875, Marcus A. Cox, d.
 - 8. *Belle Tate*.
- III. NANCY J. TATE, m'd John Boyd, who left her.
- IV. ALEX. TATE, killed in a well.
- V. MINERVA ANN TATE, m'd Wm. Allison, and lives in Kansas City. 5 ch:
- VI. JOHN A. TATE.

June 16—Senator Benton spoke in Liberty against the resolutions passed by the Legislature.

THE COCKRILL FAMILY.

June 19—Felix G. Cockrill, a merchant of Weston, died, and his widow, Elizabeth, administered, with Fielding Cockrill, giving bond for \$30,000.

The father of the Cockrill brothers was Joseph Cockrill, of Maryland. He m'd Nancy Lucas, and removed to Fayette Co., Ky., and here the sons were born. The family removed to Howard Co., Mo., and thence to Randolph Co. Here Joseph, the father, died in 1826. His widow came to Platte, and died in 1853. In 1842 the three brothers came to Platte. Felix G. went into the mercantile business in Weston, and Fielding and Clinton settled three miles west of Platte City, on a splendid body of land. Ch:

I. FIELDING COCKRILL,

Born in Fayette Co., Ky., April 10, 1804; d. in Platte Jan. 28, 1852; m'd Sept. 3, 1834, Martha A. Chapman, b. April 6, 1806; d. Sept. 4, 1859. She was a dr. of Edmund Chapman, b. Jan. 3, 1764. Mr. Cockrill was tall and imposing in person, formal in address, deliberate in speech, and sound in judgment. After engaging successfully in various enterprises in Randolph County, Mr. Cockrill came to Platte, and selected, three miles west of Platte, a fertile and beautiful farm, and was accumulating wealth, when death called him away. Ch:

I. EDMUND CHAPMAN COCKRILL, b. in Randolph Co. Feb. 4, 1840; d. at Kansas City Nov. 11, 1892, and buried at Platte City; m'd Feb. 3, 1863, Lucretia McCluer, b. Nov. 24, 1840; living in Platte City. She was a dr. of Maj. John H. McCluer and Ann McGrew; and a most lovely woman. Mr. Cockrill was a gentleman of education, business qualifications, and urbane address. He held the offices, successively, of treasurer and collector of Platte County. He was a zealous member of the Christian Church in Platte City, an elder of the church, and a superintendent of the Sabbath-school. He removed to Kansas City a few years before his death. His generous heart and liberal hand caused him to live beyond his income, and he left little more than a good name to his widow and children.

1. *Emma*, b. Feb. 25, 1864; m'd May 13, 1886, Archie R. Jack, b. May 20, 1855. Mr. Jack is a son of the late Alfred Jack, is cashier of the Platte City Exchange Bank, and is regarded as one of the best accountants in the State. He enjoys universal confidence and esteem. Ch: [a] Lucian M. Jack, b. March 23, 1887; [b] Archie C., b. Oct. 28, 1888; [c] Gordon L., b. Oct. 27, 1890.
2. *Joseph Cockrill*, b. Feb. 6, 1866.
3. *Frank M.*, b. Dec. 24, 1869.

4. *Mattie L. Cockrill*, b. March 7, 1872; m'd Jan. 1, 1895, Jas. T. Clark.

Mr. Cockrill served a term in Winston's regiment of Confederates. He was a Knight Templar, and was buried with the honors of the order.

- II. F. GRUNDY COCKRILL, b. March 23, 1847; d. Oct. 28, 1879; m'd Oct. 18, 1866, Cynthia Tribble, b. Nov. 23, 1849; living at Tracy. He was a man of engaging address, gentle manners, and much beloved for his amiable disposition. He received a finished education at Bethany College, Va., and, from 1872 until his death, he was the senior member of the banking firm of Cockrill & Co., at Platte City. We were friends, and met daily in our respective duties; and when cut off by death, I paid him a poetic tribute, from which I copy a stanza:

We grieve not if the fruit-tree die,
Before it blooms, or after bearing;
But o'er its lovely flowers we sigh,
If rudely crushed by hand unsparing.
Farewell! the flower so harshly crushed
In heaven is now in beauty blooming:
Farewell! the lamp that feebly flushed
Is now the throne of God illuming.

His children:

1. *Lizzie M. Cockrill*, b. July 24, 1876; m'd Nov. 23, 1887, John A. Bryant. They live in Kansas City.
 2. *Clarence L.*, b. Oct. 8, 1869.
 3. *Nellie M.*, b. March 17, 1873; m'd Oct. 1, 1891, Arthur Meads.
 4. *Grundy*, b. Oct. 10, 1878.
 5. *Cynthia* (Genie), b. Oct. 6, 1876; m'd Oct. 29, 1895, Andrew B. Fish.
- III. WILLIAM F. COCKRILL, b. March 5, 1851; m'd Oct. 3, 1872, Helen Cockrill (cousin), b. July 11, 1854, dr. of Clinton Cockrill. Their ch:
1. *Walter Cockrill*, b. Oct. 25, 1880.
 2. *Coates*, b. Oct. 27, 1884.
- Mr. Cockrill became intemperate, was divorced, and now lives in Chicago.

II. CLINTON COCKRILL,

Born in Fayette Co., Ky., April 10, 1810; m'd Sept. 29, 1836, Mary E. Coates, b. April 25, 1822, dr. of Judge Thomas P. Coates, of Randolph Co., Mo. Both are living at Platte City. Mr. Cockrill learned the latter's business, but never engaged in it. He also tried merchandising with success, in Randolph Co., Mo. In 1842 he came to Platte, with his brothers, and settled three miles west of Platte City. He purchased a large tract of land, which he dis-

tributed among his children. He is the largest capitalist in the county, and is still wealthy, though he has advanced his children largely. He loans money on real estate, makes his office in the Exchange Bank, and, though hard of hearing and of defective sight, manages his large estate with judgment and success. His insight into character is remarkable, and his judgment is so profound that he is seldom deceived. The aged couple celebrated their golden wedding in 1886, and on every birthday of the father the whole family gather around their parents. Mrs. Cockrill yet seems a young woman. Mr. Cockrill depends upon his own judgment in all his dealings. He never formed a partnership, and has but seldom had a lawsuit. Ch:

I. EMMA COCKRILL, b. Oct. 1, 1845; m'd Nov. 25, 1862, John W. Spratley. They live in Leavenworth. Emma is now a fresh, hale, and hearty woman, and though moving in the highest sphere of society, is zealous in every good work. She graduated at Prof. H. B. Todd's Academy, and by reading and by literary association keeps up with the learning of the day. She has traveled extensively, and has seen much of the world. Mr. Spratley has a turn for financial schemes, and has profited by his superior judgment and acumen. Ch:

1. *John Spratley, Jr.*

II. THOMAS G. COCKRILL, b. Oct. 3, 1849; m'd Nov. 22, 1870, Bettie Chesnut, b. May 25, 1852, dr. of Judge Wm. Chesnut. After receiving a good education, Mr. Cockrill became a member of the banking firm of Merryman, Paxton & Cockrill, in Platte City, and was cashier for the house. But he removed to a fine farm, five miles east of Platte City, and is engaged in raising stock. He is generous and honorable, and enjoys universal esteem. Mrs. Cockrill is a lovely woman, beautiful in person and fascinating in her manners. Ch:

1. *Dr. Chesnut Cockrill*, b. Sept. 14, 1871; m'd Sept. 23, 1896, *Nellie Oaks*.

2. *Ida*. 3. *June Cockrill*, b. April 10, 1878. 4. *David*. 5. *Grundy*. 6. *Lucetta*. 7. *Narbonne*.

III. FIELDING (FEDE) N. COCKRILL, b. Dec. 4, 1851; m'd March 18, 1880, *Dora B. Moore*, dr. of John.

IV. HELEN C. COCKRILL, noticed above, m'd April 16, 1891. *Byron Woodson*, a young lawyer of finished education and superior acquirements. He practiced in Platte City and St. Joseph, but is now on the ancestral farm of the Cockrills. Ch:

1. *Jarvis Woodson*.

V. CLINTON BARTLETT COCKRILL, b. Sept. 11, 1862; m'd Nov. 3, 1887, *Mary McFarland*. (See.)

VI. ELLA MAY COCKRILL, b. Dec. 24, 1865; m'd Feb. 11, 1885, *John T. Mason*, b. Nov. 4, 1860. He is a man of native mind

and solid acquirements. He is an amateur in photography, and keeps an office in Platte City. He has erected a spacious and costly residence near Platte City, and the old people, parents of Mrs. Mason, live with their daughter. Ella May is a small, sweet, pure, and lovely woman. Ch:

1. *M. M. Mason*, b. March 9, 1887.

2. *Emlie Mason*, b. Jan. 22, 1889.

III. FELIX G. COCKRILL,

Born in Fayette Co., Ky., Dec. 27, 1811; m'd in 1842, in Randolph Co., Mo., Eliz. Oxley; came on to Weston, and engaged in the dry goods trade. He d. June 19, 1849, leaving an estate of \$20,000, which was divided between his widow and his brothers. The widow m'd Aug. 10, 1852, Perry Keith, and died, leaving no child by either husband. Mr. Keith m'd 2d, March 19, 1856, Mrs. Emma Mulhurn, née Boyd.

SENATOR BENTON.

June 18—Senator Benton spoke at Platte City, in support of his appeal to the people from the Jackson resolutions, passed March 10, 1849, intended to instruct Benton out of the Senate. In his circuit of the State, Benton appeared at Platte City. A stand had been erected, where Koster's Addition was subsequently laid off. The town was full of people opposed to Benton. At the stand there were only two or three hundred. Representative Wilkerson, who had voted for the resolutions, took a prominent place, immediately in front of the speaker. I was reclining on the grass, in the rear, conversing with Col. J. W. Reid, who had just returned from the Mexican War. Suddenly, Benton's voice rose to its highest pitch, and Col. Reid instantly sprang to his feet, and dashed to the stand. I followed, and found him standing at Benton's side, with two revolvers in hand, and two more at his sides. Wilkerson having pronounced some statement of Benton's "a lie," the latter was pouring bitter denunciation on the treasonable Legislature, and pointing the finger of scorn and the voice of imprecation upon the pale and crouching form of Wilkerson. Benton was severe in his denunciation of Judge Birch, and brought charges for which a suit of slander was instituted, but which never came to trial.

June 21—William Brown, a merchant of Platte City, having died, James W. Denver was appointed administrator. Mr. Brown left a widow, who still lives in Kansas City, and a dr., Laura V. Brown, who m'd Feb. 2, 1860, A. Milton Johnston, son of Capt. R. D. Johnston. Ch: 1, Milton; 2, Robt. D.; 3, Albert L.

ALEX. ROSS.

June 22—Alex. Ross having died, Andrew Tribble administered. Bond, \$4,000. He m'd Jane Stewart, dr. of Arch. Stewart and Elizabeth Tribble, a sister of Andrew. Mrs. Ross had two ch: 1, Wm. A. Ross; 2, Sue Ross. The latter was a lovely and accomplished lady. She m'd A. L. Reneau, who d., leaving two children. Jane, the widow of Alex. Ross, m'd John Smith, who died, leaving a widow and one child. The child died, leaving the real estate to its mother, Jane Smith, who m'd Z. A. Washburn, and died, leaving the Smith land to descend to Wm. A. and Sue Ross, who sold it.

BRIDGE OVER BEE CREEK.

A new State road having been opened on a straight course from Platte City to Weston, H. L. Wilkerson is appointed commissioner to construct a bridge over Bee Creek.

A hail-storm injures hemp. The Missouri River is high, but not out of its banks.

JULY.

July 1—The State road from Weston to St. Joseph, by way of De Kalb, is opened.

July 17—James H. Stockton having died, Martha Stockton is appointed administratrix. Bond, \$1,000.

PRICES.

At the sale of personal property by the administrator of Alex. Ross, stock brought the following prices: Cows, \$6 and \$9; horses, \$10, \$18, \$30, \$50; oxen, per yoke, \$13, \$35, \$36, \$40; steers, \$6, \$8, \$9.

AUGUST.

THE ELECTION.

Aug. 6—A special election: The Legislature has established a probate court for Platte County, and has made the office of assessor elective. Jas. Kuykendall is chosen probate judge, and E. M. Dobson assessor.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F., buys property in Weston.

H. L. Wilkerson agrees to build the bridge across Bee Creek, on the direct road from Platte City to Weston, for \$2,200.

Aug. 15—Tim Dowling and John Lafferty contract to build the pier under the Platte City bridge, for \$2,100.

Aug. 23—Under the act of March 10, 1849, the county court lays off the county into 63 road districts, and appoints an overseer for each.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 3—The county clerk is ordered to hand over to the probate judge all probate papers, and to make certified copies for him of all probate records. This was done in a slovenly manner. The records are without an index and of little value.

Sept. 5—The Odd Fellows are ordered to vacate the upper and east office of the court-house, that it may be used as a probate office. Amos Rees is also ordered to vacate the upper and west office.

The Methodist Church on Lot 3, Block 33, of Platte City, is now complete, and is used for worship by all denominations. A bar of steel is suspended at the door, and is struck with a hammer, as a bell.

Thos. Herndon is enrolled as an attorney.

Sept. 21—Shubal Allen is enrolled.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 6—Hinkle, Holladay, Goff & Warner buy of Estill & Woods the Union Mills and a large body of land.

ALLEN McLANE.

Oct. 9—Allen McLane d. on his way to California, at the age of 31. He was one of the rising young men of Missouri. He was a son of Dr. Allen McLane, of Wilmington, Delaware, and Catherine, dr. of John W. Reed, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was a nephew of Hon. Lewis McLane, minister to England. He was b. in 1818, and came to Platte in 1842, after extensive travel in Europe. With E. S. Wilkinson, he started the *Eagle*, the first paper published in Platte. He m'd March 25, 1844, Jane Kay, dr. of George. She was born April 3, 1827; d. in 1895. He became a warm supporter of Senator Benton. He was appointed register of the State land office at Savannah; but his appointment, for political reasons, was rejected by the State Senate. But President Polk subsequently appointed him register of the United States land office at Plattsburg. This position he resigned to emigrate to California. Thos. Birch succeeded him as register. Only one child survives:

I. GERTRUDE McLANE, b. Dec. 13, 1844; m'd Jan. 3, 1872.

Levi Allen Hurst, son of Rev. Thos. Hurst. He was b. Oct. 8, 1840, in Ross Co., Ohio; came with his parents to Platte, and settled near Ridgely. He is honored for his intellectual acquirements and religious walk. His wife is beloved for her Christian graces and exemplary deportment. Ch:

1. *Jennie Hurst*, b. in Oct., 1873.

2. *Thos. A. Hurst*, b. Sept. 22, 1879.

3. *Lizzie Hurst*, b. Aug. 10, 1882.

Mrs. Allen McLane m'd 2d, N. E. Wilkinson. (See.)

Oct. 13—Rev. W. H. Thomas buys the Rupe farm of 320 acres, in T. 53, R. 34.

Oct. 16—Col. John E. Pitt buys the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 1, T. 52, R. 35.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 1—Judge Chinn, of the county court, having resigned, James B. Martin is appointed. And Judge Wood having resigned May 4, Judge Rogers is appointed. And Judge Barnett having resigned June 3, Gen. Thompson Ward is appointed to his place. The court is now: Martin, presiding, with Rogers and Ward, associates.

Nov. 28—Owen & Estill sell their business property in Weston to Wm. H. Bell and Shelton J. Lowe, for \$10,000.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 31—The California emigration is the distinguishing feature of the year 1849. From three to four hundred of our most enterprising citizens fell victims to the gold fever. One-half never returned, and that half did well or died from home. The other half returned, broken in fortune, but satisfied with adventure.

MARRIAGES NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED, 1849.

January 25, J. H. Surratt m'd M. J. Spratt.
 February 1, Perry A. Duncan m'd Hannah Butler.
 February 12, H. J. Moody m'd Malinda Hawn.
 March 20, Jesse Cox m'd Margaret L. Bonnell.
 March 23, Jas. Drais m'd China Richardson.
 April 29, John Menton m'd Mary W. Barbee.
 May 20, Charles Tompkins m'd Polly Lovelady.

A LIST OF PREACHERS.

Who Ministered in Platte, from 1837 to 1850, with Dates of Arrival and of Church Connection.

Allen, Jesse, 1840.	Cumberland Presbyterian.
Allen, Moses, 1840; R. H., 1846.	
Allen Thos., 1842.	
Archer, Singleton, 1843.	Baptist.
Alkins, John, 1842.	
Barker, Abner, 1849.	
Barker, Jas., 1842.	
Baxter, W. R., 1848.	Methodist Episcopal.
Bowers, Henry, 1849.	Baptist.
Brooks, D. G., 1847.	Baptist.
Burnett, Glen O., 1842.	Christian.
Burruss, Phil. J., 1842.	Baptist.
Callerman, John, 1847.	Christian.
Caples W. G., 1848.	Methodist Episcopal.

Chandler, G. W., 1844	Methodist Episcopal.
Cline, Mat., 1844	
Cox, Jas., 1838	Christian.
Davis, Claib, 1847	Cumberland Presbyterian.
Devlin, Jos., 1846	Methodist Episcopal.
Dryden, C. F., 1843	
Evans, J. M., 1843	
Fanning, Jos., 1841	
Farmer, Samuel, 1846	
Gregory, J. D., 1843	
Grooms, Joel, 1842	Methodist Episcopal.
Guthrie, Wm. A., 1847	
Heath, John, 1842	Methodist Episcopal.
Heath, Stephen P., 1842	Methodist Episcopal.
Herbert, Chas. D., 1847	Presbyterian.
Holland, R. W., 1846	
Holt, D. R., 1839	Presbyterian.
Jordan, R. H., 1843	
Kavanaugh, Wm., 1839	
Lanear, W. P., 1844	
Lewis, Byran, 1839	
Linville, John, 1839	
Love, G. W., 1847	Methodist Episcopal.
Lovelady, Jas., 1839	
Lowe, S. J., 1846	Baptist.
McCreery, Ben, 1848	Cumberland Presbyterian.
McQueen, J. B., 1843	
Markham, T. B., 1841	Methodist Episcopal.
Marvin, E. M., 1848	Methodist Episcopal.
Miller, Richard, 1844	
Oliphant, Sam'l, 1847	Christian.
Payne, A. H. F., 1843	Christian.
Perry, John T., 1842	Methodist Episcopal.
Redman, W. W., 1840	Methodist Episcopal.
Renick, Henry, 1840	
Richardson, Manoah, 1844	
Rush, Wm. M., 1848	Methodist Episcopal.
Scott, Robt., 1845	Presbyterian.
Simpson, Wm., 1839	
Smith, R. H., 1844	Cumberland Presbyterian.
Snelling, Vincent, 1841	
Steele, O. C., 1839	Christian.
Talbott, A. M., 1843	
Turner, Thos., 1839	Baptist.
Tutt, John A., 1846	Christian.
Vaughn, L., 1840	Methodist Episcopal.
White, Luther, 1845	
Williams, A. P., 1848	Baptist.
Williams, Isaiah, 1848	Baptist.

Wilson, J. D., 1846.
 Wilson, Joshua, 1847. Methodist Episcopal.
 Woodward, G. S., 1849. Presbyterian.
 Wright, Edward, 1846. Presbyterian.

1850.

OFFICERS:

Governor, A. A. King; Congressman, W. P. Hall; Representatives, H. L. Wilkerson and A. M. Robinson; Circuit Judge, S. L. Leonard; Circuit Clerk, Ira Norris; County Justices, Martin, Rogers, and Ward; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; Sheriff, M. N. Owen; Assessor, E. M. Dobson; Treasurer, Jas. S. Thomas; Probate Judge, Jas. Kuykendall; Surveyor, Israel May; Public Administrator, Jacob Swope.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Almond, Baldwin, Clark, Denver, Gardenhire, Herndon, Norton, Pitt, Lawson, Spratt, Thomas, Wilson, Rees.

Physicians—Baldwin, Callahan, Marshall, Shrock, Wallace.

Merchants, etc.—Black & Dickson, Fleshman, Fox & Brooks. Johnston Keith, Johnston, McCausland & Branham, Murray & Freeland, Thos. Metcalfe (postmaster), Shrock & Jack, Green. Gaines, L. Ramey, Townsend, Paxton & Callahan, Remington & Kuykendall, Ferrier, Martin & Ritner.

At Weston: Bird, Burnes, Doniphan, Tylee, Bonifant, Bowers, Ridley.

Merchants, etc.—Basye, Bell & Venable, Bell & Lowe, Belt & Murphy, Bowman, Briggs, Burnes & Bros., Holladay, Perrys & Young, Noble, Parrott, Raileys, Warner, Wood, Dye, McHolland.

At Parkville: Aspling & Stephens, Burney, Arnold, Davis, Barnes, Crust, Ringo, Summers, Park.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Cartwright.

At Ridgely: Ellington, Phillips, Black.

At Farley: Stiles, Burnes & Co.

CENSUS.

Comparative Population.

THE UNITED STATES.

1810.	7,239,881
1820.	9,633,822
1830.	12,866,020
1840.	17,069,453
1850.	23,191,876

THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

1810..	20,845
1820..	66,557
1830..	140,455
1840..	383,702
1850..	682,044

PLATTE COUNTY.

1840..	8,913
1850..	16,845

PLATTE COUNTY BY TOWNSHIPS, 1850.

Carroll..	392	1,824
Green..	471	2,123
Lee..	340	1,454
Marshall..	420	1,823
Pettis..	459	2,494
Preston..	142	1,128
Weston..	625	3,150

White.. 13,996

Colored.. 2,849

Total.. 16,845

Towns: Parkville, 309; Platte City, 411; Weston, 1,915.

Produce of Platte County, 1850: Hemp, 4,355 tons; wheat, 129,067 bushels; corn, 1,814,287 bushels.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—William M. Paxton and H. B. Callahan form a partnership, buy the store of Jas. H. Johnston, and continue his business of general merchant.

The Bethel M. E. Church organized. The original members: 1. Richard Babcock; 2. Serelda Babcock; 3. Lucinda Babcock; 4. Jose Elkin; 5. John Flannery; 6. Winifred Flannery; 7. John Hatfield; 8. his wife; 9. John Keys; 10. his wife; 11. W. H. Kimsey; 12. Susanna Kimsey.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—Frederick Starr, a Presbyterian minister from Rochester, N. Y., settles in Weston, as pastor of the Presbyterian Church. He was an outspoken Abolitionist; and during the border strife he fearlessly promulgated his principles, and built up, at Weston, a strong anti-slavery party. His life was often in danger from mob-violence. In the midst of the excitement, he thought it prudent to remove to St. Louis. He traveled east, and was lionized by his party. He visited Weston during the war and was kindly received. He died in St. Louis Jan. 8, 1867.

Feb. 6—L. D. Bird buys for \$5,905 a large bottom farm of Lewis Burnes, in T. 52, R. 35. Burnes goes west.

Feb. 16—Dr. G. W. Bayless, of the Louisville Medical School, removes to Missouri, and buys of G. B. Sanderson a large farm (Hazlewood) on the road between Weston and Platte City, for \$8,000.

MARCH.

March 9—Pleasant Ellington gives a site for a church to the Methodists of Ridgely.

March 18—W. J. Norris buys a farm, including the site of Tracy, and builds the brick house now owned by Judge Talbott.

March 22—Capt. Andrew Johnson buys a farm three miles east of Platte City, and builds the Carmack brick house.

AARON OSBORN.

Aaron Osborn, of New Market, d. in Holt Co.; he was a cabinet-maker; m'd Sarah Harker. Ch:

- I. MALINDA, m'd John Chambers.
- II. ELIZABETH, m'd Wm. Gan.
- III. CAPT. AARON F., m'd Winnie A. Merchant, widow of Thos. 6 children.
- IV. JOHN W., m'd Julia A. Armstrong.
- V. SARAH, m'd Wm. Lewis, son of Jesse.

APRIL.

April 5—Dr. E. C. Redman settles at Platte City.

The last of the Martin family, except his son James, goes to Oregon.

Holladay & Warner send out to Salt Lake a consignment of \$150,000 of goods.

WILLIAM T. WILLIAMS.

April 12—William T. Williams d. near Barry. He was b. in Pittsylvania Co., Va., June 5, 1806; m'd in Ky. Olive M. Shelton, b. Dec. 24, 1805. They came in 1843. Ch:

- I. SARAH F. WILLIAMS, m'd W. F. Hobbs, and went to Kansas.
- II. JAS. W. WILLIAMS, b. April 19, 1833; m'd Jan. 28, 1862, Sarah F. Drennon, b. Sept. 14, 1841. Ch:
 1. Robert Williams, m'd Ola Hughes, dr. of Robert, a son of William S.
 2. Alice, m'd Wm. Moseby.
 3. Wm. A. Williams.
- III. EMILY A. WILLIAMS, m'd J. L. Hamlet, and removed to Kansas.
- IV. HENRIETTA, m'd Nathan Edans.
- V. JOHN W. WILLIAMS, m'd Sarah E. Williams. 9 ch.
- VI. CHAS. A., b. Feb. 3, 1844; m'd Nov. 14, 1881, Ella Henry. Live near Barry.

1. *Jessie O. Williams.* 2. *Cora E.* 3. *Azle C.* 4. *Sarah A.*
VII. VICTORIA, m'd Willis Redman.

Geo. S. Park this year erects the stone hotel in Parkville, which, in 1875, he gave to Park College, and was known as No. 1, until 1893. It was then remodelled and rebuilt, and a stone tablet says it shall be known as "Woodward Hall" in honor of Rev. Geo. S. Woodward, the founder of the Parkville Presbyterian Church.

CALIFORNIA EMIGRANTS.

April 15—1, Jas. Adkins and brothers; 2, N. C. Boydston; 3, T. J. Carson; 4, R. P. Clark; 5, Clint. Cockrill; 6, T. J. Keller; 7, Abe Hartman; 8, W. C. Hatton; 9, Dr. F. Marshall; 10, Pres. McDonald; 11, M. N. Owen; 12, Thomas Ramey; 13, Lewis Ramey; 14, Daniel Stagg; 15, Jeff. Thompson; 16, Robert Thompson, and others, visit California. Did any of them bring back more than they took away?

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Receipts.

Revenue Fund.	\$4,838.35
Poor-house Fund.	285.71
Internal Improvement Fund.	626.95

\$5,751.01

Warrants drawn.	9,928.12
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Overdrafts.	\$4,177.11
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Purpose of Expenditures.

Bridge at Iatan.	\$ 479.00
Bridge at Platte City.	300.00
Bridge at Skinner's Mill.	700.00
Bridge at Sugar Creek.	827.00
Bridge at Bee Creek.	1,250.00
Other roads and bridges.	\$3,556.00
County Justices.	1,016.00
County Clerk.	213.00
County Clerk.	856.00
Assessor.	219.00
Circuit Clerk.	8.00
Jail.	266.00
Poor and poor-house.	825.00
Probate office.	208.00
Sheriff.	475.00
Sundry purposes.	2,286.12

Total.	\$9,928.12
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Principal of Township School Funds, \$23,880.39.

Assessment.

Slaves, 2,045, assessed at	\$ 714,195.00
Money and notes	287,639.00
Real estate	1,684,710.00

Total \$2,686,544.00

County levy on \$100, 40 cents.

May 9—Upper Bee Creek bridge reported finished.

May 10—Compass Lodge, No. 120, A. F. & A. M., chartered at Parkville.

JUNE.

June 3—Judge W. B. Barnett, having resigned as county justice, disappears, much to the mortification of his friends and creditors.

CHOLERA.

The first visit of cholera to Platte City was this summer. A stranger got out of the stage, and commenced screaming and cramping, at the post-office. A hasty consultation was held, and Judge Norton, N. H. Hope and W. M. Paxton determined to lead him to a vacant house, standing on the lot occupied by the present jail. But the man fell on Main Street, with cramp, and screamed so as to alarm the town. We gave him the best of care, but, in thirty-six hours, he died. The breath had hardly ceased before a trembling gang, who had given no help in the man's lifetime, hurried him off in a box, by night, to an improvised grave. His name was never learned. Fear settled on the whole county. The disease was fatal among emigrants on the plains. Several strangers and some citizens died at Weston.

JULY.

JAMES R. BROWN.

July 9—James R. Brown died. He was a son of Henry Brown, and came from Kentucky to Ray Co., Mo., and thence to Clay, where he married Jane Campbell. He was not related to William Brown, whose posterity covered the eastern side of Platte. Children:

I. WASH. H. BROWN, b. Sept. 6, 1831; m'd in 1859, Susan Pierce, b. Jan. 8, 1829. Ch:

1. *Mary Jane Brown*, b. Oct. 27, 1860.

2. *Robert Brown*, b. Nov. 11, 1865.

II. NAT. R. BROWN, twin of Wash. H., m'd Cath. Campbell. No children.

III. Wm. S. Brown, m'd Sarah Newell. Ch:

1. *Mary*. 2. *Mattie*. 3. *Jessie*. 4. *Courtney Brown*.

IV. REB. BROWN, m'd Abs. Grooms. 4 ch.

AUGUST.

THE ELECTION.

The election resulted in the choice of Congressman, W. P. Hall; Senator, A. M. Robinson; Sheriff, L. Shepard; Treasurer, W. Christison; Representatives, D. D. Burnes, W. H. Summers, and R. D. Johnston; Assessor, Jas. F. Bradley; Coroner, A. L. Perrin.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 2—Andrew Tribble is appointed commissioner to rebuild the Lower Bee Creek bridge.

Sept. 14—S. A. Jack and W. A. Fox buy business property in Platte City, and open stores.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—The pier under the Platte City bridge is complete.

The road from Parkville to Platte City is ordered to be opened, and \$200 is appropriated to build a bridge over Brush Creek.

Oct. 8—H. N. Jenks is appointed public administrator.

The county paid \$300 to Kuykendall & Lewis, for their copies of the probate records.

Oct. 10—E. H. Norton is appointed county attorney, with a salary of \$100.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 20—The Platte City Baptist Church is organized, with the following members: 1, Smith Alnut; 2, Nancy Blanton; 3, Joshua Boyd; 4, Nancy Boyd; 5, Sarah J. Norris; 6, Braxton Pollard; 7, Eliz. Pollard; 8, E. T. Perkins; 9, Eliz. Prewitt; 10, Mary A. Stone; 11, Jas. Stone; 12, Sarah Stone.

MARRIAGES IN 1850 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

February 3, Michael Hartman m'd Nancy Spratt.

April 23, J. T. V. Thompson m'd Emily Drew.

July 20, M. L. Young m'd Maria L. Lee.

November 8, James Mulkey m'd Sarah Perkins.

December 17, Dr. J. D. McCurdy m'd Aletha Walker.

R. P. Clark is appointed county judge in place of Rogers.

1851.

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BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Clark, Denver, Herndon, Lawson, Pitt, Norton, Rees, Spratt, Thomas, Vories, Wilson, Baldwin.

Physicians—Baldwin, Callahan, Marshall, Guthrie, Redman, Shrock, Wallace.

Merchants, etc.—Black & Dickson, Fox & Brooks, Johnston & Clark, Fleshman, S. Johnston, R. D. Johnston, Murray & Freeland, Paxton & Callahan, Morin & Martin, Shrock & Jack, T. Metcalfe (postmaster), Remington & Kuykendall, Townsend, Gaines, Green, Ferrier, J. W. Denver, editor of *Argus*.

At Weston: Attorneys—Bird, Burnes, Doniphan, Ramage, Tylee, McCurdy.

Physicians—Bonifant, Bowers, Ridley, Fulton.

Merchants, etc.—Basye, Belt & Colman, Bowman, Briggs, Burnes & Bros., Deckelman, Cody, Fergusys, Noble, Osborn, Railey, Parrott, Post, Perrys & Young, McCown, Warner, Wood, Snider, McHolland.

At Parkville: Aspling & Stephens, Arnold, Burney, Davis, Goodyear & Roberts, Park, Bueneman, Ringo, Silvey, Summers, Drs. Barnes, Crust, Love, Young.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Cartwright.

At Ridgely: Ellington, Phillips, Oden.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 17—Joseph Todd (i) died at his home four miles west of Platte City.

THE TODD FAMILY.

Early in the eighteenth century, Thomas Todd and his wife, Elizabeth, came from England, and settled in central Pennsylvania. They removed thence to North Carolina. They had other children, but we are interested in only two:

I. JEMIMA TODD

Was the younger of the two. She was b. in Pennsylvania Jan. 19, 1759, and d. in Platte April 30, 1850; m'd in North Carolina March

17, 1778, John Wagle, b. in North Carolina Oct. 9, 1751. He was a son of John and Mary Wagle. John and Jemima were progenitors of the Platte County family of that name, and will be noticed.

II. JOSEPH TODD (i)

Was b. in Pennsylvania about 1748. He m'd Ann Crose, a German lady, and, after residing a time in Rowan Co., N. C., removed to Hardin Co., Ky., and thence to Madison Co., Ky. In 1817 he pressed forward to Howard Co., Mo. Here most of his children remained. We will name his 13 children, reserving full notices for those who came to Platte:

I. THOMAS TODD, lived and died in Howard.

II. ISAIAH TODD, went to St. Louis Co.

III. ELISHA, lived in Clay.

IV. DAVIS, lived in Howard.

V. JONATHAN, was killed by Indians.

VI. LEVI, lived in Howard.

VII. JESSE, lived in Clay.

VIII. JOSEPH, came to Platte.

IX. NANCY TODD, m'd Murphy, and went to St. Louis Co.

X. SUSAN, m'd McCrea, and went to Illinois.

XI. BETSY, m'd Burnan, and lived in Howard.

XII. PHEBE, m'd John Wagle, perhaps a cousin.

XIII. MAJ. WILLIAM TODD, came to Platte.

Joseph and William were the only sons that came to Platte. We will therefore notice them only:

I. JOSEPH TODD (i).

He was b. in Rowan Co., N. C., Nov. 4, 1777; d. in Platte Feb. 17, 1851; m'd in Madison Co., Ky., Cynthia Williams, dr. of Jarret Williams, of Jefferson Co., Ky. She d. in Platte June 27, 1870, aged 89. The marriage took place about 1803. In 1817 the family came in wagons to the Boonslick Country of Missouri, and formed a large settlement in the new lands. In the spring of 1823 the pioneers pressed forward to Clay, the utmost verge of civilization. Mr. Todd's homestead was one mile east of the site of Barry. Here he was known as an expert hunter, and an unerring rifleman. Attracted by the lovely prairies and the noble forests of our present home, frequent excursions were made into the territory. Mr. Todd and his sons, with Robert Cain, established a sugar camp at the mouth of the creek still known as Todd's Creek. Long before our lands were open for settlement, the patriarch and his sons had chosen valuable claims in the neighborhood known as "Hackberry," which is remarkable for fertility. It lay three miles west of the Falls of Platte, and on the Military Road from Ft. Leavenworth to Liberty. I often met the tall and stately old gentleman. He was upwards of six feet high, and weighed over 200 pounds. He had spent his life on the western border, and was a typical backwoodsman. He was buried in the sacred graveyard of the Todds, where several generations of his descendants already lie. Children:

- I. ROBERT TODD, was b. in Madison Co., Ky., Oct. 28, 1804; d. Aug. 23, 1843; m'd Aug. 13, 1826, Ann Mullins, who d. in 1852. His grave was the first in the Todd cemetery. Ch:
1. *Susan E. Todd*, b. Feb. 24, 1828; d. April 12, 1870; m'd 1st, Dr. Chas. R. Drake, who d. childless. She m'd 2d, Dr. Jos. M. Holt. (See.)
 2. *Joseph Todd* (iv). 3. *Robert Todd* (ii).
 4. *Annie T. Todd*, b. Sept. 26, 1837; d. Jan. 17, 1878. She m'd 1st, Dr. J. P. Earickson, who d. childless. She m'd 2d, Sept. 28, 1866, Hon. Joseph E. Merryman (see) (his third wife). Mrs. Merryman possessed beauty, vivacity, grace, and amiability. I was a law partner of Mr. Merryman for ten years. He was one of the most successful practitioners I ever met. She left: [a] Joseph Merryman; [b] Robert; [c] Todd Merryman.
 5. *James Todd*. 6. *Benton Todd*, d. in the Southern army.
- II. ANN TODD, b. Sept. 28, 1806; living in Platte City; m'd Feb. 6, 1822, John Gumm, who d. leaving one child, Joseph Gumm, who d. single, in California. Mrs. Gumm, m'd 2d, 1839, David Hunt (see) (his second wife), b. in Harden Co., Ky., May 20, 1798; d. in Platte in Aug., 1864. His first wife was Reb. Boggs, b. Aug. 15, 1796; d. April 16, 1838. Ch. of Ann and David:
1. *Elizabeth Hunt*, b. Dec. 5, 1840; d. June 13, 1866; m'd March 16, 1858, Joseph E. Merryman (his second wife), and died, leaving one child, David, who d. single.
 2. *David Hunt* (ii), b. Sept. 13, 1842; m'd Nov. 15, 1866, Ella Cockrill, dr. of Jerry V. ~~David~~; lives in Kansas, and is a well-educated and accomplished gentleman. Ella, his wife, was beautiful in youth, and grows old gracefully. Their ch: [a] Louise; [b] Clifton; [c] Earl Hunt.
 3. *Amanda Hunt*, b. Jan. 11, 1844; m'd Oct. 31, 1860, Henry E. Queen, b. in 1835. Ch: [a] Anna M. Queen, b. Aug. 23, 1861; m'd June 12, 1883, Tanney Beaumont, b. July 16, 1856. Ch: [1] Amanda, b. June 22, 1884. [b] Mary L. Queen, b. May 18, 1863.
- Mrs. Queen m'd 2d, Dr. Thomas Beaumont (see), b. Dec. 21, 1811; d. Sept. 25, 1871; no children. He will be noticed hereafter. Mrs. Queen is a handsome and lovely woman, and unites a charming grace with business qualifications. She opened, April 21, 1881, a variety store in Platte City, which she still keeps. Nov. 12, 1885, she became post-mistress at Platte City, and was in office throughout Cleveland's first administration.
4. *William H. Hunt*, b. Oct. 10, 1845; m'd Feb. 4, 1868, Ann M. Cartwright. He was twice elected sheriff and

Cockrill of

collector of Platte County. He is an affable gentleman, of fine address and superior business qualifications. He has been a resident of Kansas City for some years. Ch: [*a*] Effie; [*b*] Normand; [*c*] Cartwright Hunt.

5. *Mary Frankie Hunt*, b. March 31, 1848; m'd Oct. 18, 1866, James L. McCluer, b. March 6, 1838. Frankie is still a lovely woman. In her maidenhood she was chosen Queen of Love and Beauty, by a vote of all the ladies attending the first great tournament held at the fair grounds. Maj. McCluer is a handsome and well-educated gentleman. At one time editor, and for many years a contributor to the *Landmark*, his literary talent is established. For many years he has devoted his attention to fire insurance, and in this department he has few equals. Though his business calls him to all parts of the West, his family and home are now at Platte City. Ch: [*a*] Edna McCluer, b. May 1, 1868; m'd Dec. 25, 1887, Hugh C. Gilbert. Ch: [*1*] Frances; [*2*] Sylvester Gilbert. [*b*] Beaumont McCluer, b. July 16, 1870; [*c*] Jas. L. (ii), b. Aug. 23, 1872; [*d*] Bennett W., b. June 18, 1876; [*e*] John D., b. Jan. 7, 1881; [*f*] Mary F., b. Aug. 27, 1878; [*g*] Anna M. McCluer, b. Jan. 7, 1883; [*h*] Kathleen, b. July 26, 1885; [*i*] Ruth, b. April 7, 1888.

III. JOSEPH TODD (iii), b. Feb. 8, 1808; d. April 30, 1876; m'd April 10, 1831, Susan Tribble, dr. of Thomas (see), who d. Sept. 22, 1886. Mr. Todd has already been noticed as a pioneer; but he deserves further honor for his generous heart and liberal hand. When, in 1858, the raging Platte overflowed and destroyed for us, at the Platte City Water Mills, many thousand bushels of grain, which had been deposited by farmers, he was the only one who offered to sustain the loss of his wheat. But I knew that, by law, we were to suffer the loss, because we had mixed his wheat with other lots; and we declined his generous offer. Whenever he left home, he filled his saddle-bags with the choicest fruits, for his friends. He lies beside his father in the family burying-ground. His widow m'd John Ellet. (See.) Children:

1. *Joseph Todd* (v), b. Feb. 2, 1840; m'd Jan. 8, 1868, Jose Madding, b. Aug. 23, 1851. He is a highly respected gentleman, and lives among his kindred, near the old homestead. Ch: [*a*] Annie Laurie, b. Aug. 3, 1869; m'd Dec. 27, 1894, Prof. G. W. Broddus, a graduate of Centre College, Ky., and a rising young lawyer; [*b*] Mamie Todd, b. Sept. 4, 1871; [*c*] Ed. C. Todd, b. Aug. 9, 1873; [*d*] Jessie E., b. Aug. 25, 1879.

2. *Oliver S. Todd*, b. July 7, 1844; m'd Jan. 28, 1859, Elma-rene Pence, dr. of Milton Pence. (See.) She was educated at Prof. H. B. Todd's female academy, and was a lovely girl with an abundant growth of hair that reached to her feet. She died leaving: [a] Susan Todd, b. Dec. 19, 1861; m'd 1st, Jan. 7, 1879, Thos. J. Morgan, who was killed April 5, 1879, by Ben Fulcher. She then m'd 2d, May 2, 1882, Judge Harmon D. Miller (second wife), and has ch: [1] Maud; [2] Harmon; [3] Robert W.; [4] Anderson Miller. [b] Oliver, m'd Aug. 20, 1885, Anna Smith, dr. of Adam; [c] Joseph Todd (vi), twin.

Mr. Oliver S. Todd m'd 2d, July 17, 1866, Dolly F. May. (See.)

3. *Andrew T. Todd*, b. Jan. 30, 1846; m'd Feb. 12, 1872. Laura Madding, b. in Oct., 1854. Ch: [a] Alice Todd, m'd F. W. Hennegar; [b] Andrew, d. Feb. 13, 1897; [c] Helen; [d] Park; [e] Wilber Todd. Mr. Todd lives in St. Louis.

IV. **JOHN W. TODD**, b. Feb. 20, 1810, in Harden Co., Ky.; d. Dec. 29, 1894, in Colorado; m'd June 23, 1836, Nancy Chance, b. June 3, 1817, dr. of Allen. She d. in 1859, and Mr. Todd lived single thereafter. He was a soldier in four wars: the Black Hawk, the Mormon, the Mexican, and the Civil War. He was with Gen. Price in 1961. From his own lips I took the following statement of his pioneer experience: "I was 12 years old when my parents settled in Clay. We took a farm a half-mile east of Barry. When we left, my father sold to Wm. Thompson. Among our neighbors were Robert Cain, Wm. Woods, Wm. Brown, Jos. Gash, Geo. Burnett (father of Peter H.), and John Wilson. In 1827 Fort Leavenworth was located. I was on the hill when the soldiers were in tents. Col. Leavenworth was in command. The Third Infantry first came, and then the Sixth. There were no buildings of any kind. At first corn was taken from Clay County to the Fort. The next year a detail of soldiers cut out a road to Barry, by way of the Falls of Platte, where the river was conveniently fordable. The citizens of Clay helped on the east end of the road. The Platte was forded on the rapids, between the upper and lower falls. The stream was then much larger than it now is. The water descended the inclined plane of the falls in an unbroken sheet with a mournful murmur. It was found necessary to have ferries upon the two rivers, and Zadock Martin was employed to keep them. An old Mackinaw boat had been used at the Fort. Martin built a flat ferryboat for the Platte. In 1830 I was employed to assist him, and continued three years in his service. Though harsh and overbearing, Martin was humane and just in his dealings. He

was large and muscular, and at that time about 50 years of age. His children were: 1, Green T. Martin; 2, Harden D.; 3, William J.; 4, Gill E.; 5, James B.; 6, Milly; 7, Elizabeth; 8, Jane; 9, Josephine. Where Tracy now stands he had a 30-acre field. Another field was in Sand Prairie, opposite the Fort. In 1830 he had a contract to furnish the Fort with beef. He bought his cattle in Clay and Ray. When, in 1836, the Pottawatomies were preparing to leave, I was employed by Wm. Gordon, their agent, to go with him and 25 of the Indians to select a reservation for them. We traveled up the Missouri, on horseback, with packed mules, as far as Council Bluffs. Thence we passed through Iowa to Rock Island, and through Illinois to Chicago. Here I was paid my wages, and returned by stage to St. Louis, and by steamer to Clay. The Pottawatomies chose land in Iowa, east of the Missouri. The Indians left in 1837, just as the flood of white population poured upon the rich and virgin soil of Platte." Ch:

1. *Ann Todd*, b. March 17, 1837; dead; m'd Jacob F. Hawke; no children.
 2. *William Todd*, b. Jan. 29, 1839; m'd Lydia A. Hornbuckle. Ch: [*a*] Joseph Todd (viii); [*b*] Robert; [*c*] Green (iv); [*d*] May Todd.
 3. *Green D. Todd* (ii), b. July 23, 1841.
 4. *Sarah Todd*, b. Jan. 15, 1844; dead; m'd Aaron Durfee. Ch: [*a*] Chas. Durfee; [*b*] Joseph; [*c*] Abbie; [*d*] Sarah.
 5. *Samuel T. Todd*, b. Sept. 4, 1848; dead.
 6. *Joseph A. Todd* (ix), b. June 25, 1851; m'd March 7, 1877, Jennie Owens, b. Sept. 21, 1824; d. May 1, 1893. Children: [*a*] Duff A. Todd, lives in Oregon.
 7. *Jarret Todd* (iii), b. April 26, 1856; dead.
- V. *MARY (POLLY) TODD*, b. in Feb., 1812; m'd August 14, 1828, David English; both dead. Ch:
1. *Charles English*. 2. *Cynthia*. 3. *Robert*. 4. *David*.
 5. *Joseph*.
- VI. *WILLIAM TODD* (ii), b. Feb. 23, 1814; m'd July 16, 1838, Susan English, sister of David and Stephen; both dead. Children:
1. *Sarah E. Todd*, m'd Sept. 29, 1857, James Wallace, b. Nov. 14, 1825, in Tyrone, Ireland, son of Andrew. (See.) He is a man of sterling integrity, and enjoys universal esteem. He lives with his family, opposite Leavenworth: Ch: [*a*] William A., m'd Minnie Gray, dr. of Jas. L. Ch: [*1*] May; [*2*] James. [*3*] Sue. [*b*] Ella M. Wallace, b. May 24, 1870; m'd May 21, 1888, John R. Meyer; [*c*] Emma S. Wallace, twin.

2. *Polly Todd*, m'd Dec. 27, 1860, Wm. M. Jones. 11 ch:

3. *Cynthia Todd*, m'd Dec. 26, 1865, John H. Carson, son of John.

4. *Lucretia Todd*, m'd Oct. 17, 1871, McCormick.

Mrs. Susan A. Todd m'd 2d, March 4, 1854, Nathan Pryor, who d. May 1, 1868, leaving: [a] Jennie Pryor, who m'd Wm. G. Holt. (See.)

VII. JONATHAN TODD, b. Feb. 20, 1816; m'd June 20, 1846, Patsey A. Brock. Ch:

1. *Robt. Todd*. 2. *Mary*. 3. *Cynthia*. 4. *John*. They live in Oregon.

VIII. JARRET TODD (i), b. April 10, 1818; d. in a Federal prison. at St. Louis, in 1861; m'd Feb. 4, 1841, Matilda Ellet, dr. of John. Ch:

1. *Jarret Todd* (ii), a lawyer, now of Texas.

Jarret (i) m'd 2d, Mrs. Martha Hornbuckle (née Ellet), sister of his first wife; 2 children. Mr. Todd was a man of sprightliness, a genial companion, and an enthusiastic Mason.

IX. GREEN D. TODD (i), b. March 14, 1820; m'd March 2, 1845. Lucretia Muer. He lives in southwestern Missouri. Ch:

1. *Robert*. 2. *Taylor*. 3. *James*. 4. *Samuel*. 5. *Mollie*. 6. A daughter.

X. ELIZABETH J. TODD, b. April 20, 1822; m'd Dec. 20, 1838, Andrew Tribble, b. April 15, 1806; d. May 17, 1874. Mrs. Tribble still lives to bless her posterity. She is intelligent, lively, and spirited, with a heart full of kindness for all. Mr. Tribble possessed the energy, nerve, and sound judgment that ensures success. He was an elder in the Christian Church, much attached to its order, and was trusted and highly esteemed. Ch:

1. *Robert P. Tribble*, b. Sept. 10, 1845; m'd Oct. 18, 1866, Mary J. White, b. April 4, 1848, dr. of Wm. A.; she d. Jan. 30, 1894. Robert possesses intellect and enterprise, but ventured too far in debt, during the Kansas City boom of 1887. He lost heavily, but is slowly rising. Ch: [a] William Tribble, b. March 6, 1868; [b] Thomas G., b. Oct. 14, 1870; [c] Robert; [d] Bessie Tribble.

2. *Thomas D. Tribble*, b. Dec. 8, 1847; d. in 1889; m'd Dec. 4, 1866, Laura V. White, b. Feb. 26, 1851. Ch: [a] Andrew A. Tribble, b. Dec. 7, 1867; [b] Bertie Tribble.

3. *Cynthia Tribble*, m'd F. Grundy Cockrill. (See.)

4. *Jos. S. Tribble*, b. Jan. 22, 1852; is wandering in the far West.

XI. SARAH TODD, b. Dec. 23, 1824; m'd F. G. Bush. Their son, Glen Bush, lives in Texas. After the death of Mr. Bush, his widow m'd 2d, James R. Burckhardt, a farmer who resided

three miles west of Platte City; and subsequently a grocer in Platte City. He died in April, 1872, and Mrs. Burckhardt soon followed. No children.

II. MAJ. WILLIAM TODD (i) AND FAMILY.

He was a soldier of the War of 1812, under Gen. Andrew Jackson, and acquired his title in the Southern campaign. He was born in Rowan Co., N. C., came with his parents to Kentucky, thence to Missouri in 1817, and to Clay in 1823. In 1837, with the flood of settlers, he came to the Todd settlement, three miles west of Platte City. His first care was to set out a large and well-selected orchard. He originated the splendid White Pearmain, or the Todd apple, and in honor of his faith he called it the Campbellite, which for a generation, was the finest apple grown in the West. It has now run out. Mr. Todd was genial and companionable. He often came to town with his pockets filled with choice apples. He would dwell upon the excellencies of the Campbellite, and then would hand you for contrast, a knotty and sour apple, which, with a scowl, he called the Methodist. Maj. Todd was born about 1782, and died in April, 1861. He married Lucy D. Fugate, who survived him. Ch:

I. MARION TODD, born in a tent, in Clay Co., Mo., Aug. 10, 1823; d. Oct. 3, 1893; m'd March 22, 1849, Mary Sutton, dr. of Demetrius A. (See.)

II. MARTHA TODD, m'd Timothy Dowling, who d. in March, 1860, leaving ch:

1. *Isabelle*. 2. *Ed. Dowling*.

Tim, as his name intimates, was a genial, hearty, and good-humored Irishman; and, as his nationality implies, a splendid stonemason. He was a master workman on the first court-house and the abutments and pier of the Platte River bridge. But, as Tim's pedigree necessitates, he was a Roman Catholic, while his father-in-law was a Campbellite. These extremes could not dwell together at peace, and a feud was the natural consequence.

III. MARY J. TODD, m'd Tim Gley.

IV. FANNIE M. TODD, m'd March 19, 1848, Albert Kutchenthall, b. in 1818; d. Feb. 21, 1872.

V. RILEY TODD, went to Kansas.

VI. ANN M. TODD, m'd Nov. 7, 1850, John S. Lightburn, of Clay.

VII. ALBERT H. TODD, m'd Dec. 7, 1874, Susan Morgan, dr. of Elijah.

VIII. MARCUS L. TODD, m'd Sarah E. Coleman, Jan. 14, 1868. He m'd 2d, Nov. 5, 1874, Nannie, widow of H. A. B. Anderson, and dr. of Wm. Bywaters. They live in Cedar Co., Mo. Ch:

1. *Lee Todd*. 2. *Leah*.

Nannie had one child by Anderson, named Tidie Anderson.

IX. WM. L. TODD, m'd Missouri V. Spratt, dr. of Wm. H.

PLATTE LODGE, No. 56, A. F. & A. M.

This lodge was incorporated by the Legislature, with N. M. Shrock, W. M.; W. E. Black, S. W.; and John E. Pitt, J. W. The lodge had been incorporated or chartered by the Grand Lodge as early as 1846, and this legislative charter was to enable the lodge to hold the real estate it acquired the following year, when the Presbyterian Church and the lodge built a meeting-house and hall.

The meetings of the lodge were held each Saturday night before full moon, in the upper story of Johnston & Lewis' store, on Lot 6, Block 29, in Platte City, until about 1853, when the new hall was built over the Presbyterian church, on Lot 6, Block 31. The lodge became very prosperous, but was in debt. This was more onerous from a division made by the members from Todd's Creek taking dimits, and forming a new lodge, chartered as Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 191. The colony consisted of the Darnalls, Brasfields, Swaneys, Moores, and De Berrys. But the war came on; the brethren were scattered; and, July 14, 1864, the hall of Platte Lodge, No. 56, with all its records, was burned, and little left but the debt. A few of us determined this should be paid, and we brought about a reunion. The charter of Platte Lodge, No. 56, was surrendered, and the colony took in the members of the mother lodge, under the name of Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 191. This name may still be read on the tablet on the front wall of Platte City Lodge, No. 504. After the reunion, we worked in the upper room of the brick warehouse, in the rear of the Virginia Hotel. We applied to other lodges for help to rebuild, and about \$100 was contributed. After working for twenty years under the charter to Zerubbabel Lodge, it, too, was surrendered, and Platte City Lodge, No. 504, was chartered.

Feb. 22—H. S. Geyer, elected to the United States Senate, receiving 80 votes, to 55 for Benton.

PLATTE CITY MALE ACADEMY.

This academy was incorporated by the Legislature, with the following Board of Trustees: 1, E. Green; 2, Wm. Baldwin; 3, R. D. Johnston; 4, Amos Rees; 5, N. M. Shrock; 6, Wm. Triplett; 7, John Wilson. Lots 11 and 12, Block 30, in Platte City, were purchased and a brick two-story school-house, 35x50 feet, erected, and seated. Archibald Patterson, a scholar and a learned Mason, was the first teacher; Prof. Wm. Dickey was the next, and Prof. Gaylord the last. The house was burned, July 14, 1864, by Federal orders.

MARCH.

March 1—An act approved establishing a court of common pleas at Weston with jurisdiction over Weston and Marshall townships. A judge to be elected the first Monday in August.

March 3—Weston is granted a new charter by the Legislature.

Postage is reduced to 3 cents for half an ounce, for all distances.

March 10—The Lower Bee Creek bridge is complete, and S. P. Yocum is paid \$1,000 for building it.

H. D. Oden reports the Skinner bridge complete.

ACHILLES PERRIN.

March 12—Achilles Perrin buys of W. M. Paxton 158 acres adjacent to Camden Point, at \$16 per acre. After living for several years in Platte, Mr. Achilles Perrin returned to Boyle Co., Ky. He was a son of Josephus Perrin, and was born in North Carolina in 1778; came to Kentucky; m'd Jane Smith. Ch:

I. AYTCHMONDE LANE PERRIN, b. in Lincoln Co., Ky., April 8, 1811; removed in 1835 to Palmyra, Mo., where he continued the mercantile business, which he had pursued in Kentucky. There, in 1838, he m'd Julia Morton, b. in 1823, a dr. of Samuel Morton. She d. in 1849, after coming with her husband, in 1842, to Platte, and settling near Camden Point. Aytchmonde m'd 2d, Sarah Jane Shy, née Shanks. Here he turned his attention to farming, but in 1867-8 he was cashier of the Platte Savings Institution at Weston. He served a term as coroner, and has been a leader in the Christian, the benevolent, and the educational enterprises of his locality. For years past he has been lame from a fall from a horse, and has to use crutches. His children by his first wife:

1. *Susan F. Perrin*, b. Aug. 27, 1839; m'd March 14, 1861, Thomas E. Campbell, of St. Joseph. Ch: [a] Achie Campbell.
2. *Achilles (Ache) Perrin*, b. March 7, 1843; m'd Dec. 25, 1869, Sallie J. Shanks. Lives in Nevada, Mo.
3. *Morton Perrin*, b. May 5, 1845; d. April 1, 1886; m'd May 5, 1875, Anna Chiles. Ch: [a] Aytchmonde; [b] Mary.
4. *Julia J. Perrin*, b. July 29, 1847; m'd H. C. Chiles. 7 ch. By his second wife Aytchmonde Perrin had:
5. *Mary Margaret Perrin*, b. March 30, 1854; m'd May 19, 1874, Stephen C. Woodson, b. Nov. 11, 1845, in Knox Co., Ky., son of Ben J. Woodson, b. Nov. 2, 1808, and Margaret Fulkerson, b. April 30, 1815, in Lee Co., Va., dr. of John Fulkerson. He came with his parents to Platte, and settled on a farm near Camden Point; received a good academic education at Daughter's College; entered on the study of law with Merryman & Paxton, at Platte City; was admitted to the bar in 1868; elected commissioner of common schools of

Platte County in Nov., 1870; chosen prosecuting attorney in Nov., 1872; re-elected in Nov., 1874; engaged in various enterprises germane to the practice of law; in 1885 he turned his attention to banking, and subsequently speculated successfully in finance, until he became wealthy. He is now one of the leading financiers of St. Joseph, and one of the most solid and enterprising men of the West. His sound judgment, supported by decision, firmness, independence, and nerve, has brought him commercial name and fortune. Mrs. Woodson is one of the most lovely and accomplished women of the day. They have two children: [a] Olive M. Woodson; [b] Aytchmonde P. Woodson.

6. *Aytchmonde (Aytch) Perrin*, single; b. Dec. 31, 1857.

7. *Jessie S. Perrin*, b. May 24, 1862.

8. *Nannie J.*, b. Nov. 3, 1866; m'd May 9, 1894, Dr. Al. S. Herndon.

II. WILLIAM FRANKLIN PERRIN, b. Sept. 14, 1894, in Lincoln Co., Ky.; m'd in Ky., May 31, 1841, Mary C. Shanks, b. Oct. 31, 1825, dr. of William; she d. Feb. 21, 1875. Mr. Perrin possesses fine business qualifications, and has held the office of notary public since 1852. His neighbors confide in his integrity, ability, and judgment. Ch:

1. *Bettie E. Perrin*, m'd Phinehas Skinner (ii). (See.)

2. *Achilles (Ake)*, m'd Flora Rich, of Kentucky. Mr. Perrin is an accomplished gentleman, and is highly esteemed.

3. *Alice S. Perrin*, m'd Dr. D. I. Christopher.

4. *Rebecca Perrin*, m'd C. O. Bailey. They now live in Platte.

5. *Tempie Perrin*, m'd Dec. 23, 1891, C. F. Grimpley.

6. *Birdie Perrin*, m'd Austin McMichael; separated.

7. *William S. Perrin*, m'd Carrie Hawkins.

8. *Katie Lee Perrin*, m'd M. S. Hardesty. (See.)

March 22—R. F. Mason buys property at Farley.

APRIL.

April 3—Thompson Ward elected mayor of Weston.

April 10—Paxton & Callahan buy a storehouse of Ed Clarke, on Block 29, Platte City, for \$800. •

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Collections.

Revenue Fund.. . . .	\$7,315.05
Internal Improvement Fund.. . . .	599.50
Road and Canal Fund.. . . .	289.87
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	\$ 8,204.42
Warrants drawn.. . . .	10,796.20
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Overdrawn.. . . .	\$2,591.78

Expenditures in Detail.

Bee Creek bridge, upper.. . . .	\$1,573.00
Skinner's bridge.. . . .	1,470.00
Pier under Platte City bridge.. . . .	1,800.00
Burckhardt bridge.. . . .	175.00
Other bridges.. . . .	346.00
Weston and Parkville bridge.. . . .	205.00
Treasurer (Christison).. . . .	354.00
Poor-house and paupers.. . . .	950.00
County Court Justices.. . . .	172.00
County Clerk.. . . .	1,079.00
Sheriff.. . . .	597.00
Other objects.. . . .	1,050.00
Jail.. . . .	125.00
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Total.. . . .	\$10,796.20

County levy, 40 cents. Amount taxed, \$15,278.23.

JUNE.

June 1—The cupola of the court-house re-covered with tin, by E. Ohlhausen.

DR. JOHN M. FULTON.

June 3—Dr. John M. Fulton d. at Weston. He was b. Oct. 12, 1795, in Gerardstown, Va.; m'd Sept. 20, 1820, Mary M. Hix, who survived him several years. She was b. May 20, 1797. Dr. Fulton was a Presbyterian preacher, as well as a practitioner of medicine. He was well educated, genial in his manner, and generous by nature. He preached at Platte City and Weston, and organized the former church. Ch:

I. REB. F. FULTON, b. Sept. 6, 1821; d. in 1856.

II. MARY W. FULTON, b. Dec. 20, 1827; d. March 30, 1892; m'd Oct. 17, 1844, at Brunswick, Mo., Dr. J. F. Bruner, b. April 19, 1822. He was prepared for the Presbyterian ministry

by taking a thorough literary course and theological instruction at Albany, Indiana, and at McCormick Seminary; but, after several years' preaching, his throat was affected, and he had to become a physician. He came to Weston in 1848, and soon afterwards took the male academy at Platte City. In 1859 he took charge of Pleasant Ridge Academy; entered the Union army, as a surgeon, in 1862, and served to the end. In May, 1889, he removed to Omaha, where he now resides. He m'd 2d, Oct. 23, 1893, Miss Jessie A. Van Doren, dr. of Rev. Wm. T. Van Doren, D. D., of Washington, D. C. Ch. by his first wife:

1. *Lily Bruner*, a prominent teacher in Omaha.
2. *Alice Bruner*, m'd 1866, Calvin Johnson, of St. Joseph.
3. *Anna Bruner*, m'd J. M. Gordon.
4. *Jessie*, m'd Carey Lubeck.

III. DANIEL J. FULTON, b. Dec. 10, 1821. Lives at Salt Lake City.

IV. MARTHA J. M. FULTON, b. Jan. 4, 1834; m'd W. F. Yocum. (See.)

V. MARIA L. FULTON, b. Sept. 20, 1836; dead.

VI. SAMUEL D. FULTON, b. Nov. 26, 1838. He is an earnest, laborious, enthusiastic, conscientious, and successful Presbyterian minister, now living at Danuba, Tulare Co., California. His health is now poor, but his zeal augments.

BENJAMIN BEAN.

Benjamin Bean died this year and J. P. Thompson administered. He came from Mason County, Ky., in 1838, with the Dies, McAdows, *et al.*, and settled on the lake called Bean's Lake for him. He entered a large body of bottom land and encumbered it with deeds given without consideration. There was much controversy over his lands after his death. His children were: 1, Leroy H. P. C. Bean; 2, Mary A., wife of John McAdow; 3, Finnacle Bean; 4, Benj. Bean, Jr.; 5, Phantley R. Bean, d. in August, 1846; his widow, Susan, married Nic Asbury.

June 9—The Weston Court of Common Pleas holds its first term with L. D. Bird appointed judge, O. Diefendorf clerk, and Jas. Hughes marshal.

FRENCH S. WILSON.

June 17—French S. Wilson and his brother, Norvel, both died with cholera. The disease prevails in the county, and the people are greatly alarmed. F. S. Wilson was a son of Azariah Wilson and Margaret Nox. He was born in Virginia, and m'd Harriet Litzenberg, who d. June 23, 1848. Children by his first wife:

- I. WILLIAM A. WILSON, b. June 15, 1848; m'd April 16, 1882, Lena R. Leavel, dr. of Arch. No children.

Children by his second wife:

- II. LAURA WILSON, b. in 1850; d. Sept. 18, 1895; m'd Dec. 23, 1865, Coleman Laurance, b. March 31, 1844, in Mason Co., Ky.

He is a son of G. B. Laurance and Sarah A. Riddle. He is a man of integrity and enterprise, and is now engaged in business at New Market. Ch:

1. *French S. Laurance.*
2. *Allie*, m'd Sept. 11, 1889, Gus. S. Elgin. (See.)
3. *Clara*, m'd R. L. Jones. 4. *Ora.* 5. *Oliver.* 6. *Bertha.*
7. *Norvel.* 8. *Oakley.*

III. FRENCH S. WILSON (ii), m'd Eliz. Rule, dr. of Bolivar. Ch:

1. *Norvel.* 2. *Hattie.* 3. *Lena Wilson.*

June 25—The Parkville Presbyterian Church buys Lots 2 and 3, Block 56, for a parsonage, and Rev. G. S. Woodward, R. G. Stephens, W. J. Summers, Thos. Aspling, and W. P. Burney are made trustees.

The *Southern Democrat* is issued by F. M. McDonald, at Parkville. It was continued, at least, to the year 1856.

JULY.

July 1—The log jail has been weatherboarded and painted.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—A special election was held for circuit judge, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of Judge Leonard's term; and Wm. B. Almond was chosen. Judge Leonard removed to St. Joseph, where he died. He came from Tennessee in 1837; he was a self-made man, and full of energy, self-reliance, and aggressiveness.

John Houts is appointed administrator of John E. Brown. Bond, \$2,200.

Aug. 12—James Fergus is appointed administrator of Martin B. Brooks. Bond, \$1,600.

Ed. P. Duncan is appointed administrator of Thos. Phelps. Bond, \$30,000. He lived near New Market, was a man of wealth and ability; he left a widow and 10 children.

Aug. 23—J. F. Broadhurst is appointed administrator of Rev. J. W. Faubion. Bond, \$3,000.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 13—Judge S. P. S. McCurdy, having been elected judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, holds his first term.

HALL L. WILKERSON.

Oct. 20—Hall L. Wilkerson was shot by John Floersh. Floersh and Wilkerson lived on adjoining farms, west of Bee Creek bridge, on the road from Platte City to Weston. Floersh's

stock trespassed on Wilkerson, and he put them up in a pen. Floersh and his sons undertook to take the stock away, and in an altercation, Wilkerson was shot with a rifle by Floersh. The Floershs were indicted for murder, and taking a change of venue to Clay, were convicted, and the old man, John, was sentenced to 25 years in the penitentiary, where he died. One of the sons was sent for a shorter term.

Wilkerson was a man of intelligence and fearlessness. He was the first county clerk, and was elected to the Legislature in 1848. He voted for the Jackson resolutions, passed by the House, March 10, 1849, which Benton appealed from. (See.)

Hall L. Wilkerson was b. in Knox Co., Tenn., Aug. 8, 1809; d. Oct. 20, 1851; m'd Oct. 11, 1835, Elizabeth Cannon, b. Dec. 12, 1812; d. Aug. 23, 1859. She was a sister of Alex. E. Cannon, the first lawyer that came to Platte. Ch:

I. LEONIDAS JACKSON WILKERSON, b. in Platte June 18, 1840; m'd Dec. 31, 1863, Jennie Gabbert, dr. of Geo. She was b. Nov. 15, 1848. She is a woman of learning and refinement. Ch:

1. *Nora Wilkerson*, b. Oct. 26, 1865; m'd Dec. 4, 1886, Jac. A. Miller.

2. *Priscilla*, b. Aug. 3, 1869; m'd Emil Sydon.

3. *Eva*, b. May 12, 1871.

II. WILLIAM, b. Jan. 6, 1843; m'd Sallie Patton, dr. of M. M.

1. *Rosa*. 2. *Mary*. 3. *Birdie*.

III. JAS. C. WILKERSON, b. June 8, 1846; m'd in 1877, Amanda Logan, dr. of Columbus. Ch:

1. *Okal*. 2. *Myrtle*.

IV. JOHN WILKERSON, b. Jan. 15, 1852.

Oct. 21—Thomas J. Moberly's estate administered on by W. M. Paxton. Bond, \$4,000.

Alfred Moore's estate administered on by Wm. Ralston. Bond, \$2,500.

HIRAM JETER.

Oct. 25—Hiram Jeter's estate administered on by M. Harrington. Bond, \$8,000. He left a widow, and children:

I. OLIVE A. JETER, m'd Jan. 25, 1859, M. Harrington. (See.)

II. LITTLETON JETER.

III. WILLIS.

IV. TURNER.

V. SARAH J.

VI. AMANDA, m'd T. J. Carson. (See.)

VII. MARGARET.

VIII. JAMES N.

IX. ANDREW J., m'd Aug. 26, 1869, Mary R. Middleton.

X. COLUMBIA A.

XI. MARTHA.

XII. MARY FRANCES JETER.

Oct. 28—Eli Moore's estate administered on by Jas. H. Layton. Bond, \$3,600.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 3—M. W. Dryden's estate administered on by P. W. Ellington. Bond, \$3,000.

John W. Sanford's estate administered on by Sanford & Mitchell. Bond, \$12,000.

A Cumberland Presbyterian Church organized at Bethel.

Nov. 19—A site is bought in Camden Point for a male academy.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—Chas. F. Shell's estate administered on by Sol. Shell. Bond, \$8,000.

Dec. 5—Peter Overly's estate administered on by William Ralston. Bond, \$8,000.

Jonathan Henshaw's estate administered on by Wm. W. Henshaw. Bond, \$3,500.

JAMES GRAY.

Dec. 21—James Gray's estate administered on by Jacob Smelser. Bond, \$4,000. He m'd 1st, a Lammond. By his first wife he had:

I. CASPER C. GRAY, m'd Jan. 8, 1846, Amanda Elkins. Ch:

1. *Sophia*. 2. *James*. 3. *Thomas*. 4. *John Gray*.

II R. C. C. Gray, m'd Malinda Martin, dr. of James. Ch:

1. *Henry H. Gray*, m'd ———. Ch: [a] *Flora Gray*, m'd Nov. 11, 1894, Alva Naylor.

III. JOHN M. GRAY, d. in April, 1861; m'd Mary A. Ball.

IV. TELITHA GRAY, m'd Obed Noland, son of Nic. Ch:

1. *America*, m'd L. B. Higgins.

2. *James Al.*, m'd Jane Brown.

3. *John Wm.*, m'd Jane Noland, dr. of Rufus.

4. *George W.*, m'd Ida Noland, dr. of George.

5. *Sarah*, m'd Thos. Brown.

V. ANN GRAY, dead; m'd Harvey Medley, dead. 1 child:

1. *Chas. W. Medley*.

James Gray m'd 2d, Nancy Wheeler. Ch:

VI. THOMAS GRAY, dead.

VII. FRANKLIN GRAY, dead; m'd Eliz. Artman, living. No children.

VIII. GEO. W. GRAY, b. Dec. 4, 1838; m'd April 25, 1861, Melissa A. Martin, dr. of Thomas. Ch:

1. *Wm. W. Gray*. 2. *Ben F.* 3. *Mattie*, m'd T. J. Thomas.

IX. JOSHUA GRAY, dead.

Dec. 27—James F. Bradley resigns as assessor, and John Kuykendall is appointed in his stead.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad is under contract for 45 miles out of St. Louis, and 1,000 hands are at work upon it.

The rivers overflow this summer, and sickness prevails in the bottoms.

MARRIAGES IN 1851 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

May 20, H. B. C. Harris married Sarah C. Calvert.

May 22, Boen. Roberts married Courtney V. Drew.

May 22, S. H. Pitcher married Margaret Drew.

June 5, J. J. Drais married Margaret M. Jennings.

1852.

OFFICERS.

Governor, A. A. King; Congressman, W. P. Hall; Representatives, Burnes, Summers, and Johnston; Circuit Judge, W. B. Almond; Circuit Clerk, Ira Norris; County Justices, Martin, Ward, and Rogers; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; Probate Judge, Jas. Kuykendall; Sheriff, L. Shepard; Treasurer, W. Christison; Assessor, John Kuykendall; Coroner, A. L. Perrin; Public Administrator, H. N. Jenks; Surveyor, Israel May.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—J. H. Baldwin, R. P. Clark, Jas. Davis, Thos. Herndon, J. E. Pitt, A. Rees, E. H. Norton, J. H. Headley, J. G. Spratt, H. M. Vories, Jas. S. Thomas, John Wilson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Callahan, Marshall, Redman, Shrock.

Merchants, etc.—Black & Dickson, Fox & Brooks, Johnston & Clark, R. D. Johnston, Perry Keith, L. Fleshman, John Ferrier, Kuykendall & Remington, R. S. Richards, Townsend & Christison, S. Johnston, E. Green, R. P. Gaines, Elder A. P. Williams, Thos. Metcalfe (postmaster).

At Weston: Attorneys—Bird, Diefendorf, McCurdy, Ramage, Tylee, Wilkinson, Wolf.

Physicians—Bonifant, Fulton, Ridley, Bowers.

Merchants, etc.—Basye & Brown, Belt & Colman, Blanjour, Bowman, Briggs & Wilkinson, Burnes & Bros., Cody & Baker, Deckelman, Devin, Evans, Fergus, Frank & Co., Fink & Co., Gillespie, Gist, Guenther, Holladay, Knudson, McCowan, Meyer, Newman & McCurdy, Noble, Parrott, Perrys & Young, Secor, Raileys, Stevens, Strang, Tutt & Hood, Warner, Wood.

At Parkville: Aspling & Stephens, Bueneman, Burney, Arnold, Davis, Goodyear, Park, Ringo, Silvey, Summers.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Cartwright, Brooks, Browning, Dr. Walling.

At Ridgely: Ellington, Mayo, Phillips, Oden.

CENSUS OF 1852.

White, males	7,461
White, females	6,422
Colored, free	35
Slaves	2,559
Deaf and dumb	8
Blind	3
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	16,488

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—The Morse American Telegraph Co., this year, built what is called the St. Louis & Mo. River Telegraph. It was constructed from St. Louis to Weston, passing through Platte City. It followed the public roads, using trees for supports to the wires in timber, and sapling posts on the prairies. I took one share, \$50. The enterprise was abandoned in a few years, and the stock, though watered, was a total loss.

WILLIAM M. KELLER.

Jan. 13—William M. Keller died at Weston. He m'd Mary Roberts. They settled near Weston in 1837. Mrs. Keller d. April 5, 1869, leaving

I. JOHN KELLER, m'd and d. childless.

II. MARTHA ANGELINE KELLER, m'd ——— Branscombe, of Kansas.

III. WILLIAM R. KELLER, b. April 5, 1841; m'd Jan. 5, 1865, Ellen N. Maxfield. He is an enterprising merchant of Weston, and engaged in buying and shipping apples. Ch:
1. *William A. Keller*, m'd Julia Jenson. 2. *Charles A.*
3. *Elma.* 4. *Edgar R. Keller.*

IV. EDWARD R. KELLER, m'd a Robbins.

V. MIRANDA A. KELLER, m'd a Robbins. Live in Kansas.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 2—Whitman T. Ellet's estate administered on by John Ellet. Bond, \$3,000.

Feb. 4—Weston City makes a contract to have Main Street macadamized, from Water Street to Short Street, at \$1 per perch.

ALLEN CHANCE.

Feb. 23—Allen Chance's estate is administered on by Sarah Chance. Bond, \$4,000. He was born in Pitt Co., N. C.; m'd Sarah Knight. He came with his brother Robert to Clay in 1833, and settled near Barry. He was a man of intelligence and highly regarded by his neighbors. With the earliest immigrants he came, in 1836, into Platte. Ch:

I. NANCY CHANCE, m'd John W. Todd. (See.)

II. ARNOLD CHANCE, b. in Pitt Co., N. C., Nov. 26, 1813; d. Jan. 3, 1896; m'd Sept. 16, 1848, Nancy Swaney, dr. of Jas. Swaney (i) and Reb. Warrel. She was born in Indiana, came to Platte in 1842, and d. Jan. 17, 1879. He lived long to tell his early experiences in Platte, before the extinguishment of the Indian title, and at Fort Leavenworth. He enlisted in the Army of the Northwest, and went with Morin to New Mexico; went to California in 1850, everland, and returned by the Isthmus. Ch:

1. *David Atchison Chance*, b. Aug. 22, 1849; m'd Jan. 28, 1875, Lizzie C. Thompson, dr. of Col. Gid W. Thompson. They live near Barry. Ch: [a] James M.
2. *Hugh S. Chance*, b. Aug. 3, 1859; m'd Feb. 26, 1885, Alice McHenry, dr. of Henry. Ch: [a] George.
3. *George Chance*, born in 1863; dead.

MICHAEL SKAGGS.

Feb. 23—Michael Skaggs' estate administered on by H. B. Callahan. Bond, \$1,600. He was born in Virginia in 1801; d. in Platte Oct. 25, 1851; m'd Rutha Paul, who d. in 1858. He was a sturdy, hard-working farmer. Ch:

I. JOSEPH SKAGGS, b. Nov. 30, 1834, in Indiana; m'd Harriet E. Ellis, b. in Kentucky in 1837. Ch:

1. *Mollie Skaggs*, b. June, 1857; burned to death Aug. 7, 1892; m'd Dec. 14, 1881, Geo. Byrd, who d. Oct. 15, 1890. Ch: [a] Alma Byrd; [b] William; [c] Lucy.
2. *William Skaggs*, m'd Feb. 22, 1883, Ida Powell.
3. *Lucy Skaggs*, b. Nov. 15, 1870; m'd Sept 12, 1891, Coleman Farmer.
4. *Ada Skaggs*, born in 1861; m'd Jac. McFall.
5. *Joseph E. Skaggs* (ii), b. Nov. 11, 1866.
6. *Therzaeller Skaggs*, b. March 17, 1874.

There were six other children of Michael Skaggs, but I have learned nothing of them.

MARCH.

March 3—H. Miles Moore enrolled as attorney.

March 5—John W. Williams indicted for the murder of A. Spencer, at New Market. After an exciting trial, and the defence of the most distinguished counsel, he was acquitted.

JACOB BISHOP.

March 16—Jacob Bishop having died, Galen E. Bishop is appointed administrator. Bond, \$600. He left a widow, Elizabeth, and sons:

- I. WAYNE BISHOP, went to Texas.
- II. GALEN E. BISHOP, formerly of New Market, and now of St. Joseph, was and is a distinguished physician. He published a medical journal at New Market, and was highly esteemed. His wife died Dec. 20, 1892.
- III. ERASTUS D. BISHOP, a plasterer, married, but left no children.
- IV. HENRY C. BISHOP, went to Texas.
- V. A. J. BISHOP, m'd Dec. 25, 1855, Mary A. Dobson. No children.

DR. N. M. SHROCK.

March 25—Dr. N. M. Shrock was born Oct. 5, 1810, and died March 25, 1852, on his way home from St. Louis, on a steamboat, after laying in a stock of drugs for the house of Shrock & Burge. His practice as a physician was large, and his patrons had unbounded confidence in his skill. An enthusiastic Mason, he was the founder and instructor of the Platte City Lodge. His tomb was the first marble shaft erected in the Platte City graveyard, and is a tribute to his memory granted by Platte Lodge, No. 56. He married Mary R. McFall, a sister of Dr. McFall. She died in August, 1853. His children all left the county.

APRIL.

WILLIAM PORTER.

April 2—William Porter having died, Enoch Porter administered. Bond, \$4,000. He m'd Ann Hammond; she d. in Nov., 1870. Ch:

- I. JOHN PORTER, dead; m'd Louisa Turner. Ch:
 - 1. *William*. 2. *Missouri Porter*, m'd John Kinnamon.
 - 3. *Thomas*. 4. *Katherine*, m'd Thos. Roberts.
- II. ENOCH PORTER, b. Oct. 24, 1820, in Cabell Co., Va.; d. in March, 1891. Came to Platte in 1840, and settled six miles south of Platte City; he was a thrifty farmer and a sensible man. He m'd Sarah Smith, dr. of Thomas; she was b. in 1828. Ch:
 - 1. *Eliz. J. Porter*, m'd J. A. Martin. Ch: [*a*] Willis Martin; [*b*] Ardella; [*c*] Sallie; [*d*] Mary; [*e*] Stella; [*f*] Myrtle; [*g*] Ella; [*h*] Robert Martin.
 - 2. *Mary Porter*, m'd Oct. 18, 1877, John W. Babcock (his second wife), son of Richard. Ch: [*a*] Richard Babcock (ii); [*b*] Golden; [*c*] Ernest; [*d*] Henry;

[*e*] James; [*f*] Grace. They live in Colorado. John W.'s first wife was Martha Timberlake, dr. of Westey. She died childless.

3. *Thos. Porter*, m'd Elizabeth Arnold, dr. of W. H. Ch: [*a*] William Porter; [*b*] Edward; [*c*] Rosetta; [*d*] Walter; [*e*] Nellie; [*f*] Laura; [*g*] Olla; [*h*] Jesse; [*i*] Fleming Porter.

4. *Aylsye Porter*, m'd March 29, 1874, Minor Payne. Ch: [*a*] Fannie Payne; [*b*] Alvin; [*c*] May; [*d*] Maud; [*e*] Dilla.

5. *Joseph Porter*, m'd Minerva Kincart. Ch: [*a*] Silvey; [*b*] Clara; [*c*] Joseph; [*d*] a babe.

6. *J. Frank Porter*, m'd Jane Smth, dr. of Chester. Ch: [*a*] Mary Emily Porter, m'd March 13, 1896, C. A. Studdard; [*b*] Sarah N.; [*c*] Cora B.; [*d*] William L.; [*e*] Basil D.; [*f*] Raymond Porter.

7. *Henry Porter*. 8. *Charles Porter*.

III. THOMAS PORTER, m'd Margaret Brumfield.

IV. MATILDA PORTER, m'd Beckett.

V. MARTHA, m'd Bias.

VI. SUSAN PORTER, m'd 1st, Balleu; m'd 2d, Elijah Yates.

JAMES SIMPSON.

April 8—James Simpson having died, Preston Simpson administered. Bond, \$12,000. He m'd Bethenia Johnson, in Tennessee, and came to Platte in 1837, settling near Waldron. Ch:

I. CAPT. JOSEPH SIMPSON, m'd Lucetia Baldwin, dr. of Martin. They live in Sedalia. He raised a company of militia that did home service for several years during the war. He possesses intelligence and enterprise. Ch:

1. *Martha Simpson*, m'd John Lynch; 4 children. Live in Barry.

2. *Amanda Simpson* (ii), m'd W. & White. Live in Sedalia.

3. *Isaac Simpson*, lives at Chicago.

II. AMANDA SIMPSON (i), m'd Jerry Johnson (i). Ch:

1: *Polk*. 2. *Mary J.* (Twins.)

III. HARRIET SIMPSON, m'd Irvine Andrews. Ch:

1. *Martha J.* 2. *Maggie*. Live at Atchison.

IV. ISAAC SIMPSON, m'd July 19, 1849, Hettie J. Harrington, dr. of Elisha. They live in Weston. Ch:

1. *John L. Simpson*, b. Feb. 9, 1853; m'd 1st, May 6, 1875, Susan Naylor, dr. of Paul, by whom he had: [*a*] Arthur Simpson, b. March 5, 1876. John L. m'd 2d, May 10, 1880, Lizzie F. Coakley, dr. of Jos. Ch: [*b*] Edward Simpson; [*c*] Elmer. J. L. Simpson is a merchant of Waldron, and is the present postmaster.

2. *Dr. Wm. J. Simpson*, of Weston, m'd April 22, 1880, Cora B. Mack. Ch: [*a*] Allie; [*b*] Lester; [*c*] Eva Simpson.

3. *Isaac N. Simpson*, lives in Colorado.
 4. *Jeff. D. Simpson*.
 5. *Frank M.*, m'd a Martin, of Cass Co.
 6. *Mary J. Simpson* (twin with Jeff), m'd A. Easley. Ch:
[^a] Edna; [^b] Dom Pedro Easley.
 7. *Robt. E. L. Simpson*, in Colorado.
 8. *Henry M.*, killed in Colorado in May, 1896.
- V. MARGARET SIMPSON, m'd James W. Reynolds. Ch:
1. *Bethenia*. 2. *Amanda*. 3. *John C.* 4. *Isaac J.*
5. *Georgia Reynolds*.

April 13—Thos. B. Reed having died, J. W. Ragsdale administered. Bond, \$16,000.

Nathaniel Boydston having died, John C. Bywaters administered. Bond, \$16,000.

April 20—Nolly Duvall having died, John D. Pepper administered.

April 29—Daniel Shackelford having died, Jas. G. Williams qualifies as executor.

The Baptists organize a church at Parkville. The Presbyterians are building a parsonage, and the Methodists a house of worship.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Cash received	\$14,022.10
Warrants drawn	8,238.81

Surplus	\$5,783.29
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Expenditures in Detail.

Skinner's bridge	\$ 578.00
Platte City bridge	444.00
Other bridges and roads	546.00
County Justices	182.00
County Clerk	1,369.00
Poor-house and paupers	920.00
Assessor	187.00
Jail	126.00
Printing	14.00
Sheriff	696.00
County Attorney	100.00
Stationery	226.00
Circuit Clerk	53.00
Interest on county warrants	284.00
Treasurer	674.00
Court-house	562.00
Other purposes	1,277.81

\$8,238.81

Levy, 40 cents. Total taxes levied, \$18,406.37. Names on the assessor's books, 1,600. Township funds, \$22,282.95.

May 8—Judge Almond buys Jesse Morin's half of the Platte City Water Mills, and 300 acres of land, at \$12,000.

May 11—Jas. B. Martin resigns as county court justice, and R. P. Clark is appointed to the place.

May 21—Abraham Miller having died, Nancy Miller qualifies as executrix.

JUNE.

June 9—Ridgely incorporated, with Ben Smither, R. W. Chinn, Jos. Edwards, Jas. Dodd, and O. Clark as trustees.

June 14—John L. Darst having died, Maria L. Darst is appointed administratrix. Bond, \$8,000.

June 17—A public meeting in Parkville to consider the Nebraska bill in Congress. W. H. Summers is chairman.

June 18—H. B. Branch attacks E. S. Wilkinson on the street, in Weston. They are parted and no damage is done.

June 19—Mordecai Oliver, nominee of the Whigs for Congress, speaks at Weston.

June 20—The small coin has all left the country, and "shin-plasters" are issued by merchants, redeemable when \$5 is presented.

June 21—Gen. Winfield Scott nominated at Baltimore for President by the Whigs.

WEBSTER OWENS.

June 24—Webster Owens having died, David Fleming administrators. Bond, \$2,500. He m'd Mrs. Delilah Denny. They lived in Pettis Township. Ch:

- I. HARVEY, went to Kansas.
- II. WILMOUTH OWENS, m'd Josiah Higgins (ii). (See.)
- III. JOHN OWENS, m'd Roberta Hopkins, née Thatcher. Ch:
 1. *Hayden Owens*. 2. *Henry*. 3. *Zana*.
 4. *Joseph*, m'd Edna Owens.
- IV. MARY ANN OWENS (Pop), m'd Marion Andrews.
- V. GRANVILLE L. OWENS, b. in 1818 in Rockcastle Co., Ky.; was killed June 28, 1885, by his house falling on him in a terrific storm. He m'd 1st, Eliz. Owens, née Denny, widow of David Owens; and she was the mother of his children. He was a farmer, and a worthy justice of the peace for eight years. Ch:
 1. *Louisa Owens*, m'd Jos. Tennison. She d. leaving: [a] Edward Tennison.

2. *William N. Owens*, b. Dec. 28, 1853; m'd May 15, 1879, Eliz. Martin, dr. of Thomas and Louisa, b. in 1856. Ch: [a] Arthur Owens; [b] Jesse; [c] Hubert; [d] Celia; [e] Dela.

VI. LANKFORD OWENS, m'd Lehaza Myers, dr. of Hiram.

VII. CYNTHIA ANN OWENS, m'd Jas. T. Riley; b. March 10, 1837; d. Dec. 6, 1881. She was his second wife.

- 1 *John W. Riley*, b. Jan. 18, 1860; m'd Dec. 24, 1882, Margaret E. Moore, dr. of James, and sister of Turner. Ch: [a] Ruby; [b] Myrtle; [c] Cynthia; [d] John; [e] babe.
2. *Mary J. Riley*, b. Nov. 11, 1862; m'd April 23, 1882, Dan'l L. Sample, b. March 29, 1856. Ch: [a] McClelland, b. July 13, 1883; [b] Henry, b. April 7, 1885; [c] Homer, b. Aug. 3, 1886; [d] Noah, b. Nov. 30, 1890. James T. Riley m'd 1st, Jan. 14, 1866, Margaret Higgins, dr. of Josiah (ii), both dead. Ch:
3. *Cora B. Riley*, m'd Edward Butner. Ch: [a] Lillian Butner; [b] Flora; [c] Charles.
4. *Robt. H. Riley*.
5. *Jas. M. Riley*, m'd Sept. 1, 1888, Alice Thorp.
6. *Ada Riley*. 7. *Albert M.*

VIII. EDNA OWENS, m'd Jos. Thatcher.

IX. MALINDA OWENS, b. in 1831; m'd Nov. 11, 1849, Luther Calvin Thatcher, b. Oct. 24, 1824, a son of Hayden Thatcher. I am well acquainted with Mr. Thatcher, and regard him as an upright and honorable citizen, and a sincere Christian. Children:

1. *Mary F. Thatcher*, b. Nov. 11, 1850; married and died childless.
2. *W. H. Thatcher*, b. Oct. 14, 1852.
3. *Callie Thatcher*, m'd Wm. Greening. Ch: [a] Malinda; [b] Jesse.
4. *Wallace A.*, m'd Mamie Bowman. Ch: [a] a girl. Live in Kansas.
5. *Latha M.*, m'd April 24, 1880, John Roberts.
6. *Tabitha*, m'd John Branham.
7. *Melissa Thatcher*. 8. *John A.* 9. *Geo. A.* 10. *James.*

X. DAVID N. OWENS, m'd Elizabeth Denny. He died, and she m'd 2d, G. L. Owens (above).

THE "ARGUS."

June 25—I have before me a copy of the *Weekly Platte Argus*, published at Weston June 25, 1852, by Wilkinson & Adams, at \$2 per year; 7 columns, 22 inches.

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T. H. Starnes, Parkville, June 8, declines the Democratic nomination for representative, made the 7th inst.

The address of M. Oliver, nominated by the Whigs at Galatin, dated Richmond, Mo., June 9th.

Dr. J. H. Stringfellow locates at Platte City June 9th.

Emigrants to California who had passed Fort Kearney: 10,236, up to May 25th. Much sickness prevailed among them.

Eleven steamboats advertised in the *Argus*.

Prof. H. B. Todd advertises his closing exhibition at Camden Point, for July 3d.

The exciting topic of the day is the division of the Democratic party between Birch and King, for Congress, and Oliver, Whig. (Oliver was elected.)

JULY.

July 8—Spalding & Rogers' circus at Platte City. At Weston on the 9th.

AUGUST.

THE ELECTION.

Governor, Sterling Price; Representatives, H. Brooks, J. W. Forbis, J. B. Martin; Senator, A. M. Robinson; Circuit Clerk, W. C. Remington; County Clerk, P. R. Waggoner; Sheriff, L. Shepard; Treasurer, W. Christison; County Justices, Duncan, Layton, and Clark; Assessor, Rush McComas; Coroner, Noah Beery.

The Congressional Vote of the District: M. Oliver, 7,598; J. H. Birch, 4,399; King, 4,107.

For President: W. Scott (Whig), 1,386,578; F. Pierce (Dem.). 1,601,474; John F. Hale, 156,149.

ORVILLA PACK.

Orvilla Pack having died, Chas. Turman administers. Bond, \$6,000. He m'd Sarah McClain, née Price, of Harrison Co., Ky. They came to Missouri in 1837, and settled near Ridgely. He died in June, 1852, and his widow in 1883. Ch:

I. SUSAN MARY PACK, m'd Lawson Rogers, of Buchanan. She is now a widow.

II. WILLIAM PACK, of Gardner, Kansas, m'd Sennie Lasuer.

III. HENRY M. PACK, a merchant of Edgerton, m'd 1st, April 8, 1875 Melissa Gustin; b. Feb. 17, 1855, dr. of Alfred. She d. March 16, 1880, leaving:

1. *William*. 2. *Nettie*.

Henry M. m'd 2d, May 21, 1885, Mollie Kasine.

IV. RICHARD W. PACK, b. in Platte Sept. 24, 1842; m'd Jan. 8, 1870, Susan V. Dale, b. Oct. 31, 1852, dr. of Thomas. She is a lovely Christian lady. Mr. Pack has been successively farmer, merchant, hotel-keeper, miller, constable, and sheriff. He was a soldier in Capt. Chrisman's company, of Winston's regiment, and saw hard service. After the war,

he drove a team on the plains; returning, he went to Buchanan County, thence to Clay, and finally settled in Platte. In 1875 we find him at Parkville. In November, 1884, he was chosen sheriff by a vote of 2,785, against 935 for Cochran; and he was re-elected in November, 1886, by a vote of 2,558, against 817 for Graden. He made an excellent officer, and by his generous nature and unassuming disposition has made many friends. He has been burned out three times, and has but little left, yet he enjoys unbounded credit. He is now a merchant at Tracy. Ch:

1. *Orvilla Pack* (ii), b. Nov. 20, 1870; m'd Feb. 10, 1893, Nettie Dziubon.
2. *Byron Pack*, b. Oct. 4, 1872.
3. *Annie*, b. Jan. 23, 1878.
4. *Harry Pack*, b. June 31, 1881.
5. *Willie*, b. Dec. 7, 1883.

JOHN SANFORD OWENS.

Aug. 7—John Sanford Owens died near Camden Point. Daniel & Montgomery administered, giving bond for \$20,000. He was a son of John Owens and Nancy Sanford, and was born in Virginia in 1800. He removed to Henry Co., Ky., and there married Harriet B. Moore, who died in December, 1860. They came to Platte in 1845, and settled near Camden Point, on a large farm. Mrs. Owens survived her husband, and died in December, 1860. Ch:

I. **NANCY OWENS**, m'd Rev. James J. Daniel. She died, and Mr. Daniel removed to Gentry Co., where he died.

II. **POLLY ANN OWENS**, m'd in 1844, Geo. Montgomery, in Kentucky. He was a son of Adam Montgomery, who came from Scotland. They came to Platte in 1845, and settled near Camden Point. Ch:

1. *Harriet Montgomery*, d. in Nov., 1865; m'd Boom France. No children.
2. *Adam Montgomery*, m'd Samantha France, sister of Harriet's husband. They live in Buchanan. Ch: [a] Adam Montgomery; [b] John S., m'd Sonora France. No children.
3. *Geo. F. Montgomery*, m'd Bettie Coyle. Live in Buchanan.
4. *Florence*, m'd Cy. Coyle, nephew of Bettie, Gentry Co.
5. *Hall Montgomery*, m'd Ollie Anderson. No ch.

III. **JOHN THOS. OWENS**, b. in Henry Co., Ky., Sept. 19, 1835; came with his parents in 1845; m'd Feb. 26, 1861, Minerva A. Dean, dr. of John B. Dean, a well-educated and accomplished lady. Mr. Owens is an intelligent and Christian gentleman, and active in sustaining the Orphan School at Camden Point. In 1882 he was elected collector of Platte, and was re-elected in 1884. No man possesses more the esteem and confidence of the people. He now owns the old homestead, and, with his son, is selling goods at Camden Point. Ch:

1. *Harriet Owens*, b. Nov. 4, 1862; m'd Feb. 24, 1882, James G. Lewis, son of Isaac T. James, was b. May 14, 1859. Ch: [*a*] Eula Belle Lewis; [*b*] Owens T.
 2. *Sidney M. Owens*, m'd April 9, 1889, Dona Moore, dr. of Thomas. Ch: [*a*] Oclo Owens.
 3. *Andrew Bart. Owens*, m'd December 14, 1892, Maggie Maupin, dr. of Thomas R.
 4. *Eliz. Owens*, m'd Sept. 17, 1890, Frank Bruce, son of John.
 5. *Lydia E. Owens (Lyda)*, m'd Oct. 28, 1896, Frank Hillix.
 6. *Frankie Owens*.
- IV. **MAPLE P. OWENS**, b. in Henry Co., Ky., Sept. 14, 1840; m'd June 28, 1866, Eliza Dean, dr. of J. B. Ch:
1. *Nora Owens*, b. Aug. 2, 1868; m'd Nov. 3, 1890, Jeff. Masoner, son of Geo. Ch: [*a*] Minta; [*b*] a babe.
 2. *James F. Owens*. 3. *Lela*. 4. *Susie*. 5. *Ella*.
 6. *Maple P.* (ii).
- V. **LEWIS F. OWENS**, m'd Feb. 25, 1871, Mary E. Maupin, dr. of Thomas R. Ch:
1. *Mabel*. 2. *Frank*. Live in Nodaway County.
- Dr. William Jewell, founder and promoter of the college that bears his name, died at Liberty, Mo.

JOSEPH MARTIN.

Aug. 9—Joseph Martin having died, Brightberry Martin, his son, administered. Bond, \$10,000. He was a brother of Zadock Martin, but of kinder disposition and gentler manners. He was a native of Kentucky, and in 1800 married Nancy Brown, born in May, 1781. In 1837 they came to Platte, and settled near Parkville. Children:

- I. **BRIGHTBERRY MARTIN**, b. in Kentucky May 15, 1811; d. in Platte April 29, 1890; m'd Feb. 22, 1835, Eliz. Willis, b. in Estill Co., Ky., Feb. 23, 1818; d. July 15, 1889. They had three daughters, who married and died, leaving children. (See Jane Martin.)
- II. **BETTIE A. MARTIN**, m'd Alvin Ross.
- III. **ISAAC MARTIN**.
- IV. **STEPHEN MARTIN**.
- V. **SARAH MARTIN**, m'd Thos. Harrington.
- VI. **MALINDA MARTIN**, m'd H. C. C. Gray.
- VII. **GREENBERRY** (ii), m'd Eliz. ———.
- VIII. **FRANKLIN MARTIN**.
- IX. **RHODA**, m'd F. Y. Flannery. (See.)

In the partition proceedings of Joseph Martin's estate (Circuit Court Record F., p. 552) his widow is called Rhoda.

GEORGE MARTIN.

Aug. 30—George Martin having died, Jas. H. Layton *et al.* qualified as executors, giving bond for \$40,000. He married Margaret Lamar. Mr. Martin was a wealthy and influential citizen of Marshall Township. Ch:

- I. ALPHONSO L. MARTIN.
- II. EVALINA, m'd Wm. McKay. Live in Colorado.
- IV. ELIZABETH, m'd Jones. She died, leaving:
 - 1. *Evaline Jones.* 2. *Susan A.* 3. *Minerva.* 5. *Kate.*
- IV. ELIZA A. MARTIN, m'd Hiram Lovelady; m'd 2d, Chas. W. Spencer.
- V. GEORGE W. MARTIN, dead.
- VI. JOHN W. MARTIN, b. in Missouri July 31, 1836; m'd May 29, 1856, Sarah Lamar. Ch:
 - 1. *Chas. A.* 2. *Robt. L.* 3. *Geo. D.*
 - 4. *Nellie J.*, m'd Bela Oliver.
 - 5. *Myrtle L.*, m'd John Layson.
 - 6. *Joseph L.*, b. May 12, 1873.
- VII. MARSHALL L. MARTIN.
- VIII. MATILDA ANN.

John Swaney buys Lots 7 and 8, Block 30, Platte City, and erects a brick residence, now owned by J. Zarn.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—Finch & Smith are now issuing the *Reporter*, a Whig paper, at Weston.

HENRY BOYDSTON (ii).

Sept. 27—Henry Boydston (ii) having died, July 27, 1852, his widow, Mary, administered, giving bond for \$6,000. Henry married Mary (Polly) Holland. She died March 6, 1866. He was a son of Henry Boydston (i), who died in Platte. Children of Henry (ii) and Polly:

- I. BEN BOYDSTON, m'd in 1867, Mat. A. Borden, dr. of John. He lives in the northeast part of Platte, and is wealthy and influential. Ch:
 - 1. *Dr. Marvin C.*, graduated at Louisville Medical College in 1895.
 - 2. *Weighman M.* 3. *Vandever.* 4. *Cora E.* 5. *June E.*
 - 6. *Thos. H.* 7. *Ben F.* 8. *Martha E.* 9. *Sue Boydston.*
- II. ELIZABETH BOYDSTON, m'd March 10, 1853, John S. Holland, son of Thos. Ch:
 - 1. *Mary Holland*, m'd Lee Worthington. Ch: [a] Thos.; [b] Bessie.
 - 2. *Fannie Holland*, m'd James Kitchen. Ch: [a] Fred.
- III. JAS. N. BOYDSTON, b. Nov. 28, 1833; living; m'd Eliz. J. Holland, dr. of Thos. Ch:

1. *Thos. H. Boydston*, m'd March 3, 1880, Kate Lott. Ch: [^a] Harry L. Boydston; [^b] Jennie; [^c] Georgia; [^d] Holland; [^e] Lon.
 2. *Mollie Boydston*, m'd March 3, 1880, G. W. Shafer, of Clinton. Ch: [^a] Bessie.
 3. *J. Frank Boydston*, m'd Mollie Carrington, dr. of W. T. Ch: [^a] Geo. Boydston; [^b] Essie; [^c] James.
 4. *Alice Boydston*, m'd Feb. 18, 1883, John Shafer, son of Ben.
 5. *Ella Boydston*, m'd John Ray, son of George. Ch: [^a] Jennie; [^b] Essie; [^c] Aytch; [^d] Estelle B.
- IV. THOS. S. BOYDSTON, living; m'd Sue Stone, dr. of Strode. Children:

1. *Henry*.
2. *Rush Boydston*, m'd Nov. 8, 1893, Robt. M. Dulin.
3. *Thos. D.* 4. *Birdie*.
5. *William B.*, m'd Nov. 24, 1896. Lilly Johnson, dr. of Henry. 6. *Strode*.

- V. LAURA BOYDSTON, m'd June 20, 1862, R. True Davis, b. in Buchanan in 1837; d. in St. Joseph Dec. 14, 1894. Ch:
1. *Mattie*, m'd W. H. Whimple.

Laura died, and Mr. Davis m'd 2d, her sister.

- VI. MARY BODYSTON, who survives him. Ch:
2. *Mrs. R. L. Beaumont*, of Chicago. 3. *R. M. Davis*.
 4. *R. True Davis* (ii). 5. *Willie*. 6. *Nannie*.

Mr. Davis resided, for years, at New Market; went to St. Joseph, engaged in the milling business, and, as a miller, possessed a world-wide reputation; twice elected county collector, and in 1878 was chosen State senator. He took an active part, as a Democratic politician, and was untiring in building up St. Joseph.

- VII. CROW BOYDSTON, m'd Wm. Smith.

We have given above only the posterity of Henry Boydston (ii); but he had brothers:

II. WILLIAM BOYDSTON.

III. THOMAS BOYDSTON.

IV. WESLEY, killed in the Civil War.

- V. SAMUEL BOYDSTON, m'd Mahala Potter, niece of Sam'l.

1. *Annie*, m'd Dec. 16, 1844, W. A. Mitchell, son of Robt. B.
2. *John H.*, m'd Ellen Payne.
3. *Wm. Boydston*, b. Nov. 26, 1857; m'd Oct. 26, 1880, Mollie Chinn, dr. of Elijah. Ch: [^a] Lee Boydston; [^b] Elijah; [^c] Pearl; [^d] Zula M.; [^e] Juanita.

OCTOBER.

PHILIP BELLIS.

Oct. 2—Philip Bellis having died, Mary Bellis administered. Bond, \$10,000. They lived above Iatan. Ch:

- I. JAMES BELLIS, m'd Margaret Bellis (cousin). Ch:
 1. *Mary*, m'd Jas. Holman.
- II. ELLEN BELLIS, m'd W. H. H. Brown. Ch:
 1. *Luther*. 2. *Agnes*. 3. *William*.
- III. BARTON BELLIS, m'd Jane Brown, sister of W. H. H., and
 dr. of Carlisle. Ch:
 1. *Henry*. 2. *Carlisle*. 3. *Christine*. 4. *Elley*.
 5. *Samuel*. 6. *Benj*. 7. *Dillard*. 8. *Amanda*. 9 *Alvin*.
- Oct. 4*—New Market incorporated, with Eph. Hill, James Dod-
 son, Wm. Singleton, Thos. Allen, and Jac. Adamson trustees.
- Oct. 19*—Thos. J. Keller having died, G. W. and Jacob Kel-
 ler (ii), administered. Bond, \$14,000.

JACOB KELLER (i),

Who lived and died in Lexington, Ky., was the progenitor of
 the family in Missouri. Eight of his children came west, and four
 settled in Clay, and four in Platte. Ch:

- I. JAMES M. KELLER, m'd Bettie Dillingham. Ch:
 1. *Mary E. Keller*, m'd Jas. Adkins, of Liberty. 4 ch.
 2. *Pauline Keller*, m'd Jas. D. Harper. 3 ch.
 3. *Amanda Keller*, m'd ——— Bogy.
- II. THOMAS J. KELLER, m'd Eliz. Kay. Ch:
 1. *Jacob Keller* (ii), m'd Mabel Fry, dr. of John M. Ch:
 [a] Tillie.
 2. *Mary Mag. Keller*, m'd Feb. 3, 1852, David Farra. Went
 to Oregon.
 3. *Nannie Keller*, m'd Elisha Cravens. Ch: [a] Alice.
 4. *Sarah Keller*, m'd Joseph Johnson, of Kentucky.
 5. *John R. Keller* (ii), b. Feb. 23, —; d. July 26, 1889;
 m'd 1st, Dec. 7, 1854, Nancy Swaney, d. Feb. 22, 1869,
 dr. of John. No ch. John R. m'd 2d, May 2, 1872,
 Sophia Ellington, dr. of Pleas. W. Ch: [a] Mollie
 Keller; [b] John R. (iii); [c] Thos. Keller. John
 R.'s (ii) widow, Sophia, m'd 2d, Jan. 6, 1892, Jesse
 Brashear.
- III. JOHN R. KELLER (i), b. in Jessamine Co., Ky., Dec. 18, 1812.
 He settled in Clay, and represented our senatorial district
 in 1874-78, as a Democrat. He was highly esteemed as a
 gentleman and statesman. He m'd June 6, 1833, Eliza
 Faulconer, dr. of Nelson and half-sister of W. K. Faulconer.
 1. *Elizabeth Keller*, m'd Noel Brooks, of Clay. Ch:
 [a] John Brooks; [b] William; [c] Mamie; [d] Thos.;
 [e] Buder; [f] Charles Brooks.
 2. *Sarah Keller*, m'd John D. Harper, brother of Jas. D.
 (above). Ch: [a] Eliza Harper; [b] John; [c] Dixie;
 [d] Irene; [e] William.
 3. *Geo. N. Keller*, m'd a dr. of Dan'l Bell. 4 ch.

4. *Thos. J. Keller* (ii), m'd a dr. of John Story. 4 ch.
5. *Jos. F. Keller*, m'd Ella, dr. of Campbell Kay. Ch: [a] Campbell Keller; [b] Lizzie; [c] Sallie; [d] Chas.
6. *Martha Keller*, m'd Lon Adkins, brother of D. J., of Clay. Ch: [a] Lela Adkins; [b] Robert; [c] Polk; [d] Church Adkins.

IV. G. W. RICE KELLER, d. in Aug., 1864; m'd Mary Hampton. Their children:

1. *Sarah F. Keller*, b. Aug. 27, 1840; m'd Nov. 3, 1859, Asa L. Smith, b. June 13, 1836; d. July 9, 1893. He was an intelligent, enterprising, and wealthy farmer. After the war, he removed to Platte City, and joined his brother, Geo. W. Smith, in a drug store, which he continued until his death. He was president of the Bank of Platte City, and was zealous in promoting the interests of the Camden Point Orphan School. He was a man of thought, and all his enterprises were ordered with sound judgment. He built a spacious and costly mansion in Platte City, and died as the last nail was driven. The widow lives with her only surviving child, in Platte City. [a] Gustavus W. Smith, b. Dec. 25, 1861; lives with his mother. He was cashier of the Bank of Platte City, and subsequently of the Exchange Bank. He continued the Platte City drug store of his father until Jan. 1, 1895, when he sold out to Throckmorton.
2. *Martha Keller*, m'd Thomas R. Smith, bro. of Asa. They live in New Mexico. Ch: [a] Lula; [b] Eunice; [c] Sallie; [d] William.
3. *Eliza Keller*, m'd S. J. Kirtley. Ch: [a] Raymond; [b] E. B. Kirtley (ii); [c] Fannie; [d] Zadie; [e] Ora; [f] Charles Kirtley.
4. *John D. Keller*, m'd March 27, 1878, Annie M. Boydston. Ch: [a] Rice Keller; [b] a babe.
5. *Ella Keller*, m'd Robert Hughes, son of Wm. S. No ch.
6. *Geo. Keller*, d. March 23, 1889, aged 53; buried in Platte City.
7. *Jeff. D. Keller*, m'd Sept. 4, 1880, Mary F. Deetz. They live in Buchanan.
8. *Mary L. Keller*, m'd Philip Kirtley. Live in New Mexico.

V. NANCY KELLER, b. April 13, 1803; m'd Feb. 11, 1824, Major James Bradley, b. in Kentucky, Feb. 10, 1798; d. in Platte Sept. 16, 1869. He was a son of Thos. Bradley, and grandson of Robert Bradley, an emigrant from England in 1766. For many years he was a prominent figure in the civil and military affairs of Platte. He lived on the Camden Point road, three miles north of Platte City, and his house was the headquarters of Southern soldiers during the

war. He was short, heavy, and full of life, spirit, and patriotism. Ch:

1. *Martha Ann*, dead. 2. *Mary E.*, dead.
 3. *Thos. K. Bradley*, m'd June 12, 1853, Lou Lincoln, of Clay.
 4. *John H.*, m'd Rose Perkins, dr. of William.
 5. *Joseph*, now in California. 6. *Zadie*, dead.
 7. *Sallie*, m'd Sept. 13, 1870, John Berry Hays: Ch: [a] Mabel.
 8. *Amanda*, dead.
 9. *Eva*, m'd James Madding. Ch: [a] Maud; [b] Jas. Madding; [c] Wilbert.
 10. *Jas. F. Bradley* (ii), of South Dakota.
 11. *Wm. W. Bradley*, of S. Dakota, m'd Nov. 8, 1883, Bessie B. Butchers.
 12. *Leland J.*
 13. *J. Polk Bradley*, now postmaster at Linneus, Mo., m'd Sept. 14, 1874, Mattie Sandusky. Ch: [a] Bessie.
- VI. **MARTHA J. KELLER**, d. in Dec., 1858; m'd John M Hayes. d. Aug. 12, 1857.

1. *Sam'l K. Hayes*, went to Texas.
2. *Nancy*, m'd Dr. Thos. L. Thomas (i). (See.)
3. *Robt. B. Hayes*, d. in July, 1863.
4. *Mary Jane Hayes*, m'd March 17, 1848, Wilford Middleton (his second wife), brother of John.
5. *John M. Hayes* (ii), d. Nov. 1, 1869; m'd Mary E. Kay. She lives in Camden Point.
6. *Ann Eliza Hayes*.
7. *Frank B. Hayes*, d. in May, 1869; single.

VII. **SALLIE KELLER**, b. Aug. 11, 1803, in Fayette Co., Ky.; m'd April 22, 1819, James Carson, b. in Ireland, Nov. 29, 1796; d. May 6, 1873. They came to Platte in 1840, and entered land near Camden Point; sold in 1852, and went to Clay, where Mrs. Carson d. July 28, 1872, and her husband d. May 6, 1873.

1. *Ann Carson*, m'd Wilford Middleton (first wife). No children.
2. *Magdalen Carson*, m'd Wm. Thomason, of Clay. Ch: [a] Sallie Thomason, m'd Feb. 14, 1878, John I. Skillman, b. in Platte Feb. 27, 1850. Mrs. Skillman is a lovely and accomplished lady. Mr. Skillman was educated at Wm. Jewell College. He is now a successful farmer, six miles north of Platte City. He is a son of the late Chris. A. Skillman and grandson of Senator Andrew Johnson. Ch: [1] Allie Skillman; [2] Chris A. Skillman (ii). Mr. Wm. Thomason has other children in Clay.
3. *Thos. J. Carson*, b. Feb. 19, 1832, in Kentucky; came to Platte with his parents in 1840; m'd April 28, 1853.

Amanda Jeter, b. Aug. 27, 1832; d. Nov. 20, 1890. He m'd 2d, June 14, 1892, Mrs. Mattie Bywaters, widow of James H. Bywaters and dr. of Price Starks. She was b. in Scotland Co., Mo., Aug. 29, 1846. Ch: [a] Emma Belle Carson, b. Oct. 12, 1854; d. Aug. 30, 1873; she was the first wife of Charles H. Shortridge, whom she married in Jan., 1871; [b] Jas. H. Carson, b. Jan. 20, 1858; [c] Chas. E. Carson, b. Dec. 15, 1860; [d] Luther L., b. Sept. 6, 1864; [e] Maggie, b. Jan 1, 1868; [f] Maud Carson, b. Feb. 26, 1871; m'd Dec. 27, 1888, D. D. Merchant, son of Sam'l; [g] Willie, b. July 24, 1874; [h] Thos. J. (ii), b. June 2, 1877.

Mr. Carson is a gentleman of engaging manners, and is highly esteemed. He was elected assessor in 1852; was deputy sheriff for ten years, and the principal auctioneer in the county; he knows everybody. He owns the old Jeter farm, near Camden Point, and is deeply interested in the success of the Orphan School. He has served as deacon in the Christian Church for many years. Mrs. Carson is an educated, and charming woman.

VIII. ELIZABETH KELLER, m'd Wm. Wynn. Live in Clay.

1. *Mary Jane Wynn*, m'd Prof. Bradley.
2. *Lottie*, m'd Noll. 3. *William*. 4. *Belle*, m'd Dr. Miller.
5. *Diddie*, m'd Potter. 6. *Fannie*, m'd Reed.
7. *Elizabeth Wynn*.

NOVEMBER.

Presidential Vote: Pierce (Dem.), 1,585,574; Scott (Whig), 1,383,537; Hale (Free Soil), 157,296.

Nor. 3—David Maupin having died, Michie Maupin administered. (See.)

DECEMBER.

MARRIAGES IN 1852 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

August 19, Caleb Bailey married Jane Adkins.

August 29, B. S. Stanley married Hester Cox.

October 19, A. G. Woodward married Reb. Woodward.

December 9, John Houts married Elizabeth Osborn.

December 30, Wesley Justus married Nancy J. Ralston.

1853.

OFFICERS.

Governor, S. Price; State Senator, A. M. Robinson; Congressman, M. Oliver; Representatives, Brooks, Forbis, and Martin; Circuit Judge, E. H. Norton; Circuit Clerk, W. C. Remington; County Justices, Layton, Duncan, and Clark; County Clerk, P. R. Waggoner; Sheriff, L. Shepard; Assessor, Jas. Carson; Treasurer, W. Christison; Probate Judge, Jas. Kuykendall; Surveyor, H. N. Jenks; Coroner, A. L. Perrin; Public Administrator, Jac. Swope; Circuit Attorney, Jas. Craig; Commissioner of Common Schools, J. A. Headley.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—W. B. Almond, W. C. Baker, J. H. Baldwin, R. P. Clark, J. A. Headley, Thos. Herndon, H. Miles Moore, J. E. Pitt, E. O. Sayle, J. G. Spratt, John Wilson, Rees.

Physicians—Baldwin, Callahan, Marshall, Redman, Stringfellow, Wallace.

Merchants, etc.—Ferrier, Fleshman, Fox & Brooks, R. D. Johnston & Keith, S. Johnston, Metcalfe (postmaster) & Bradley, Remington & Kuykendall, L. Rees, Paxton & Callahan, Richards, Townsend & Christison, Lutes, Elder A. P. Williams of the Baptist Church.

At Weston: Attorneys—Bird, Branch, Diefendorf, Doniphan, Lawson, Ramage, Tylee, Wolf, Wilkinson.

Physicians—Bonifant, Bowers, Fulton, Ridley.

Merchants—Basye, Brown, Belt & Murphy, Blanjour, Branham & Norris, Briggs & Wilkinson, Deckelman, Cody, Devin, Doppler, Evans, Fergusys, Frank, Gillespie, Gist, Guenther, Knudson, Lindley, McKown, Meyer, Mettier, Noble, Perrys & Young, Raileys, Strang, Tutt & Hood, Warner, Wilhite, Wood.

At Parkville: Aspling, Burnes, Burney, Davis & Arnold, Dale & Ringo, Kuykendall, Clardy, Crust, McDonald, Park, Patterson, Richardson, Stoddard & McComas, Summers, Woodsmall, Goodyear, Roberts, Silvey.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Cartwright, Drs. Walling & Browning, Roberts & Ussary, Allen.

At Ridgely: Chinn, Clark, Black, Dodd, Sayle, Smither, Swope.

JANUARY.

Jan. 6—Dr. E. S. Clardy settles in Parkville.

Jacob Mettier buys property in Weston.

JAMES BURNES.

Jan. 16—James Burnes died at Buena Vista. Lewis Burnes qualifies the 15 inst. as his executor. Bond, \$5,000.

THE BURNES LINEAGE.

I. The first of the family of which there is reliable record was Campbell Burness (*sic*), sometimes written "Burnhies." He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, about 1718. His connection with the political troubles of 1745 brought about the confiscation of his property, and he fled to the mountains of Batlock, in Kincardineshire, where he died, disappointed and disheartened. He was buried in the churchyard of Lochlea, near Alloway Mill, on the Doon. His children were left without means, a charge upon his younger brother, William Burness, whose wealth consisted chiefly of a noble and motherly wife, whose maiden name was Agnes Brown.

II. Among the children thus left was Peter Burness. He was born in Kincardineshire in 1752. Without education or fortune, Peter came to America in 1771, and settled at, or near, Norfolk, Va., where, in 1777, he married Charlotte Hayden, and in his marriage record for the first time the name is written Burnes. He removed to Spottsylvania Co., Va., where

III. James Burnes was born February 14, 1779, and Dan'l Burnes November 17, 1781. Their mother died February 8, 1782, and in 1790 Peter Burnes married a second time; but his wife was of violent temper, and so disagreeable to her step-sons that they went to Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1803. But James Burnes returned to Virginia, and married December 29, 1805, Mary Thompson. Of this marriage were born seven sons and three daughters: 1, Nelson; 2, Lewis; 3, Fielding; 4, Daniel D.; 5, Milton; 6, James N.; 7, Calvin F.; 8, Mary; 9, Charlotte; 10, Susan Burnes. Of these, Milton, Mary, and Charlotte died in infancy.

In 1824 Mr. James Burnes removed to Morgantown, Ind., and subsequently to Vermilion County, in the same State. He became a merchant, and laid off the town of Springfield. The father possessed sound judgment, with energy and independence. In 1836 Lewis Burnes, on horseback, visited the Platte country, and brought back such a favorable report that in 1837 the whole family came west. Lewis and his family settled in the Missouri bottom, near Farley. Fielding and his father located a mile or two north of Camden Point, opened a store, and called it Buena Vista. After a few years, Lewis and Daniel D. engaged in the mercantile business at Weston. The policy of the father was to unite his sons in business, that they might be of mutual help. Thus the power and influence of the family was augmented, and, in politics and business, they became the most influential family in northwest Missouri. Their united powers gave them wealth and honor.

James Burnes (i) was born in Spottsylvania Co., Va., Feb. 14, 1779; d. at Buena Vista Jan. 16, 1853; m'd Dec. 29, 1805, Mary Thompson, b. in Louisa Co., Va., Aug. 12, 1787; d. in Weston Nov. 23, 1862. Ch:

I. LEWIS BURNES, b. in Ohio, May 12, 1810; d. in St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 17, 1879. He was buried at Laurel Hill Ceme-

tery, at Weston, where the dust of his father reposes. He m'd 1st, Maria Brown, who died, leaving one child:

1. *John*.

He m'd 2d, Nov. 12, 1844, Nancy Bozarth, widow of Abner. They had two children:

2. *Lizzie*, was b. in Weston Oct. 19, 1848; d. Nov. 1, 1881; m'd W. E. Smalley.

3. *Victoria*, who m'd Ash. Stoddart, a merchant of Parkville.

Mr. Burnes started life as a farmer, became a justice of the peace, engaged extensively in merchandising, and in various ventures on the plains; rose by his own energy and intelligence to a high position at the bar, and as a politician he reached the place of State senator from our district. His versatile talent and indomitable energy required constant change of pursuit and stood in the way of success.

II. SUSAN BURNES, m'd Oct. 7, 1839, at Buena Vista, Samuel T. Mason, b. at Chillicothe, Ohio, March 6, 1806. She was his second wife. The first wife left no children. He was a man of large experience and enterprise. Ch:

1. *Wallace*, died, leaving 4 children.

2. *Susan Ellenora*, m'd June 24, 1867, C. W. Graves, and died, leaving 1 child.

3. *Lola Mason*, m'd Feb. 17, 1870, Jas. McConnell. 2 children.

4. *Alice Mason*, m'd Edward Post.

5. *Calvin F.*, b. May 13, 1849; m'd Mary Rector. No children.

6. *Luther D.*

III. FIELDING BURNES, b. near Dayton, Ohio, May 25, 1819; d. Nov. 18, 1896, in Platte City; m'd 1st, Aug. 30, 1842, Mary Arnold, dr. of Thomas, of Clay. She was b. Aug. 14, 1824, and d. Nov. 28, 1855, leaving:

1. *Susan Ellen Burnes*, b. May 28, 1845; m'd Aug. 31, 1863, Dan'l F. Tebbs. They went to Salt Lake. 5 children.

Mr. Fielding Burnes m'd 2d, April 15, 1856, Eliz. Summers, b. Feb. 26, 1837; d. at Platte City Jan. 20, 1885. She was a lovely woman—beautiful, stately, spirited, and full of Christian zeal and good works. Ch:

2. *Alice L. Burnes*, b. Feb. 20, 1857; m'd April 24, 1879, Henry A. Koster, b. in California Nov. 6, 1856. No children. She is a pleasant, agreeable, and intelligent Christian lady. They now live in Platte City. Mr. Koster is well educated and possesses versatile talents. He was at first a railroad employee, then a professor in the Haskell Indian School, at Lawrence, Kansas; became an Indian trader, and was awarded some profitable contracts; laid off an addition to Platte City; built a beautiful and commodious dwell-

ing; erected a grain elevator at Tracy, and it is now his daily employment to superintend it. Mr. Koster's literary and scientific acquirements were attained in Paris, France.

3. *Alonzo D. Burnes*, b. Oct. 28, 1860, graduated at the State University at Columbia; studied law, and was admitted to the bar; m'd Jan. 6, 1892, Evelina Boone, of Fayette, Mo., a lady of intelligence, beauty, and various graces. Mr. Burnes resides at Platte City, and has one of the most valuable law libraries in the West. His practice is large, and he is fast rising to distinction. He served two terms as county attorney, and was chosen, one term, president of the Agricultural M. & S. Co. of the county. 1 child: [a] Boone C. Burnes, b. Feb. 12, 1894; d. Jan. 4, 1896.
 4. *Cammilla S. Burnes*, b. March 29, 1873; m'd April 21, 1892, Dr. Spence Redman, who graduated at Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, April 2, 1883. She is a lovely lady, and Dr. Spence Redman is highly regarded by his professional brethren. 1 child: [a] Marguerette.
 5. *Buena Vista Burnes*, b. April 9, 1876; m'd Feb. 21, 1893, R. Harry Hunter. 1 child: [a] Fielding B. Hunter.
- Col. F. Burnes m'd 3d, July 23, 1892, Miss Gertrude L. Bangs, of Washington City, from whom he has been divorced.

Mr. Burnes was a large farmer, and still owns Buena Vista, a body of 400 acres of choice land. He rents his land, and resides at his home in Platte City. His children are all married. He was, in 1837, elected colonel of the 77th Regiment of Missouri Militia. For the Mexican War he raised a part of a regiment of volunteers, but peace interfered with his plans. He engaged in mercantile ventures at Parkville, Hampton, Weston, and Platte City, successively. He was receiver at the State land office at Savannah; held a Federal office at Washington, D. C.; tried the insurance business, at Leavenworth; and by his versatility of talent found many vocations.

- IV. **DANIEL DEARBORN BURNES**, b. in Indiana August 11, 1822; d. in Platte Co., Mo., April 13, 1867; m'd May 14, 1851, Virginia Winn, dr. of Geo. and Emily; Mrs. Burnes d. April 22, 1866. She was a lady of grace and beauty, and by her charms won general favor. Mr. Burnes was a gentleman of captivating address, and by his urbanity won the confidence and esteem of the people. He had more suavity of manner than any of his brothers. He represented the county in the Legislature, and was elected to the State senate, but was "counted out." His death, just as he was

entering upon a new political career, was much lamented. Children:

1. *Mary Burnes*, m'd Col. Milton Moore, of Kansas City. 3 children.
2. *Emma Burnes*, m'd Theo. Winningham, of Chicago.
3. *Kate Burnes*, m'd June 8, 1887, Elias S. Gatch. She was called "The Fairie of Ayr-Lawn."
4. *Virginia Burnes*. 5. *Jas. N., Jr.* 6. *Lewis C. Burnes*.

Mr. Burnes and his brother, James N. Burnes, made a covenant that the survivor should take the estate of the deceased, and adopt his children. This agreement was consummated by Col. Jas. N. Burnes, and the children of Daniel D. inherited their shares in the estate of James N. That estate is now a corporation, and is called "The Burnes Estate."

- V. COL. JAMES N. BURNES, b. in Morgan Co., Ind., July 15, 1827; d. at Washington, D. C., Jan. 24, 1889; m'd July 15, 1847, Mary A. Skinner, b. Oct. 2, 1828 in Kentucky; living at St. Joseph. Mr. Burnes was ten years of age when the Burnes family settled in Platte. After receiving the best education attainable in the West, he entered Harvard College, and graduated with credit in 1852. He was admitted to the bar Dec. 6, 1853. He opened a law office in Weston, and, with his partner, H. J. Wolf, did an extensive business throughout upper Missouri and eastern Kansas. He became interested in every scheme or enterprise for the improvement of society and the welfare of the people. February 1, 1867, he was appointed judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, which office he resigned in 1872, to remove to St. Joseph. To his energy, chiefly, we owe the Weston & Atchison R. R., the Chicago & S. W. Ry., and the Leavenworth and the Atchison bridges. With his brother, Calvin F. Burnes, he started the National Bank of St. Joseph and the waterworks of that city. His financial power and integrity were seen and acknowledged by all, in 1877, when his name was found on the bond of State Treasurer Gates, and the deposits of that officer, amounting to over a million dollars, were in the Mastin Bank, at Kansas City, and the Bank of Missouri, at St. Louis, and both were broken. While the other sureties despaired, or covered their property from execution, he was firm and true; took the assets of the defunct institutions, closed them out, and paid every dollar due the State. It is said that in these operations he cleared \$100,000. His character as a financier was established, and political honors were thrust upon him. In 1882 he was elected to Congress, as a Democrat, and reëlected a second and a third time, from this district. He took a high position in Congress as a statesman and orator. He had already at

tained the name and character of the best debater from the West, when he was suddenly cut down by death, even in his very seat in the House. His speeches in Congress, with a handsome portrait and a short sketch of his life, written by De Knight, his private secretary, have been published in an octavo volume of 480 pages. His name is revered as a public benefactor, a profound statesman, and a successful financier.

Mrs. Burnes is a daughter of Phineas Skinner, an early merchant, farmer, and trader, of Platte. She still lives in the Burnes mansion near St. Joseph. She is a woman of intelligence, and is honored for her virtues. Besides the adopted children of Daniel D. Burnes (ii), she has but one living child:

1. *Daniel D. Burnes* (iii), was b. at Ringold, Platte Co., Mo., Jan. 4, 1851. He is a graduate of Washington College and the Law Department of Harvard. He m'd May 17, 1877, Minnie Farrar, of St. Louis. He has had at different times, as his partners, Judge Silas Woodson, Judge O. M. Spencer, and Hon. S. B. Green. His name stands with the most illustrious lawyers at the St. Joseph bar. In November, 1882, he was elected to Congress as a Democrat. At the end of his term he declined another nomination, and is now engaged in a lucrative practice of law, in St. Joseph. But death has removed his wife, leaving a lovely child: [*a*] Kennett F. Burnes, b. in 1878.

2. *Calvin Carr Burnes*, b. in 1856, was rising to distinction when death called him hence Nov. 20, 1893. He located in Chicago, and there m'd Fannie Byram, who survives, with: [*a*] Myrtle, her only child.

VI. CALVIN F. BURNES, b. in Indiana Feb. 18, 1830; d. at St. Joseph July 29, 1896; m'd Sept. 27, 1859, Kate Hughes, dr. of Hon. Jas. M. Hughes, one of our earliest congressmen. Mr. Burnes was president of the Bank of St. Joseph and its chief stockholder. He was regarded as one of the best financiers of the age. He was connected in business with his brother, James, throughout the life of the latter, and many attribute the financial success of the firm to his prudent management. While James N. engaged in his daring enterprises abroad, Calvin F. supplied the funds and kept the accounts at home. He is blessed with only one child:

1. *Mary Burnes*.

Jan. 19—Capt. Andrew Johnson sells to James Kuykendall the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Block 37, Platte City, for \$1,200.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 3—Platte City is granted, by the Legislature, a new charter.

DELANY BOWLIN.

Feb. 9—Delany Bowlin's will probated. Jas. Kuykendall qualifies as his executor. Bond, \$8,000. His will names his wife, Elizabeth, and his children, Ben Bowlin and Elizabeth McGee. Others are referred to, but no names given. In the partition of his lands, the following children are parties: 1, Polly, wife of Stephen McColum; 2, Elizabeth, wife of John S. Bigbee; 3, Jackson; 4, Joel W.; 5, Sarah C.; 6, Ben, Jr.; 7, Eliz. J. Hosea; 8, John; 9, Frank M.; 10, Maria, wife of Elisha Baker.

William Bowlin (not named above), is a son, and names many other children not mentioned in the records.

Delany Bowlin seems to have been an extraordinary man. Born in Scotland, he came to Virginia, thence to Kentucky, and lastly to Platte in 1837. The records show he was married February 6, 1848, to Hannah Noland; and again, January 20, 1850, to Lizzie McDaniel. She is, perhaps, the wife he names Elizabeth in his will. He married seven times, and had children by each wife. Their total number was 30. One of his sons married nine times, and had no child. Delany Bowlin was 118 years old at his death. I find in the census of 1840 there was one person in Platte over 100 years of age. This must have been D. Bowlin, for I have never heard of any centenarian in this county except D. Bowlin and Thos. Jones. Wm. Bowlin, and others in the neighborhood of Waldron, will testify to the truth of these statements. If D. Bowlin was over 100 in 1840, and did not die until 1853, there is some color to the 118 years claimed.

Feb. 10—Solomon B. Park buys the Robert Cain farm, for \$8,000.

ELISHA HARRINGTON.

Feb. 21—Elisha Harrington died February 9, 1853, and Isaac Simpson administered. He was born in Tennessee in 1803, and came with his parents, in 1815, to Howard County, Mo., and thence to Clay, where he married Louisiana Martin, dr. of Isaac Martin, a brother of Zadock. Elisha was a man of sprightliness, an endless talker and an interesting one. Ch:

I. JACOB HARRINGTON, b. in Buchanan Co., Feb. 20, 1839; came with his parents to Platte in 1847, and settled near Waldron; m'd March 25, 1848, Martha Pierce, dr. of Robert. Mr. Harrington possesses superior natural mind; is a working Democrat, and has made himself a leading spirit in his neighborhood. Ch:

1. *Luther Harrington*, m'd July 3, 1881, Mary Eliz. Denton.
2. *Sterling P. Harrington*, M.D. Luther and Sterling are zealous members of Farley Masonic Lodge, and enterprising young men.
3. *E. Walter Harrington*, m'd Jan. 5, 1893, Emma Noland.

4. *J. Wheeler Harrington*, m'd Mattie Morris, dr. of Jas. Live in Kansas.
 5. *Laura Harrington*, m'd Nov. 26, 1891, Geo. Shield.
 6. *William*, deaf and dumb. 7. *Marcella*. 8. *Robt. M.*
 9. *Susan E.*
- II. **MARY A. HARRINGTON**, b. April 26, 1837; m'd March 18, 1857, James M. Pierce, b. in Clay Oct. 29, 1833; d. in Platte Dec. 24, 1883. Ch:
1. *Lucetta Pierce*, m'd H. Z. Wolf. 1 child: [^a] Marion.
 2. *Leanna Pierce*, m'd Geo. Truman. Ch: [^a] Emaline; [^b] Charles; [^c] Mary; [^d] Ollie; [^e] Jeff D.; [^f] Jasper Truman.
 3. *Jacob A. Pierce*, b. Nov. 4, 1864.
 4. *Levara Pierce*, m'd Geo. Barnes. No children.
 5. *Nellie Pierce*. 6. *Lucella*. 7. *Lizzie*. 8. *Robert*.
 9. *Lockhart*.
- III. **LUCY ANN HARRINGTON**, m'd July 22, 1858, Alf. Naylor (ii), dead. (See.) 11 children.
- IV. **HETTIE J. HARRINGTON**, m'd Isaac Simpson. (See.) Elisha Harrington m'd 2d, Jan. 1, 1843, Milly Martin, dr. of Zadock. Children:
- V. **A. LISH HARRINGTON**, m'd 1st, Jas. Perkins. 1 child:
1. *Frank Perkins*.
- She m'd 2d, Nov. 2, 1872, Alfred Meyers. Lish's full name is Emaline A. Lish Harrington.

THE PLATTE COUNTY RAILROAD.

Feb. 24—The Platte County Railroad was chartered by the Legislature. It was organized in 1857, and the route surveyed from St. Joseph to Kansas City, by way of Iatan, Weston, and Parkville. It was subsequently extended beyond St. Joseph, and the State took \$700,000 stock in the road. It was afterwards called the Mo. Valley R. R. and later the K. C., St. J. & C. B. R. R. It belongs to the Burlington system

MARCH.

March 7—E. S. Wilkinson enrolled as an attorney.
 Bailey & Bro. buy the G. P. Post property in Weston, for \$4,000.

March 18—Jas. H. Connelly enrolled as an attorney.

ARAD J. GOODYEAR.

March 19—Arad J. Goodyear having died, Geo. Roberts administered. Bond, \$20,000. His wife, who died before him, was Reb. Casey, whom he married May 17, 1845. He was a merchant and miller at Parkville from 1847 to 1853. With his partner, Geo.

Roberts, he bought a large body of land, south and east of Parkville, which was partitioned among their respective children. He was a zealous Methodist, and a good and pious man. Ch:

- I. FRANCES GOODYEAR, m'd Milan Barrackman, and died in Illinois, leaving three children to their father's care.
- II. LEWIS GOODYEAR, who is married and lives in Kansas City.
- III. CHARLES GOODYEAR, d. Feb. 19, 1874, at Parkville, leaving his estate to his nephews and nieces.

Weston Commandery, No. 2, organized, under a dispensation, with James Miller, E. C.; David Lindsay, Gen.; and W. A. Cunningham, Capt.-Gen. A charter was granted September 19, 1853.

Notley D. Pepper having died, John D. Pepper administered. Bond, \$5,000.

Sam'l Hodges buys land on Todd's Creek.

APRIL.

April 1—Thompson T. Jones buys the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 32, T. 53. R. 34, for \$3,200. This sale, at \$20 per acre, shows quite an advance.

Thompson Belt elected marshal of the Weston court.

April 4—Robt. F. Houston having died, P. Dunlap administered. Bond, \$4,000.

April 23—John Collier having died, P. P. Robertson administered. Bond, \$12,000.

The Christian Church at Weston buys of G. W. Belt a lot in Block 13, for \$600.

Ben. D. Moore buys of T. T. Jones the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 2, T. 52. R. 34, for \$1,700.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Revenue collected	\$16,023.70
Warrants drawn	6,976.94
Surplus	\$9,046.76

Expenditures in Detail.

Bridges	\$ 547.00
Poor	757.00
Court-house	206.00
Stationery	204.00
Treasurer	616.00
Assessor	169.00
Sheriff	365.00

Attorney	\$ 10.00
County Judges	216.00
County Clerk	711.00
Circuit Clerk	865.00
Jail	69.00
Other purposes	2,241.94
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	\$6,976.94

Levy 20 cents and 75 cents poll.

Assessment for 1853.

Slaves	\$ 934,585.00
Personalty	799,002.00
Land and lots	2,546,876.00
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Total	\$4,280,463.00

May 2—Capt. John McCord having died, Luke P. Stiles administered. Bond, \$3,000. He lived in the bottoms opposite Leavenworth. He built a steamer for the Missouri River trade, and named it *The Edna*, after his wife. An Irishman by birth, he was a steamboat captain on the Missouri.

May 10—William H. Bell buys largely of real estate in Weston.

PLATTE CITY WATER MILLS.

May 20—Paxton & Callahan buy of Jas. B. Martin one undivided half of the mills and 300 acres of land for \$15,000. They sell their stock of goods to Metcalfe & Bradley. W. B. Almond owned the other half of the mill property; and the new firm was known as Almond, Paxton & Callahan.

JUNE.

June 12—D. R. Atchison buys of the Mill Company 10 acres in a square, on what has since been known as Atchison Hill, at \$500. It lies south of Platte City.

John A. Tutt having died, P. Ellington administers. Bond, \$3,000.

June 24—James M. Kuykendall keeps a ferry over the Missouri, at Parkville.

THE HANGING OF ABE.

This day, L. Shepard, sheriff, hung Abe, a negro, convicted of murder. A white oak tree was selected, standing 300 yards east of Hon. R. P. C. Wilson's house, near Platte City. A horizontal limb was used as a gallows. This is the only judicial hanging that ever took place in Platte. Abe and Dan were slaves of Nathan Newby. Dan was foreman, and Newby ordered Dan to whip Abe.

for some cause. Abe told Dan that if he (Dan) struck him, he (Abe) would kill him. But Dan struck, and Abe killed him with a knife. He was sentenced May 31, 1853, by Judge Norton, to be hung the 24th of June. James Craig was circuit attorney. Abe was defended by John Wilson and J. H. Connelly. T. T. Jones was foreman of the grand jury that found the indictment. The petit jury was as follows: 1, Jerry Beery; 2, Jos. Daniel; 3, Amos Davis; 4, John W. Freeland; 5, Barnabas Gable; 6, Warren Gaines; 7, Thos. Kimsey (foreman); 8, Thos. King; 9, Gabé Mars; 10, J. M. Mulkey; 11, Sam'l Potter; 12, B. S. Richards. The town was full of people, and a vast crowd attended the execution. I went out to see the arrangements, but returned before the execution.

Rush Creek Christian Church was organized by Elder John Callerman.

JULY.

July 9—Abner Barker having died, Eliz. Barker administered. Bond, \$2,000.

July 13—Lewis J. Kay having died, Chas. H. Kay administered. Bond, \$1,400.

July 16—The United Baptist Church of Weston was organized.

July 27—Layton Ewell having died, Bluford Stanton administered. Bond, \$4,000.

The *Industrial Luminary* was first published this year, at Parkville, by Park & Cundiff. It took a decided stand for free soil.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—Kuykendall's term as probate judge having expired, he became a candidate for a second term; but was beaten by Jas. G. Spratt.

Aug. 5—W. F. Dollins having died, Jas. Dodd administered. Bond, \$3,000.

ABRAHAM ZABRISKY.

Abraham Zabrisky having died, John Houts administered. Bond, \$14,000. He was one of the earliest settlers in the bottoms of the Missouri, below Farley. Ch:

- I. ABRAM ZABRISKY (ii), m'd Feb. 20, 1853, Lucy J. Davis.
- II. ANN ZABRISKY, m'd Nov. 3, 1840, Richard Babcock. (See.)
- III. JANE ZABRISKY, dead; m'd Dec. 30, 1855, Jas. L. Gray. b. Feb. 9, 1835. He now lives in Leavenworth. Ch:

1. *Jas. W. Gray.* 2. *Mrs. Wallace.*

Jas. L. Gray m'd 2d, Angie Heath.

- IV. WILLIAM ZABRISKY, was an enterprising merchant in Farley. He m'd May 28, 1857, Reb. McDaniel. (See.) Ch.

1. *Mary F. Zabrisky*, m'd Sept. 24, 1876, John H. Walker. b. Aug. 22, 1845. Ch: [a] Martha; [b] Jos. C.; [c] William Z.

Aug. 8—Wm. L. Boulware having died, his father, John Boulware administered. Father and son, with John B. Wells, kept the Rialto ferry.

Dr. B. F. Hollingsworth settles at Platte City.

THE ASHBY FAMILY.

Aug. 11—Newton Ashby's estate administered on by S. B. Ashby. Bond, \$600.

DAVID ASHBY was the progenitor. He was born in Pennsylvania; came to Kentucky, where he married Sarah Burnett, aunt of Peter H. Burnett and sister of the first Mrs. Robert Cain. They lived north of Parkville. Ch:

I. NEWTON ASHBY, m'd Melissa Warren, of Clay; d. in Feb., 1853.

II. JAMES H. ASHBY, went to Texas.

III. FLORILLA, m'd John Brown.

IV. CROMWELL P. ASHBY, constable of Carroll Township; miller and mechanic; m'd Silvey Karr, dr. of Jas. Ch:

1. *Paxton*.

V. JANE ASHBY, m'd May 26, 1848, Isaac Wilson.

VI. ELIZ. ASHBY, m'd Frank Hatton, Jr.

VII. SAM'L B. ASHBY, m'd Dec. 14, 1852, Rachel Kimsey. (See.)

THOMAS MCGACHAGER.

Aug. 15—Thomas McGachager having died, his widow, Sarah, administered. Bond, \$4,000. He was a farmer, and left 300 acres of land on Platte River, which was divided among his four daughters. Ch:

I. MARY MCGACHAGER, m'd July 10, 1856. Geo. D. Brink. She died, leaving a child, Clara, who died in infancy, leaving her father her only heir.

II. NANCY L. MCGACHAGER, m'd 1st, M. Donnelly. and was divorced. She then m'd Ben Veach.

III. SARAH E. MCGACHAGER, d. in Jan., 1874; m'd Dec. 4, 1864, Northcut Naylor, son of Geo. T., b. in Bath Co., Ky., Aug. 7, 1837; d. in Platte June 8, 1888. He was a farmer and an excellent citizen. For several years, he freighted across the plains. Ch:

1. *Trinvilla*, m'd Jan. 4, 1880, Wm. Dawson. Live in Colorado.

2. *Drusilla Naylor*, m'd Wm. McDougal. Live in Kansas.

3. *Serilda Naylor*, m'd Geo. Gray. Live at Denver.

Mr. N. Naylor m'd 2d, March 4, 1876. Hannah Kerns, dr. of Jonathan. Ch:

4. *Wade Hampton Naylor*. 5. *Julia*.

IV. MATILDA ANN McGACHAGER, m'd June 27, 1867, Stephen Waldron. (See.)

Aug. 28—Thomas Metcalfe having died, H. B. Callahan administered. He was an unmarried brother of Mrs. Callahan, and was, at his death, the postmaster of Platte City. He was also a partner of J. N. Bradley in the mercantile business at Platte City. Perry Keith succeeded as postmaster.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 7—Wm. M. Hatch having died, C. A. Perry administered. Bond, \$3,000.

W. H. Miller enrolled as an attorney.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 8—Jonathan Carpenter having died, W. H. Tebbs administered. Bond, \$5,000.

Oct. 14—Elder A. P. Williams sells to Jas. Kuykendall the N. W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Block 14, Platte City, for \$500.

Oct. 18—W. C. Handley buys of P. Ellington a farm in T. 54, R. 33, at \$4,291.

E. J. Miller buys of Jas. Dunham the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 8, T. 53, R. 34, for \$3,000.

NOVEMBER.

JOHN RITNER.

Nov. 5—John Ritner having died, Dr. A. M. Robinson administered. Bond, \$5,000. He had a large farm on Smith's Fork, but was an excellent millwright, and Jas. B. Martin formed a partnership with him. Many improvements in the water mills at Platte City were his handiwork. When Morin bought an interest in the mills, Ritner returned to his farm. His widow's name was Sarah. Ch:

- I. ELIZABETH, wife of Lewis Hanum.
- II. MISSOURI A., wife of Jos. Edwards.
- III. ANN, wife of Jos. Allen.
- IV. FLORA A. RITNER.

Mrs. Sarah Ritner afterwards m'd Sebastian Ritner.

Nov. 10—Jas. A. Headley is appointed commissioner of common schools.

Nov. 18—Geo. A. Wood having died at Parkville, J. C. Summers administered.

JAMES BREEN.

James Breen settles at Weston in 1853. He was born in Ireland in 1830. His father, Edward Breen, came with his family to Mason Co., Ky., where he died, aged 99. Edward married Mary Mulkey. Their son, James Breen, married Mary Collins. Ch:

- I. EDWARD BREEN (ii), who was postmaster at Weston during Cleveland's first administration. He m'd Mary Butler, and now lives in St. Joseph.
- II. CHARLES P. BREEN, b. June 29, 1858; m'd May 30, 1878, Mary Noll, dr. of Mat. He has been for nine years superintendent of the construction of college building at Parkville. He superintended the erection of the Mackay building. Children:
 1. *Edward.* 2. *Emmet.* 3. *Howard.*
- III. MARGARET BREEN.
- IV. JAMES.
- V. HONORA.
- VI. THOMAS.
- VII. MARY.
- VIII. JOHN.
- IX. ANNIE BREEN.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 5—B. F. Stringfellow enrolled as a member of the bar.

Dec. 8—John Daniels, after an exciting trial, is acquitted of murder.

H. C. Cockrell, J. N. Burnes, and C. F. Burnes enrolled as attorneys.

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OFFICERS.

Governor, S. Price; Circuit Judge, E. H. Norton; State Senator, A. M. Robinson; Circuit Clerk, W. C. Remington; Representatives, Brooks, Forbis, and Martin; Probate Judge, Jas. G. Spratt; County Justices, Clark, Duncan, and Layton; County Clerk, P. R. Waggoner; Sheriff, L. Shepard; Treasurer, W. Christison; Circuit Attorney, Jas. Craig; County Attorney, W. B. Almond; Coroner, A. L. Perrin; Surveyor, H. N. Jenks; School Commissioner, J. A. Headley; Public Administrator, Jac. Swope.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Almond, Baldwin, Clark, Connelly, Cockrell, Headley, Herndon, Hollingsworth, Pitt, Rees, Sayle, Stringfellow, Wilson, H. M. Moore.

Physicians—Baldwin, Brown, Callahan, Hollingsworth, Marshall, Redman, Stringfellow, Wallace.

Merchants, etc.—Ferrier, Fleshman, Fox & Brooks, Johnston & Son, S. Johnston, Keith (postmaster), Green, Gaines, Marshall & Burge, L. Rees, Richards, Swaney & Christison, S. A. Jack, Neudorf.

At Weston: Attorneys—Bird, J. N. & C. F. Burnes, Diefendorf, Jas. Doniphan, John Doniphan, McCurdy, Wolf, Tylee, Ramage.

Physicians—Bonifant, Bowers, Ridley.

Merchants, etc.—Basye & Brown, Belt & Murphy, Blanjour, Briggs, Cody, Davin, Dopler, Evans, Fergus, Frank, Guenther, Keller & Kyle, Lingley, McCown, Meyers, Harper, Noble, Parrott, Perrys & Young, Railey & Bro., Warner, Wilhite, Newman, Mettier (postmaster), Deity, Doss, Mitchell, Wallingford.

Weston Court of Common Pleas—McCurdy, judge; Diefendorf, clerk; and Wallingford, marshal.

Mayor—J. Woods.

Hotels—McClure, McHolland.

At Parkville: Attorneys—W. M. & E. N. O. Clough, McDonald, Miller.

Merchants, etc.—Arnold, Aspling & Stephens, Bueneman, Burnes, Burney, Davis, Ford & Ashby, Kuykendall, Park, Ringo, Hord, Summers, Woodward, Dale, Richardson, Woodsmall.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Cartwright, Roberts, Allen, Walling & Browning, Ussary.

At Farley: Stiles, Zabriski & Falkner.

At Ridgely: Black, Clark, Chinn, Ellington, Phillips, Sayle (postmaster), Smither.

THE SEASON, CROPS, ETC.

This was the famine year. Crops were short in Missouri, but nearly a failure in Kansas. H. D. Oden and others came over to solicit supplies for the starving people of Kansas; and liberal contributions were made. But the year is more memorable as the beginning of the border warfare, that ended in the civil war between the North and South.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Dram-shops are freely licensed for \$20 county tax, and \$10 State tax.

L. C. Jack buys of W. B. Almond the S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Block 40 in Platte City, and removes into town.

Jan. 21—David Bowman's estate administered on by Jacob Meyer.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—Louis Neudorf's house burned on Lot 8, Block 26, in Platte City. The thermometer stood 30° below zero, and the fire seemed to cast off no heat. We saved the log house adjoining, by piling snow on the roof. In the intense cold, the snow melted only at the eaves of the house.

Feb. 21—Samuel Tincher's estate administered on by Levi Long. Bond, \$3,000.

Feb. 23—Ben Fry purchases of Jesse Morin 320 acres in Secs. 4 and 9, T. 54, R. 35, for \$9,039.

HEMP, THE SEASON.

Feb. 25—In an old letter of this date, from Platte City, I find the following passage: "Our dry winter has caused the farmers to be very backward in breaking hemp. But, this week, we have had several good rains, and hemp is pretty well rotted. The lint is remarkably heavy, and the article is superior. The crop will be larger than last year. It is selling for \$5.75 to \$6.25."

MARCH.

March 6—James Doniphan is enrolled as an attorney.

March 16—The Baptists buy of John Boulware Lot 10, Block 29, Platte City, and this season erect a church, 40x60, of brick.

TODD AND SKINNER.

A bitter feud arises between two parties in the Christian Church at Camden Point. Phinehas Skinner leads one party, and Prof. H. B. Todd, principal of the Female Academy, the other. The whole community is excited, and takes sides. Todd is charged, by many responsible parties, with "lying." He sues for slander, and Skinner sues for debt. After two years of wrangling, the matter is settled, to the satisfaction of no one. The school suffers. Todd resigns, comes to Platte City, raises a large subscription, and in 1857 builds the Platte City Female Academy.

March 21—Wm. McNeil Clough enrolled as an attorney.

APRIL.

April 7—W. H. Bryan died at Ringold. He was a partner of Phinehas Skinner in the mercantile business, and was highly esteemed. His children have all left the county.

EMIGRANT AID SOCIETY.

The Legislature of Massachusetts chartered a company by this name, which was never organized. But February 25, 1855, The New England Emigrant Aid Society was chartered, and went into operation, with Eli Thayer as president. They were active in promoting the settlement of Kansas with Free Soil men.

MAY.

May 1—If any financial exhibit was made this year, it cannot be found. It is not of record.

ASSESSMENT OF 1854.

Slaves, \$1,323,300; money and notes, \$592,550; other property, \$449,976; lands and lots, \$3,278,550; total, \$5,644,376.

May 6—The Delaware tribe of Indians cede to the United States the larger part of their lands in Kansas.

May 18—The Kickapoos cede their lands in Kansas to the United States.

JAMES H. JOHNSTON.

May 23—James H. Johnston dies at his new house, a mile southeast of Platte City. He was born in Ohio May 27, 1813. He received his mercantile training in Cincinnati, came West early in 1838, and with Stephen Johnston, who was not related to him, opened the second store in Martinsville, held the office of postmaster at Martinsville and Platte City until 1850, when he sold his store to Paxton & Callahan and retired to his farm, where he had just completed a spacious brick dwelling. He married in 1840, Martha Henderson (see), a younger sister of Mrs. Geo. P. Dorris. She survived him, and married September 17, 1860, Hon. A. W. Morrison, State treasurer, and is again a widow. Capt. R. D. Johnston, another partner, yet not related, administered on his estate, giving bond for \$40,000. Ch:

L. ANNA B. JOHNSTON, m'd Feb. 17, 1860, Hon. Ben. J. Franklin, now governor of Arizona. He was a native of Mason Co., Ky.; educated at Bethany; admitted to our bar in 1857. After a short residence at Platte City, he located at Leavenworth. He was outspoken for the South. In 1860 he removed to Kansas City, entered the Confederate army as a private, was promoted to captain, and served throughout the war. He was elected to Congress from our district, which then included Kansas City, in 1874, and was reelected in 1876. He is a man of independence, intelligence, and moral and personal courage, and took a high station in Congress. In March, 1896, he was appointed governor of Arizona.

II. REBECCA JOHNSTON, m'd Wm. Ford, and is now a widow.
Children:

1. *Annie Ford.* 2. *Willie.*

III. GEO. D. JOHNSTON, was killed in an affray in central Missouri; never married.

Mr. J. H. Johnston and I were intimate friends, and in a poem I dedicated to his memory I write:

He was a merchant trained from early youth;
Good name and wealth were honestly acquired.
He rose by promptness, energy, and truth,
And, having gained a competence, retired.
But prowling death stalked forth at radiant noon,
And rudely foiled his plans of ease and splendor—
As biting frosts will sometimes come in June,
To nip the buds and flowers, when young and tender.

May 30—The Kansas-Nebraska bill approved by the President. It submitted the question of slavery to the people of each Territory, and so far violated the Missouri Compromise. No effort was made to introduce slavery into Nebraska; but Kansas bordered on Missouri, and it was thought it could be easily colonized by Pro-slavery men. The Free Soil party were conscious that it would cost much labor and money to secure Kansas to freedom. The Northern people, therefore, entered heroically into the work, and, though often cast down, in the end succeeded.

JUNE.

June 10—A meeting of Pro-slavery "squatters," three miles west of Fort Leavenworth, declare Kansas slave territory, and refuse protection to Abolitionists.

LEAVENWORTH'S BIRTHDAY.

June 13—The Leavenworth Company formed at Weston. G. W. Gist was chosen president, H. Miles Moore secretary, and J. B. Evans treasurer. Amos Rees, L. D. Bird, and Maj. A. E. Ogden were members. Thirty-four signed the constitution. The only living members are H. Miles Moore, J. C. Gist, A. T. Kyle, Jos. Murphy, and J. B. Evans. The first sale of lots was in October, 1854. The ground was surveyed by J. C. Gist, G. W. Gist, and Sam'l Fernandes.

ELIJAH CRUTCHFIELD.

June 24—Elijah Crutchfield and his wife both died to-day, of cholera. Mr. Crutchfield was a native of Clark Co., Ky. He married Maria Harris, daughter of John, in Estill Co., Ky., and came to Platte in 1847. They settled six miles east of Weston. Ch:

- I. JOHN A. CRUTCHFIELD, b. in Clark Co., Ky., July 24, 1831; m'd Dora Jackson, dr. of James, a brother of Wallace. Ch:
 1. *Adie Crutchfield*. 2. *Ollie*.
- II. GEORGE CRUTCHFIELD, b. Aug. 28, 1833, in Clark Co., Ky.; m'd March 1, 1862, Eliz. Pope, dr. of Almanzer. He is a prosperous farmer, residing near Woodruff, and possesses good hard sense and the highest integrity. He served a term as county court justice, and was faithful and true to his trust. Ch:
 1. *John M. Crutchfield*, b. in 1864. 2. *Jessie*.
 3. *S. Richard*.
 4. *Anna M. Crutchfield*, m'd June 23, 1888, Cor. C. Montgomery. Ch: [^a] *Mary*.
- III. ANN CRUTCHFIELD, dead; m'd Dec. 2, 1855, Phil. Gerner. Children:
 1. *Geo. Gerner*, m'd Ann Lankford: They live in Weston.
 2. *Fannie*, m'd Linville Alexander. 5 ch.
 3. *Seagle*, m'd Maggie Treadway. 4. *Sheridan*.
 5. *Sherman*, dead. 6. *Ellen*. 7. *Katie Gerner*.
- IV. PHOEBE CRUTCHFIELD, m'd Wm. Davis, son of John S.
 1. *John M. Davis*, m'd a Pope. Live in Kansas.
 2. *Leb. Davis*, m'd a Hunsucker, in Kansas. 3. *Charles*.
 4. *Fannie*, m'd a House and went to Oklahoma Territory.
 5. *William*, m'd a Pope, and went to Kansas.
- V. HENRY CRUTCHFIELD, m'd Sallie Donnelly. Live in Kansas.
- VI. DANIEL CRUTCHFIELD, m'd Jan. 22, 1871, Mollie A. Fulton, dr. of Hugh. No children.
- VII. RUTH CRUTCHFIELD, m'd Feb. 29, 1865, Jas. Lindsay. (See.)
- VIII. JAMES CRUTCHFIELD, m'd Oct. 10, 1873, Ella Gabbert, dr. of George.

June 30—The United States Senate confirms the appointment of Andrew Reeder, as governor of Kansas.

This season some half-dozen persons died of cholera, in Platte City. I can name only Jos. R. Daniel and William Beckum.

WILLIAM BECKUM.

William Beckum married a Bush and came to Platte City about 1847. Ch:

- I. ELIZA BECKUM, m'd 1st, Jas. G. Hodge, who died, leaving:
 1. *Marcella Hodge*, d. March 26, 1896; m'd March 28, 1854, Geo. P. Young. (See.)
 2. *Sarah A. Hodge*, m'd June 4, 1865, W. S. Allingham. Ch: [^a] *Harry Allingham*; [^b] *Eddie*.
 3. *Lee Hodge*, m'd Leney Recht. Ch: [^a] *Alcesta Recht*,

m'd March 31, 1885, Wm. F. Wilmes; [^b] Linda B. Recht, m'd Nov. 13, 1889, W. B. Shackelford.

Mrs. Hodge m'd 2d, Wm. M. Cannon. Ch:

4. *Mollie B. Cannon*, m'd July 30, 1871, Wm. Brown. She is living in Leavenworth with a second husband.
5. *Edmonia Cannon*, m'd 1st, Chas. M. Boyd, who was killed Aug. 13, 1865. She m'd 2d, Griffin; and m'd 3d, Wood.

Mrs. Cannon m'd 3d, Jan. 25, 1865, Andrew Tolly, who died childless. Her children are all daughters and lovely women.

II. SARAH A. BECKUM, m'd June 23, 1842, Geo. Quimby. She died in 1854, leaving:

1. *Alice Quimby*, m'd a Trenwitch, and, after his death, m'd a Bevins. They live in St. Louis.
2. *Cleora Quimby*, m'd 1st, about 1860, John Bourne, a man of marked intelligence. He edited several papers in Platte and elsewhere. After his death, she m'd McGreggor. She died in St. Louis.

Mr. Quimby went to Kansas, and raised another family.

III. JOHN BECKUM, m'd ———. Ch:

1. *Susan Beckum*, b. Nov. 15, 1843; m'd W. T. Rader. (See.)
2. *Georgiana*, b. Feb. 13, 1845; m'd March 5, 1861, H. Scott Yates, b. Dec. 26, 1834, son of Chas. Yates and Emily McManus. Mr. Yates was a Confederate State guard for six months; a member of Capt. W. J. Miller's Co. I., Winston's regiment of infantry. He is a Knight Templar, and a highly respected citizen. He came to Platte in 1857. Ch: [^a] Ella Yates, b. in 1862; m'd Jan. 19, 1881, John Wilson; [^b] John, b. Jan. 20, 1864; m'd in 1884, Martha A. Timberlake; 3 children; [^c] Ada Yates; [^d] Susan, m'd in 1889, Bolivar Rule (ii) (see); 1 child; [^e] William; [^f] Edward; [^g] Eliza; [^h] Grace; [ⁱ] Thomas H.; [^j] Flora Yates.
3. *Alabas Beckum*, m'd a Sanders.
4. *Eliza Beckum*, m'd a Sanders.

IV. CHARLES BECKUM, lived in Kentucky.

V. SUSAN BECKUM, lived in Kentucky.

VI. IRENA BECKUM, lived in Indiana.

JULY.

July 1—At this time it was a common story that the Southerners kept a cow at every ferry on the Missouri River, and every stranger that applied for passage was asked to name the animal. If he answered, "A keow," he was turned back. But the Free-State ferrymen showed a bear, and if the stranger called it "a bar,"

they refused to cross him. The joke is as old as the shibboleth of Jephthah.

July 8—William Roach having died, Mary Roach administered. Bond, \$20,000.

WILLIAM GUTHRIE.

William Guthrie having died, Cox & Burruss administered. Bond, \$45,000. He married Mary Yates. Ch:

I. MARY GUTHRIE, m'd Mad. W. Mitchell. (See.)

II. NANCY GUTHRIE, m'd Jos. Kelly. Ch:

1. *Jane Kelly*, m'd — Calvert.

2. *William Kelly*, lives in St. Joseph.

3. *Linnie Kelly*, m'd — Cary. 4. *Minnie*. 5. *John*.

III. LINNA GUTHRIE, m'd Elder Phil. Burruss. (See.)

IV. MARTHA A. GUTHRIE, m'd Oct. 18, 1853, John S. Mitchell, of St. Joseph.

V. LUCY, m'd Dec. 9, 1856, Jas. Dye. (See.)

VI. ELIZABETH GUTHRIE, b. Oct. 10, 1844; m'd May 12, 1858, David T. Polk (i). He was elected surveyor of Platte in 1884, and reelected in 1886. Mrs. Polk is a handsome and accomplished lady. Ch:

1. *Mary Polk*, b. Nov. 30, 1859; m'd Sept. 22, 1880, Canby Hawkins, b. April 10, 1858. Ch: [*a*] Vera Hawkins, b. Aug. 27, 1881; [*b*] Lydia, b. March 9, 1883.

2. *David T. Polk* (ii).

VII. JOHN M. GUTHRIE, b. July 26, 1830, in Henry Co., Ky.; d. in Platte, Aug. 26, 1889; m'd Elvira Pence, dr. of Edward.

ZABINA BABCOCK.

July 10—Zabina Babcock having died, Richard Babcock administered. Bond, \$1,600. He married, in Ohio, Lucinda Duster; came to Platte in 1838, and settled at the "Narrows," where he formed a partnership with Phinehas Skinner, and kept a store. I knew him as a large and venerable old gentleman. His wife survived until 1874. Ch:

I. RICHARD BABCOCK, b. July 11, 1818; m'd 1st, Nov. 3, 1840, Ann Zabriski, who d. childless. He m'd 2d, Oct. 18, 1841, Serilda Moore, dr. of John. They live near Waldron. Mr. Babcock possesses sound judgment and business qualifications. He is a pillar of the Methodist Church, and an honorable and useful citizen. Ch:

1. *Taylor Babcock*, b. July 11, 1849; m'd 1st, Minnie Glenner, dr. of Edward. Ch: [*a*] Waller E. Babcock, b. July 8, 1878; [*b*] Nellie Babcock, b. in Nov., 1881. Minnie d. June 1, 1889; and Taylor m'd 2d, July 23, 1890, Lula Tinder, b. in 1870. Ch: [*c*] Gilbert Babcock, b. Oct. 1, 1891.

2. *John W. Babcock*, m'd Oct. 17, 1877, Mary Porter (see), b. April 2, 1852.
3. *Middleton Babcock*, b. March 16, 1853; m'd Jan. 7, 1875, Flora Naylor, dr. of Wesley, b. Jan. 12, 1858. Ch: [a] Joe; [b] Stella; [c] Lillie.
4. *Grant Babcock*, m'd May 27, 1886, Gladys Brink. Ch: [a] Dean.
5. *Chas. Babcock* (ii), m'd Kate Hardwicke.
6. *Elizabeth L.*, b. Feb. 23, 1845; m'd Dec. 28, 1865, Henderson Searcy, son of Christopher, b. in Platte March 22, 1841. Ch: [a] Wm. R. Searcy, b. Oct. 27, 1866; m'd Feb. 25, 1890, Jennie Johnson. Ch: [1] Claude W.; [2] Guy M. [b] Lena Searcy, m'd Feb. 22, 1887, Jas. J. Clements, b. Feb. 22, 1860; 3 children. [c] Ethel Searcy.
7. *Margaret Babcock*, m'd 1st, Aug. 15, 1865, John Heath, son of Stephen. Ch: [a] Mary. Margaret m'd 2d, J. H. Butler. Ch: [b] Edward Butler, m'd Cora Riley, dr. of Jas. T. Ch: [1] Lillian; [2] Flora; [3] Chas. Butler.
8. *Victoria Babcock*, m'd Richard Moore, son of Luke and grandson of John. Ch: [a] Minnie, m'd Jas. Conner; [b] Maud; [c] Bessie.
9. *Susan Babcock*, m'd in 1878, Wm. Dillard Mills, b. May 16, 1855. Ch: [a] Herman Z. Mills; [b] Claude R.

II. RUTH BABCOCK, went to Texas.

III. CHARLES BABCOCK (i), b. in Ohio June 22, 1822; m'd Nov. 6, 1843, Pauline Moore, b. in 1827, dr. of John. She still lives, but her husband committed suicide June 14, 1889, by cutting his throat. He was a worthy farmer. Ch:

1. *Frank M. Babcock*, m'd April 14, 1869, Mary Crosky. Ch: [a] Eva Babcock, b. Nov. 27, 1870; m'd Dec. 23, 1890, John R. Dunagan, b. Sept. 28, 1860. Ch: [1] Roscoe, b. Oct. 13, 1891; [2] Ed. L. b. Jan. 15, 1894. [b] Annie Babcock; [c] R. Newton Babcock; [d] Ella; [e] Nora; [f] Harrison; [g] Dora Babcock.
2. *Samuel Babcock*, m'd 1st, Oct. 4, 1869, Wilmouth Arnold. Ch: [a] William Babcock. Samuel m'd 2d, Nov. 1, 1874, Mary E. Naylor. Ch: [b] Eddie and 5 others. Live in Kansas.
3. *Geo. W. Babcock*, b. May 8, 1851; m'd Feb. 8, 1867, Ellen Williams. Ch: [a] Clarence; [b] Clidia; [c] Doxie; [d] Geo.; [e] Raymond.
4. *Sarah J. Babcock*, m'd Sept. 3, 1874, Wm. N. Morrow, son of Samuel. Live in Colorado.
5. *Wm. A. Babcock*, m'd April 28, 1880, Florence Pierce, dr. of Weston. Ch: [a] Sallie; [b] George; [c] William; [d] Cora; [e] Vernie; [f] Mattie M.; [g] Sadie Babcock.

6. *Chas. W. Babcock*, m'd Aug. 1, 1881, Mary E. Naylor, dr. of Abner. Ch: [*a*] Della; [*b*] Birdie; [*c*] Galen.
7. *Mary Babcock*, m'd Mat Wills, of Kansas.
8. *And. J. Babcock*, b. Sept. 8, 1865; m'd Sept. 15, 1889, Bettie Carpenter, b. May 24, 1868, dr. of Zenith. Ch: [*a*] Ernest.
9. *Henry T. Babcock*, m'd Nov. 6, 1893, Ida E. Grove.
- IV. ALFRED BABCOCK, d. in June, 1864; m'd 1st, a Wood. Ch:
 1. *William Babcock*, m'd Mary Kemphefner. Ch: [*a*] Eli. Alfred m'd 2d, Luvana Nash, sister of Cov.; no children.
- V. JACK BABCOCK, m'd March 18, 1858, Sallie Heath, dr. of James. Ch:
 1. *Jas. Babcock*, m'd Jan. 4, 1880, Luvella Naylor, dr. of Paul. 4 children. Live in Leavenworth.
- VI. SAMUEL, went to California, and died; single.

ABRAM RISK.

July 10—Abram Risk's estate administered on by his son, Jesse Risk. He died of cholera. In Kentucky, he married Malinda Davenport, and came to Platte in 1837, settling north of Weston. Mrs. Risk died July 7, 1883. Ch:

- I. SIDNEY C. RISK, b. Sept. 18, 1838; d. in Nov., 1886; m'd Oct. 10, 1862, Valaria Thorp, who d. in 1871. Ch:
 1. *Adella Risk*, m'd M. C. Ferrel.
 2. *David Risk*, m'd July 24, 1887, Ida May Shouse, b. Oct. 13, 1867. Ch: [*a*] Frank Risk; [*b*] Julian.
 3. *Dora Risk*, m'd R. F. Ferrel.
 4. *James Risk*, m'd Aug. 20, 1868, Nannie Gabbert, dr. of Michael H.
 5. *William Risk*, d. Nov. 9, 1891. Sidney C. m'd 2d, Harriet N. Guant.
- II. JAS. JESSE RISK, was shot, fatally, in his yard, Oct. 7, 1863, by an unknown assassin.
- III. PAUL RISK, d. May, 5, 1872; m'd Feb. 18, 1864, Phoebe J. Palmer. Ch:
 1. *Phoebe J. Risk*.
 2. *Abm. Risk*, m'd July 10, 1888, Mary A. Rees, dr. of Wm.
- IV. D. FRANKLIN RISK, b. Feb. 14, 1848; m'd Dec. 25, 1866, Caro. Smith, dr. of A. G. Smith and Sarah Hill. He is an enterprising farmer and stock-raiser, living north of Weston.
 1. *Ella M. Risk*, m'd April 13, 1892, A. H. Hord, dr. of Anderson.
 2. *Ida G. Risk*. 3. *Benj. B.* 4. *Jesse*.
 5. *Lela Myrtle Risk*.
- V. MINERVA RISK, m'd April 10, 1891, John Moore; dead.
- VI. MOLLIE J. RISK, m'd Dec. 31, 1863, David B. Layton, b. Feb. 2, 1841. Ch:

1. *Perry Layton* (ii). 2. *Malinda*.
3. *David*, m'd Aug. 10, 1891, Clara Decker.
4. *Lurinda (Lulie)*. 5. *Minerva*. 6. *James*. 7. *Noah*.
8. *Ben Layton*.

Mr Layton is a son of the late Judge Jas. H. Layton, and a cordial and intelligent gentleman.

JOHN I. GARDINER.

July 11—John I. Gardiner having died, his widow, Nancy J., administered. Bond, \$20,000. They settled, about 1847, at Second Creek Church. He was a highly respected gentleman, and his wife was handsome and intelligent. Ch:

I. ANNA ANASTASIA GARDINER, m'd Feb. 21, 1860, And. Cook. No children.

II. LETITIA A. GARDINER, d. June 9, 1878, aged 28.

July 27—Leonard Cannon having died near Farley, R. F. Mason administered. Bond, \$2,600.

The *Argus* offers \$200 reward for the apprehension of Eli Thayer, president of the New England Emigrant Aid Society.

The Atchison Town Company formed, with P. T. Abell, president; J. H. Stringfellow, secretary; and J. N. Burnes, treasurer.

PLATTE COUNTY SELF-DEFENSIVE ASSOCIATION.

July 29—A meeting was held to-day, in pursuance of a call signed, among others, by W. B. Almond, D. R. Atchison, J. N. Burnes, Dr. G. W. Bayless, Jas. Adkins, P. T. Abell, Dan'l Cary, J. V. Cockrill, Geo. Galloway, Jesse Morin, W. J. Miller, W. H. Spratt, B. F. Stringfellow, J. H. Stringfellow, Jarret Todd, Jno. M. Wallace, J. W. Vineyard. Geo. Galloway was made president, and J. H. Stringfellow secretary. After resolving that all settlers sent to Kansas by aid societies must be turned back, they formed a society, to be known as the Platte County Self-Defensive Association, to hold public meetings, and urge the settlement of Kansas by Pro-slavery men, and to guard elections against the frauds of Abolitionists. Under the patronage of this institution, Atchison, Bayless, Stringfellow, and others made frequent public addresses.

THE KANSAS LEAGUE.

The Kansas League was a subsidiary institution, to carry into effect the decrees of the Platte County Self-Defensive Association. It was composed, chiefly, of the same persons, bound to secrecy by an oath, and holding meetings in the dark, wherever and whenever called out. Through the agency of this institution, newspapers were suppressed and Northern Methodists silenced.

AUGUST.

THE ELECTION.

Aug. 1—The vote for Congressman was: Mor. Oliver (Whig), 6,129; S. L. Leonard, 4,998; Lowe, 2,787. W. H. Spratt (Whig) was chosen sheriff; A. M. Robinson senator; and D. D. Burnes, John Doniphan, and G. P. Dorriess representatives.

THE SMITHVILLE TRAGEDY.

Aug. 7—This day occurred the terrible affray in Smithville, in which John W. Douglas and S. J. Ross were killed, and Samuel Shackelford, Wm. Shackelford, and John W. Calloway were lynched. Samuel Shackelford was the leader of a gang of lawless men who met at Smithville, and, being armed, brought on an affray. He killed the two men named, but his skull was broken by a club; and, with his two companions, he was hung to the limb of a sugar-tree, across the creek from Smithville.

PARDEE BUTLER.

Aug. 16—Pardee Butler was an outspoken Free State man of Atchison, Kansas, and was seized by Pro-slavery men, and placed on two logs, and set adrift in the Missouri River. A flag fastened to the raft proclaimed his principles. I met Mr. Butler years later, and heard from his lips the story of his voyage. He had upon his person \$125, which he asked might be deposited with a merchant at Atchison; but he was commanded to take his money with him. His orders were not to take down the flag; but, when out of sight, he tore it down, and, with it as a paddle, reached the Kansas shore. Two years later, at Atchison, he was treated to a coat of tar. He was a Baptist elder. He died in Kansas, a few years ago.

THE DROUTH.

This was the famine year for Kansas. The winter had been remarkably dry, yet early corn sprouted and produced more than a half crop; but not one grain in five planted in May came up. In Kansas it was worse. Southern men were helped by their Missouri friends, and the Free State men were supplied by contributions from the North. Corn sold for from \$1 to \$1.50 per bushel, and wheat brought the same. Later in the fall, grasshoppers made their first visit to Kansas, and in places hatched out in the spring.

SEPTEMBER.

LAW AND ORDER MEETING AT WESTON.

Sept. 1—In opposition to the Self-Defensive Association, a meeting of citizens favorable to law and order was called September 1st, at Weston. The call was signed, among others, by J. C.

Abbott, R. Barnhart, G. Beaumont, Cas. Beechler, W. H., and A. C. Bell, A. G. Beller, L. D. Bird, J. F. Bruner, Elijah Cody, Jas. Deitz, G. W. Dye, W. H. Elliston, J. B. Evans, G. W. Gist, Chas. Guenther, A. B. Hathoway, G. W. Hood, G. T. Hulse, A. J. Lovelady, Jno. McConnell, F. Magers, A. H. Maxfield, R. Meek, Jr., Jacob Mettier, F. A. Miller, E. Ohlhausen, Jas. Osborn, J. V. Parrott, A. Phy, Thos. Quinn, Chas. Rich, J. M. and E. W. Railey, H. Roney, Sol. Shell, Fred Starr, W. O. Watts, Ben Wood, J. B. Wright.

The meeting protested against the resolutions of the Platte County Self-Defensive Association drawn up by Dr. Bayless. Their platform of principles breathed loyalty to the general Government, and opposition to violence and menace. Their declaration was signed by 133 citizens.

Sept. 6—The second party of anti-slavery immigrants reach Kansas, under S. C. Pomeroy and Chas. Robinson. They number 200 men.

Richard P. Gaines died at Platte City. His widow, Joanna (Tinder) Gaines, administers, giving bond for \$35,000.

THE GAINES FAMILY.

I. JAMES GAINES was a brother of R. P. Gaines and Robt. Gaines. James m'd Rebecca Adams, and came to Clay in 1842, and to Platte in 1843, settling near Platte City. Ch:

1. *Sarah Gaines*, b. in Woodford Co., Ky., Feb. 23, 1830; m'd May 13, 1849, Orange Gaines, b. May 7, 1828; d. Feb. 2, 1886. They were cousins. She d. Jan. 28, 1886, just five days before her husband. Mr. Gaines was a thrifty farmer, and his children divided a large estate among them. They came west in 1849, landing at Weston Aug. 1. Mr. Gaines served, as a private, in Capt. Pres. Simpson's company of militia, raised during the war. Ch: [a] Margaret Ellen Gaines, b. Feb. 10, 1855; m'd March 10, 1881, W. C. Harlan. No children. [b] Jeff. D. Gaines, b. Sept. 2, 1864; m'd April 14, 1886, Maggie Wood. He died in July, 1888, leaving a widow and a child: [1] Arch. R. Gaines, b. April 29, 1887. The widow, Maggie Gaines, m'd April 15, 1889, Michie Maupin. [c] Reb. Gaines, b. Oct. 11, 1862; m'd Nov. 10, 1881, Wm. Lewis Miller, son of John P., b. in De Kalb Co., Mo., Oct. 22, 1846. He resides four miles south of Platte City, and is an industrious farmer and a worthy citizen. Ch: [1] Virgil R. Miller, b. Oct. 12, 1882; [2] Wardie Ann Miller, b. in Oct., 1884. [d] Robert L. Gaines, b. Dec. 19, 1890.

2. *Kate Gaines*, m'd Jos. Coons. (See.)

3. *Edwin Gaines*, b. Sept. 26, 1828; m'd Feb. 17, 1853, Zerelda Hatton, b. Jan. 18, 1827, dr. of Geo. (i). Ch: [a] Geo. Gaines, b. April 15, 1860; m'd Jennie Stuckey, dr. of Samuel; [b] Armilda, b. Oct. 5, 1855; m'd William Grissom. Ch: [1] Helen Grissom; [2] Kate; [3] Edwin; [4] Jesse.

II. ROBERT GAINES (ii), m'd Margaret Breckenridge, dr. of James B. Ch:

1. *Orange Gaines* (above).

III. RICHARD P. GAINES, b. in 1789; d. Sept. 6, 1854; m'd in Kentucky, Joanna Tinder, who survived him. He came to Platte City in 1842, and purchased of J. V. Cockrell the frame hotel on the southeast corner of what is now the public square. He was a fat and jolly landlord, and highly esteemed. Ch:

1. *Sophronia*, m'd 1st, Hamp. Brown. They had one child, Frank, and were divorced. She then m'd Oct. 12, 1854, Miles Harrington. (See.)

2. *Sidonia Gaines*, b. Feb. 19, 1828; m'd April 6, 1845, A. B. Sherwood. He died, leaving: [a] Sophronia Sherwood, m'd W. T. Durrett; no issue; [b] Janette Sherwood, m'd J. W. Durrett; 5 children; [c] A. B. Sherwood (ii), m'd Euphora Bagbee; 8 children.

Sidonia m'd 2d, her cousin, L. Warren Gaines, son of William; he d. May 19, 1894. Ch: [a] Leanna Gaines, b. July 10, 1868. Lives in St. Joseph.

3. *R. Frank Gaines*, m'd Jan. 2, 1866, Mrs. Angeline Brightwell, née Oliver. 2 children: [a] John; [b] Kate.

Sept. 8—H. J. Wolf enrolled as an attorney.

Sept. 9—Old Settlers' Meeting at De Kalb, presided over by Senator Atchison, and addressed by Jas. N. Burnes, A. W. Doniphan, Senator Bogy, and Judges Vories and Birch.

Sept. 15—The first number of the *Kansas Herald* issued at Leavenworth, by W. H. Adams.

Charles, a slave of Almond, Paxton & Callahan, and Andy, a slave of L. C. Jack, are convicted, on indictment, for preaching the gospel to their fellows, with no officer present, on Atchison Hill, and each fined \$1 and costs, and were ordered committed until paid.

BENJ. D. MOORE.

Sept. 16—Benj. D. Moore having died, his son, Joel W. Moore, administered. Bond, \$10,000. He was a son of Lewis Moore, and was born in 1805; he married Susan White, half-sister of Wm. A. White. Ch:

- I. JOEL W. MOORE, dead; m'd March 30, 1858, Elmira Waller, b. Aug. 1, 1833, dr. of Hiram; still living. No living children.

- II. LEWIS JEFF. MOORE, d. Nov. 6, 1867; m'd Aug. 21, 1860, Elizabeth Link (see), b. Jan. 22, 1843. He was a sprightly young man, and much beloved. Ch:
1. *Ben. D. Moore* (iii), m'd Feb. 14, 1884, Andronica (Martha) Pancake.
 2. *Joel*.
 3. *Fannie*, m'd Lafayette Allen. Ch: [*a*] Jesse Allen, b. Dec. 25, 1886; [*b*] Leota Allen, b. Sept. 18, 1893. Mrs. Eliz. Moore m'd 2d, Jan. 11, 1877, Oscar Berry. (See.)
- III. J. HARRY MOORE, b. Dec. 29, 1843; m'd Dec. 20, 1866, Annie De Berry, dr. of Robt. Ch:
1. *Ben F. Moore*.
 2. *Mary J. Moore*, m'd Dec. 20, 1887, Ed. Russell. Ch: [*a*] Bettie Russell; [*b*] Nellie Russell.
 3. *Wm. Jeff. Moore*, m'd Dec. 20, 1893, Lizzie Cox, dr. of Riley.
 4. *Joel W. Moore*. 5. *Wade H.* 6. *Sue F.* 7. *John*.
 8. *Bettie*. 9. *Nellie*.
- IV. JOHN B. MOORE, b. July 4, 1853; m'd Dec. 19, 1882, Nannie E. Hodges, dr. of James. Ch:
1. *Josie*. 2. *Onie*. 3. *James*. 4. *Henry*. 5. *Clara*.
- Sept. 18*—The first house finished in Leavenworth.
- M. N. Owen buys of C. B. Norris the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Block 36, in Platte City, and removes into town. He adds to the house a two-story front.
- Sept. 21*—First sale of lots in Atchison. Senator Atchison speaks.

SETTLERS IN KANSAS.

Sept. 22—Many citizens from Platte go over to Kansas, and locate claims, and then return. Some were in earnest, and became actual settlers. Among the latter were James Adkins, William Barbee, Jas. Kuykendall, L. F. Hollingsworth, Dr. H. D. Oden, A. Pemberton, Geo. Quimby, Amos Rees, R. R. Rees, Dan'l Tebbs, Wm. H. Tebbs, Jarret Todd, Jas. Whitlock, H. Miles Moore, Dr. J. H. Stringfellow.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—Leavenworth has a steam saw-mill with no cover, a printing office under a tree, four tents, one house, a camp-fire, and a barrel of whisky.

Oct. 3—Judge S. D. Lecompte is commissioned chief-justice of Kansas.

Oct. 9—First sale of lots in Leavenworth. They brought from \$50 to \$350 each. Total sales, \$12,600.

NOVEMBER.

JOHN G. SHULTZ.

Nov. 6—John G. Shultz having died, Dr. G. W. Bayless administers. Bond, \$50,000. He accidentally shot himself while riding. He was a son of Christian Shultz, a merchant of Maysville, Ky. He came west about 1849, and purchased the Bean farm, on Bean's Lake, and an interest in the site of Iatan. His widow, Mary J. Shultz, died May 17, 1884. They had no children.

Senator Atchison speaks in the court-house, at Platte City. He defends slavery, and urges voters to remove to Kansas, that they may vote for a Pro-slavery delegate to Congress on the 29th inst. He pleads for 500 emigrants from Platte.

Nov. 10—Senator Atchison speaks at Liberty, and urges the citizens of Clay to go to Kansas to make it a slave State.

Nov. 22—John Edwards having died, Jerry Edwards administers. Bond, \$3,000.

Nov. 29—Election in Kansas, of a delegate to Congress, resulted, Pro-slavery vote for J. W. Whitfield, 2,258; Free State vote, 575.

COUNTY NEWSPAPERS.

Nov. 30—The *Industrial Luminary* is published at Parkville, by Park & Cundiff, and favors free soil. The *Argus*, published in Weston, is for making Kansas a slave State. It is Democratic. The *Reporter*, published at Weston, is a Whig paper. It opposes mobs and intimidation, and advocates a fair vote.

DECEMBER.

THOMAS CROSSWHITE.

Dec. 1—Thos. Crosswhite having died in Pettis Township, E. S. Clardy administers. Bond, \$3,000. His widow was Susan E. Crosswhite. Ch: 1, Thos.; 2, Jacob H.; 3, Jas. G.; 4, Abraham.

Dec. 4—Senator Atchison resigns the presidency of the U. S. Senate, and Jesse D. Bright succeeds him.

Dec. 5—Topeka is laid off.

EDWARD SMITH.

Dec. 19—Edward Smith having died, his widow, Lucinda Smith, administers. Bond, \$5,000. He was born in North Carolina; came west, and settled in 1837 in Green Township. He was well educated, and taught school. In 1839 he married Lucinda McClain, daughter of Thos. In 1854 he was accidentally drowned in the Missouri River. After marrying, 2d, Geo. Mellon, Mrs. Smith died May 2, 1889. Ch:

- I. ELIZA SMITH, m'd Frank Morris; 4 children.
- II. EDWARD C. SMITH, b. in Platte Feb. 6, 1848; m'd March 13, 1870, Amelia Davis, b. April 11, 1847, dr. of John S. Mr. Smith possesses sprightliness and intelligence; he is a member of Camden Point Masonic Lodge, No. 169, and is connected with Unity Baptist Church. Ch:
 - 1. *Edward D. Smith*, b. Dec. 20, 1870; m'd July 6, 1892, Estella Graves, dr. of Ira.
 - 2. *Howard P. Smith*, b. May 18, 1872;
 - 3. *Lena*, July 25, 1880.
- III. MATTIE SMITH, m'd Henry Conn. Ch:
 - 1. *Wm. E. Conn.* 2. *Robt. Conn.* 3. *Lee.* 4. *Mary.* 5. *Cleveland.*
- IV. LEVI D. SMITH, b. in 1852; m'd Oct. 10, 1888, Katie Jones, dr. of John. Ch:
 - 1. *Eddie.* 2. *Dee.* 3. *Jesse Smith.*

JOHN S. MARSH.

Dec. 21—John S. Marsh having died, his widow, Mary A., administers. Bond, \$5,000. Mr. Marsh was a man of some culture. He settled the Carmack place, three miles east of Platte City, on the Liberty road. He married Mary A. Gibson, dr. of William. She was a lady of spirit and refinement. She was an advocate for the South, and the Federal troops burned her house July 14, 1864. She married September 28, 1865, Rev. Wm. James. They separated, and Mrs. James lives with her son, Gibson, in California. Mr. Marsh left two sons:

- I. JAS. L. MARSH, was a deputy county clerk, and an accomplished young man. He died about the close of the war.
- II. GIBSON MARSH, went to California, and is believed to be still living.

Dec. 25—A public meeting at Lexington, Mo., denounces steamboats that bring emigrants for Kansas.

Gen. Easton having acquired control of the *Kansas Herald*, published at Leavenworth, continues to issue it as a Pro-slavery paper. In the spring of 1855, Judge Delahay purchased the press, and started the *Free State Register*.

1855.

OFFICERS.

Governor, Sterling Price; Congressman, M. Oliver; State Senator, A. M. Robinson; Representatives, John Doniphan, D. D. Burnes, and G. P. Dorris; Circuit Judge, E. H. Norton; Sheriff, Wm. H. Spratt; Probate Judge, Jas. G. Spratt; County Clerk, P. R. Waggoner; County Justices, R. P. Clark, J. H. Layton, E. P. Duncan; Surveyor, H. N. Jenks; Treasurer, H. J. Freeland; Circuit Attorney, Jas. Craig; Coroner, W. F. Perrin; Public Administrator, Geo. Gabbert; County Attorney, W. B. Almond.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—W. B. Almond, W. C. Baker, R. P. Clark, J. H. Connelly, Thos. Herndon, J. E. Pitt, E. O. Sayle, Jas. G. Spratt, H. C. Cockrill, Wilson, A. & R. R. Rees, H. M. Moore.

Physicians—Baldwin, Brown, Guthrie, Hollingsworth, Redman, Wallace, Marshall, Stringfellow.

Merchants, etc.—Almond, Paxton & Callahan, Ferrier, Fleshman, Fox & Brooks, R. D. Johnston & Son, S. Johnston, Perry Keith (postmaster), Marshall & Burge, L. Rees, Swaney & Christison, J. S. Townsend, L. Reed, J. N. Bradley, B. S. Richards.

At Weston: Attorneys—Bird, Branch, Burnes, Diefendorf, Doniphan, McCurdy, Ramage, Watts, Withers, Wolf, Wilkinson.

Physicians—Bonifant, Bowers, Ridley, Earickson.

Merchants, etc.—Basye, Brown, Belt & Murphy, Blanjour, Wilkinson, Beechler, Bell, Beller, Cody, Conwell & Spencer, Deitz, Devin, Doppler, Doss, Evans, Frank, Ferguys, Guenther, Keller, Knudson, Holliday, Hathaway, Hulse, Lingley, McCown, McConnell, Mettier, Mitchell, Magers, Miller, Meyers, Noble, Newman, Ohlhausen, Osborn, Parrott, Perrys, Raileys, Roney, Strang, Wallingford, Warner, Wilhite, Wood.

Weston Court of Common Pleas—McCurdy, judge; Diefendorf, clerk; Wallingford, marshal.

Mayor—J. Woods.

Hotels—McClure, Holland.

At Parkville: Attorneys—Cloughs, McDonald, Miller.

Merchants, etc.—Barnes, Clardy, Aspling & Stephens, Buene-man, Burnes, Davis, Ford, Beeding, Kuykendall, Park, Ringo, Summers & Hord, Stoddart & McComas, Woodsmall, Woodward.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Cartwright, Roberts, Ussary, Walling, Allen.

At Farley: Stiles, Zabriski & Falkner.

At Ridgely: Ellington, Phillips, Sayle.

Newspapers—At Weston, the *Argus* (Democratic); the *Reporter* (Whig), Finch & Gorman editors, for law and order. At Parkville, the *Industrial Luminary* (Free Soil), Park & Patterson editors.

Population—Of Kansas, 8,501; of Parkville, 300; Weston, 1,400; Platte City, 700.

Prices—Coffee, 12 cents; flour, per 100, \$2.50; eggs, 10 cents; corn, 60 cents; wheat, \$1.50; whisky, \$1; oysters, per can, \$1.

Mails—Tri-weekly from the Fort to Leavenworth. Lewis Rees is postmaster at Leavenworth, and his services are paid for by subscription. From Weston to the Fort, three times a week; from Liberty to Weston, the same.

JANUARY.

Jan. 4—James Fergusys having died, Ranson & Gabbert administer. Bond, \$25,000. Mr. Fergusys, with Mr. Ranson, opened, about 1841, a dry goods store in Platte City, and about 1847 removed to Weston. Mr. Ranson, after the death of his partner, removed to Kansas City.

ELISHA GREEN.

Jan. 9—Elisha Green died at his hotel in Platte City. F. Marshall and N. R. Green administered, giving bond for \$100,000.

He was born in east Tennessee May 15, 1801; died January 9, 1855; in 1818 he married Malinda Green (no kin to Mr. Green). In the spring of 1826 he removed to Lexington, Mo., and thence to Platte, in 1837. He purchased a wigwam of a Pottawatomie Indian, and settled in the Missouri bottoms, near Farley. In 1844 he removed to Platte City, and erected the hotel still known as the Green House. His hotel was the resort of a club of Democratic politicians, and professional and literary gentlemen. It was the home of Senator Atchison while he lived in Platte. Mr. Green was a man of enterprise and energy, and Platte City owes to him many valuable improvements. At the time of his death he was building a costly mill, to be run by steam, just below Platte River bridge. But upon his death all operations ceased. He was the life of the town—ever ready with a good story or a practical joke. His surviving friends often speak of his hospitality, enterprise, and humor. Mrs. Green was born in Henrico County, Va., May 22, 1800, and died in Platte City October 9, 1875. She was a large, brisk, independent, and kind-hearted woman.

I. REUBIN FRANKLIN GREEN, b. in 1821; went to Santa Fé in 1849, married a Mexican lady, had several children, and d. Dec. 18, 1878.

II. MISSOURI A. GREEN, in early life was handsome, spirited, and independent. She labored effectively in every good cause; was ever generous and kind to the poor and zealous

for the Church. For years she hovered on the borderland of death, but is now in health. She m'd 1st, Dr. Frederick Marshall, who was b. in New York in 1814, and d. in Platte June 1, 1861. Mrs. Marshall m'd 2d, Hon. E. H. Norton, who will be noticed hereafter. Dr. F. Marshall was regarded as one of the best physicians of his day. He came to Platte in 1837, and settled at Martinsville. He built a log office, ten feet square, and boarded with Zadock Martin. He was not able, at first, to meet his board bills by the returns of his practice, and went forth to the prairie to mow hay for his host. But the people soon discovered his virtues, and he became the most distinguished physician of the county. He possessed sound judgment and confidence in the advance of real estate; and wealth came to him as a reward. Handsome in person and cordial in his manners, he won the hearts of every household he entered. A pleasant smile upon his face invited confidence and inspired friendship. He was treasurer of Platte County for many years, and his official acts were universally approved. Ch:

1. *Mary Clemmie Marshall*, b. Nov. 16, 1844; d. Dec. 3, 1877; m'd Nov. 16, 1865 (birthday), William H. Field, b. in 1840. Clemmie was a pure and lovely woman, and a devotee of music. A member of the Presbyterian Church, she led the choir and charmed her hearers by her well-trained voice. She died exclaiming, "The angels—the beautiful angels!" I wrote a poem in her memory. Mr. Field lost his life in the West. Ch: [a] Julia Field, b. March 25, 1867. Lovely, pure, and holy, her heart overflows with kindness. She m'd Oct. 14, 1886. Allen Hulett, a grocer of Platte City, b. Oct. 16, 1861. Ch: [1] Dora Elaine Hulett, b. Nov. 11, 1887; [2] James Allen Hulett, b. Dec. 1, 1889; [3] Fred M. Hulett, b. Oct. 16, 1892. [b] Virginia Field, b. Aug. 1, 1870. The lily and the harp. She m'd in March, 1895. C. N. Tolman, of Plattsburg, Mo. [c] Marshall Field, b. Nov. 22, 1873; m'd Oct. 18, 1894. Annie Moore. Live near Platte City.
2. *Amos G. Marshall*, b. Feb. 9, 1848; d. April 18, 1877; m'd Feb. 9, 1875, Mary E. Brady, an interesting and accomplished lady. Her only child survived its father but a few weeks; and, as its heir, the mother inherited a full share of the estate of Dr. F. Marshall. She m'd 2d, Oct. 14, 1885, Dr. John F. De Berry. They live in Plattsburg and have children: [a] Mary F.; [b] Albin De Berry.
3. *Virginia Marshall*, b. Jan. 28, 1854; m'd June 21, 1877, Hon. Norton B. Anderson, b. in Todd Co., Ky., Jan. 8, 1844. He was elected in November, 1888, without

opposition, as a Democrat, State senator from this district, and was chosen president *pro tem.* of the Senate; was one of the revisers of the Statutes of 1889, and to his sound judgment and statesmanship we owe many of the reforms found in our laws. As a jurist he has few equals in the State. He is well read in history, philosophy, and science, as well as in the literature of the day. As a chaste writer he has no equal in the county, and as an urbane gentleman he is admired by all. As a member of the Norton family we will have occasion to notice him again. Mrs. Anderson is a lady of marked intelligence, grace, and beauty—a zealous Christian, and the proud mother of two lovely daughters: [*a*] Clemmie Anderson, b. May 3, 1880; [*b*] Irene, b. Nov. 21, 1882. Senator Anderson and his wife live in Platte City, and are among my chosen friends. On the occasion of their marriage I wrote and published an epithalamium, from which I select a stanza for each:

I see, in my vision of rapt inspiration,
 The husband exalted and great:
 He sits in the chambers and halls of the nation
 And joins in the councils of state.
 Success at the bar brings him clients and gold;
 His board is with luxury crowned;
 The learned and refined as his friends are enrolled,
 And hosts as his patrons are found.

I knew the bride in earlier years,
 'Mid childhood's joy and glee;
 I've joined her sports, I've quelled her fears,
 And nursed her on my knee.
 I taught to her the word of truth,
 And all her virtues knew;
 I've watched her from her earliest youth,
 And know she's good and true.

III. NICHOLAS R. GREEN, m'd May 30, 1854, Matilda Morin, b. Jan. 11, 1834, in Ray Co., Mo.; d. May 22, 1877. Mr. Green now lives at Jefferson City. Ch:

1. *Malinda Green*, b. in 1861; m'd A. C. Bates. Live in Jefferson Co., Kansas.

2. *Mattie Green*, b. March 21, 1871. Lives at Platte City.

IV. WILLIAM A. GREEN, b. March 25, 1835; d. Sept. 6, 1881; m'd May 19, 1864, Annie C. Nicol, dr. of David. She was b. April 16, 1843; d. July 21, 1893. After living some years in Platte City, they removed to the Nicol homestead, five miles east. Ch:

1. *William Green*, b. Feb. 23, 1866.

2. *David*, b. Oct. 8, 1868.

V. FRED M. GREEN, b. June 5, 1847; d. single, June 5, 1883.

Jan. 12—Job St. John having died, Noah St. John administered. Bond, \$3,000.

THE ST. JOHN FAMILY.

JOSEPH ST. JOHN was ancestor, and lived in Tennessee. His family came to Platte in 1837, and settled in Green Township. Children:

I. NOAH ST. JOHN, b. May 4, 1797, in Tenn.; m'd Dedema Faubion, sister of Moses and Jackson.

1. *James Alex. St. John*, d. Feb. 4, 1880; m'd Mary E. Kerr, dr. of Jas. Oh: [*a*] Melcina, m'd Felix Hendricks, son of John. Live in Idaho. [*b*] Tilman St. John, m'd Sallie J. Moody, dr. of J. Y.; [*c*] Phinehas L. St. John, m'd 1st, Oct. 22, 1885, Mary C. Walters, dead. Oh: [*1*] Walters St. John; [*2*] Nellie. Phinehas m'd 2d, Mary Brown. [*d*] Lizzie St. John, m'd Dec. 18, 1884, Geo. P. Heath, son of Jack; [*e*] Albert N. St. John; [*f*] Dora A.; [*g*] Robt. P.

2. *Jane St. John*, m'd Volney Patchen. Oh: [*a*] Wyman, m'd Delia Woodward; [*b*] America; [*c*] Richard; [*d*] Amanda Patchen.

3. *Barthena St. John*, m'd Jos. Ralston. Oh: [*a*] Edna; [*b*] Albert D. Ralston; [*c*] Emma Ralston.

4. *Tilman D. St. John*, killed in the Southern army.

5. *William R. St. John*, m'd Harriet Stockton. Oh: [*a*] Lula, m'd July 5, 1890, Samuel W. Boydston; [*b*] Delia; [*c*] Hugh St. John.

6. *Eliza St. John*, m'd Jephtha Woodward, son of Lance. He lived at The Junction, and at one time kept the poor-house. He d. in May, 1872. Oh: [*a*] Delia A., m'd Wy. Patchen; [*b*] Frances D. Woodward.

7. *Ann St. John*, m'd Dec. 21, 1859, Richard F. Duncan, son of Ed. P. Oh: [*a*] Frank; [*b*] Albert; [*c*] William; [*d*] Etta, m'd Oct. 27, 1890, Ohas. A. Carson; [*e*] Remus E.; [*f*] Boss; [*g*] Coleman; [*h*] Randall; [*i*] Dovie Duncan.

8. *Albert G. St. John*, killed in the Southern army.

9. *Geo. W. St. John*, m'd Jan. 21, 1874, Sue Jackson, dr. of John. Oh: [*a*] Olande; [*b*] Esther; [*c*] Charles; [*d*] Elmer; [*e*] Ortis; [*f*] Maggie St. John.

10. *Robert M. St. John*, m'd Feb. 14, 1871, Mary Ellen Draiss.
II. WILLIAM R. ST. JOHN, d. in Oct., 1868; m'd Letitia Hooper, sister of W. P.

1. *Andrew St. John*, m'd April 10, 1873, America Dick, dr. of Hezekiah.

2. *Joseph St. John*, m'd April 10, 1851, Sarah J. Dodson, dr. of James. Mr. St. John was elected in November, 1872, assessor of Platte County and served a term. He lost an arm in the Southern army. Ch: [a] J. W. St John, m'd Feb. 11, 1877, Ellen G. Standiford; [b] Susan J. St. John, m'd Oct. 18, 1882, Jas. A. Dick.
3. *Jemima St. John*, m'd John Holland.
4. *Nancy St. John*, m'd Jacob Hooper, brother of W. P.
5. *Tabitha A. St. John*, m'd John Sudor.
6. *Hannah L. St. John*, m'd 1st, Dec. 1, 1859, Thos. J. Linville. She m'd 2d, Jas. Peyton.
7. *Ruth St. John*, m'd Jesse Moore.
8. *Thos. St. John*, m'd Ella Craton.
9. *Letitia St. John*, m'd John Young.

III. JOB ST. JOHN (ii), d. single, in Jan., 1855.

IV. JOHN ST. JOHN, d. in Clinton Co.

V. SARAH, m'd Thos. Mooneyham. Ch:

1. *Permelia E.*
2. *Cynthia Mooneyham*, m'd Faubion; she died, leaving 5 children.

Jan. 13—Luther R. Stephens having died at Parkville, Thos. Aspling qualifies as his executor, giving bond for \$6,000. His will is dated June 19, 1854, and probated January 1, 1855. He bequeaths all to his brother, Edwin K. Stephens, and mentions sisters in Jessamine Co., Kentucky.

Jan. 15—Robert Bywaters having died, J. C. Bywaters administers. Bond, \$5,000.

Jan. 25—Thompson W. Belt having died in Weston, Ben Wood administers. Bond, \$4,000. He m'd March 26, 1846, Maria A. Wood. In April, 1853, he was elected marshal of Weston Court of Common Pleas, and served a term.

FEBRUARY.

JAMES B. MARTIN.

Feb. 6—James B. Martin having died, Addison Burge administered. Bond, \$6,000. He was the youngest son of Zadock Martin, and was born in Clay County, about 1822. He received a good education and read law. He married, first, October 30, 1844, Melvina Ramey, daughter of John, who died, childless, September 2, 1848. He married, second, October 31, 1850, Flora Jack, daughter of L. C. Jack. Their only child, Davidella, was born September 2, 1851, and died January 23, 1868. Mrs. Martin married, second, July 23, 1867, Geo. R. Hines, a banker of Leavenworth. They live in Texas, and will come again into notice under the Jack family. James B. Martin controlled the Platte City water mills, then valuable property, and handled much money. Handsome, generous, festive, and prodigal, he was surrounded by sycophants,

who led him into vice. He was chosen a justice of the county court, and served a term in the Legislature. But bad habits brought on family and pecuniary troubles. In May, 1853, he sold his half interest in the mills, and went to Kansas, where he engaged in pasturing stock. After a night's debauch, he was found dead in his shanty, and was brought home for burial.

ZADOCK MARTIN AND FAMILY.

Mr. Martin came from Tennessee about 1820, and settled in Clay. In 1828 we have seen him in charge of the ferries over the Platte and Missouri. His name is connected with the earliest settlement of our county. His wife was a sister of Roland Brown. He had brothers, Isaac and Joseph, and a sister, Cynthia. In 1846 he left for Oregon, with several of his family. A few years later he and his wife died in the far West. Ch:

- I. GREEN T. MARTIN, a lawyer of Missouri.
- II. FRANK B. MARTIN, m'd April 4, 1844, Lucretia Gordon, and in 1846 went to Oregon.
- III. GILL MARTIN.
- IV. HARDIN D. MARTIN, m'd a Searcy, and went to Texas.
- V. WM. J. MARTIN, m'd 1st, Aug. 22, 1839, Harriet Crobarger; m'd 2d, Dec. 3, 1852, Mary Goss. Went to Oregon.
- VI. JAMES B. MARTIN, has been noticed.
- VII. ELIZABETH J. MARTIN, m'd April 23, 1841, H. M. Knighton.
- VIII. MILLY MARTIN, m'd Elisha Harrington. (See.)
- IX. JOSEPHINE MARTIN, m'd 1st, Winter, from whom she was divorced. She then m'd John Riley Owen. (See.) I make her an interesting character in my poem, "The Moaning Falls."

R. S. Kelly and J. H. Stringfellow issue the *Squatter Sovereign*, a Pro-slavery paper, at Atchison, Kansas.

Feb. 12—Geo. W. Gist having died at Weston, H. J. Wolf administers. Bond, \$1,500. Gen. Gist was a man of intelligence, and an experienced surveyor. He was the first president of the Leavenworth Town Company, and laid off the city.

Feb. 23—Leavenworth has 1 hotel, 1 saw-mill, 1 tailor, 1 shoemaker, 1 barber, 2 blacksmiths, 1 newspaper, 3 lawyers, and 2 doctors.

MARCH.

March 6—E. N. O. Clough enrolled as an attorney.

John T. Bell having died, J. H. Spurlock administers. Bond, \$2,000.

March 21—The case of *P. Skinner vs. H. B. Todd* resulted in a verdict of \$49, against the defendant.

March 24—The Christian Church buys Lot 1, Block 32, Platte City, and proceeds to erect a house of worship. The lot cost \$613.

On the Kickapoo ferryboat, the following notice appears: "Some illy-disposed persons have tried to injure my ferry, by stating that I refused to cross persons, last fall, to the election. This is false. It would be difficult to find one more 'sound on the goose' than I am. [Signed] *John Ellis.*"

KANSAS ELECTION, MARCH 30, 1855.

Result in the Territory: Pro-slavery vote, 5,427; Anti-slavery vote, 791.

Among councilmen elected were, Wm. Barbee, A. M. Coffey, John W. Forman, and R. R. Rees. For the House: O. H. Brown, J. H. Stringfellow, W. H. Tebbs, Jas. Whitlock, and Allen Wilkerson. Though frauds were perpetrated, yet there was at this time a large majority of Pro-slavery men in the Territory.

APRIL.

April 2—Jerry Woods is elected mayor of Weston. Population of Leavenworth, 500.

DESTRUCTION OF G. S. PARK'S PRESS.

The Platte County Self-Defensive Association held frequent meetings in the spring of 1855. Senator Atchison, Dr G. W. Bayless, and B. F. Stringfellow were popular speakers, and their Pro-slavery harangues provoked the people to frenzy and outrage. Those living east and south of Platte City became almost insane. Dr. Walker, Capt. W. J. Miller, J. V. Cockrell, L. Shepard, and Col. J. H. Winston were untiring in their efforts to arouse the people and to get them into Kansas. The Kansas League held frequent meetings in secret. They appointed committees to carry their decrees into execution. Northern Methodist preachers had stated meetings at their church, five miles south of Platte City. Committees waited on them, and commanded them to desist, and enforced their charge with threats of tar and feathers—and if these were not sufficient, they would be hung. Charles Morris, one of the preachers, defied them, and persisted in preaching. His temerity cost him his life, and, in 1864, was the cause of the death of Dr. Jos. Walker, in retaliation.

After the frauds perpetrated in the Kansas election of March 30, 1855, the following article appeared in the *Industrial Luminary*, published at Parkville, by Park and Patterson:

"There is virtually no law in Kansas, and no security for life or property, save in the sense of honor and justice cherished by every true pioneer. This may save the country from bloodshed; but the Government is held up to ridicule and contempt, and its authority disregarded. Judges of elections have been displaced.

and new ones appointed; the polls have in some instances been guarded with pistols and bowie-knives; and some of those elected are going to the governor, swearing that if he does not give them certificates of election immediately, they will 'cut his throat from ear to ear.' Is the flag of our country to be no longer protected; or are individuals or companies to declare we will, and it must be so, without regard to law? Is this what the authors of the Nebraska-Kansas bill meant by squatter sovereignty?"

That such sentiments should be published in Platte County, under the very shadow of the Kansas League, was more than could be endured. Accordingly, at the next meeting a committee of the whole was appointed to meet at Parkville April 14, 1855, to cast the press and type of the *Luminary* into the Missouri River, to read a sentence of banishment to Park and Patterson, and to threaten death in case of their return to the county. But the culprits got wind of what was coming, and stored away in the garret a large amount of type, which was not discovered, and afterwards taken to Kansas and used for Free-soil purposes.

On the 14th of April the Kansas Leaguers appeared on the streets of Parkville. Their hearts were fired by flaming speeches. The press was borne of many. A banner was hoisted aloft, and, amid songs and acclamations, the press and material were consigned to the yellow waters of the turbid Missouri.

Park was absent, and Patterson had to tread the wine-press alone. The decree was short: "Leave the State in three days, and never return, or be hung." Park was allowed three weeks to settle up his business affairs, and to leave.

A public meeting was held that indorsed the proceedings, threatened with death Southern Methodist preachers, and expressed the intention of dealing in like manner with other Free-soilers "not far off." These proceedings met the approbation of the Pro-slavery party at Liberty and elsewhere.

RESULTS.

1. Kansas became a free State. This outrage brought a myriad anti-slavery voters to Kansas.
2. The leaders in this outrage were sued by Park, and had to pay all damages—\$2,500.
3. W. J. Patterson went to Montreal, Canada, became a wealthy merchant, and died honored and revered.
4. George S. Park gathered his scattered means, and invested them in Illinois lands, became a large capitalist, and, after the war, returned to his old home, to bless and enrich the very men who had conspired for his ruin. He, from the wealth thrust upon him by his enemies, founded Park College, the grandest and noblest educational enterprise of the West. His dust now reposes at the very spot whence he was banished in life, and a colossal marble monument to his honor overlooks the place where his press

was submerged. How unsearchable are God's judgments, and His ways are past finding out!

James H. Lane and John Brown and sons appear in Kansas. The Legislature meets and passes Pro-slavery laws.

April 3—Malcolm Clark, a leading Pro-slavery man, is killed at Leavenworth, in a row, by Cole McCrea, who was apprehended and indicted for murder, but escaped.

April 30—A Pro-slavery public meeting at Leavenworth, is addressed by Jas. N. Burnes. They appoint a vigilance committee of thirty. The committee charge that William Phillips was accessory to the murder of Clark, and order him to leave.

Samuel C. Bowers having died, P. Ellington qualifies as his executor. Bond, \$12,000. His will is dated February 24, 1855, and probated May 24, 1855. His second wife was Mary Dougherty, who was divorced from him. She afterwards married John Bryant. He left no children and bequeathed his property to Julia Dupey, P. Ellington, and Judge H. M. Vories, his attorney.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Expenditures in Detail.

Lime Creek bridge	\$ 377.00
Sugar Creek bridge	190.00
Prairie Creek bridge	200.00
Platte City bridge	328.00
Lower Bee Creek bridge	320.00
Other bridges and roads	1,421.00
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Bridges and roads	\$ 2,836.00
County Court Justices	290.00
Jail	661.00
Stationery	346.00
County Clerk	917.00
Poor	1,843.00
Treasurer	1,075.00
Court-house	356.00
Assessor	284.00
Attorneys	68.00
Printing	5.00
Sheriff	877.00
Superintendent of Common Schools	200.00
Patrols	200.00
Miscellaneous	1,093.66
Circuit Clerk	1,342.00

\$12,393.66

Assessment.

2,935 slaves	\$1,264,860.00
Money and bonds	695,962.00
Other personal property	429,104.00
Land and lots	2,813,240.00
Total	\$5,203,166.00
Revenue collected	\$ 9,314.90
Expended	12,393.66
Deficit	\$3,078.76

Principal of school fund, \$19,820.63.

JAMES H. BALDWIN.

May 1—James H. Baldwin died at Liberty, Mo. He was born in Mason Co., Ky., April 6, 1815, a son of James Baldwin and Sarah Harris. He graduated at Centre College, Ky., in 1837, studied law with McClung & Taylor, in Washington, Ky. He was four years older than I, yet we were companions at Centre College, studied law together, were licensed at the same time, started the practice together as partners, and continued the partnership in Missouri, but I removed, in 1841, to the country, and our association ceased. He was a finished scholar and a profound lawyer. He stood at the head of the bar, and was beloved by his associates. After practicing some thirteen years at Platte City, he removed to Liberty, and formed a partnership with Gen. A. W. Doniphan. He m'd Nov. 18, 1846, Susan Thornton, daughter of Col. John Thornton, of Clay. Their only child is John T. Baldwin, who married Emma Cockrell. (See.) Mrs. Susan Baldwin, after the death of her husband, married Dr. McCurdy, and they reside in Idaho.

May 7—Malcolm Clark having been killed as stated, Randall G. Baber administered. Bond, \$15,000. He was large, strong, generous, chivalrous, and brave, a faithful friend and a dangerous enemy. He m'd Jan. 12, 1845, Mary Elizabeth Owens, widow of Nicholas Owens, and daughter of Isham Baber. She had, by Owens, a daughter, Sarah, who married John W. Williams, and removed to Jackson Co., Mo., where she died, childless. Mr. Clark left an only child, Alice Clark, who married Dr. M. S. Thomas, of Leavenworth. She has several children. (See Isham Baber's family.)

May 17—William Phillips is tarred and feathered at Leavenworth. He was a lawyer, and an active and fearless advocate of freedom. He was charged with being accessory to the death of Malcolm Clark, and was ordered to leave by the Pro-slavery Vigilance Committee. Taken by Kansas outlaws, he was brought to Weston, and there tarred, feathered, and ridden on a rail, and

sold on the block by a negro. A public meeting at Leavenworth, presided over by R. R. Rees, approved the act. Phillips returned to Leavenworth, and was killed by ruffians September 1, 1856.

May 26—Fritz Kahm located at Parkville, and has been a merchant and a useful citizen ever since. He was born in Prussia, June 9, 1834. His parents were Peter Kahm and Eliz. Klemmer. He married April 4, 1860, Eliz. Klam. Ch: 1, Fred P. Kahm; 2, Lizzie; 3, Minnie; 4, Walter B.; 5, Grace.

May 29—Ralph Johnson having died, J. F. Broadhurst administered. He left a widow, Susan, and children: 1, Ben; 2, Andrew; 3, Henry; 4, William; 5, Edwin; 6, Henrietta, m'd Duncan; 7, Sarah.

JUNE.

June 1—John C. Diester died on his farm below Parkville. He was a worthy, intelligent, and enterprising German. He left a widow, Catherine C., and children: 1, William H.; 2, Daniel; 3, Henry W.; 4, John T.; 5, Magdalen C., m'd C. P. Henson.

June 8—A Free-State meeting at Lawrence, Kansas. Arms are received by them from friends in the East.

June 9—Joseph R. Daniel having died of cholera, his father-in-law, W. L. Blanton, administered. He was a blacksmith of Platte City, and a partner of W. E. Oliver. Ch: 1, Alonzo Daniel; 2, Nathaniel; 3, Armede; 4, Eveline.

F. M. McDonald edited the Parkville *Courier* from this date, for five years.

JULY.

July 2—A. H. Vories and W. S. Carroll enrolled as attorneys.

And. J. Stigers having died, Chas. Babcock administered. Bond, \$300. No children. His father was Peter Stigers, and his brothers and sisters: 1, Mary, wife of Wm. Davis; 2, Levi; 3, Odo Stigers.

The Kansas Legislature met at the call of Gov. Reeder, at Pawnee, where a rough stone building had been erected as a capitol. The Legislature's first act was to remove to Shawnee Mission. The Governor vetoed the law, but it was passed over his veto. They met at Shawnee Mission, on the 16th of July. The old house is now a ruin, standing alone in a wheat-field.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—At a special election in Weston, S. P. S. McCurdy was chosen judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, O. Diefendorf clerk, and W. T. Woods marshal.

Cholera on the plains; Maj. Ogden dies with it.

Gov. A. H. Reeder removed as governor of Kansas, and Wilson Shannon appointed in his place.

The town of Delaware, Kansas, is founded. Lots are sold at fabulous prices.

JOHN D. ALDERSON.

Aug. 10—John D. Alderson dies north of Weston. He married in Tennessee, Nancy Couter, and came to Platte in 1842. He was a thriving farmer, and had accumulated wealth. Ch:

- I. ELIZABETH ALDERSON, m'd in 1848, Wilson G. Noble. She died August 13, 1861, and Mr. Noble has lived single since that day. He was one of the earliest settlers of Weston, and there is yet his home. He was born in Boone Co., Mo.; was a son of Thomas Noble, and a saddler by trade. In 1838 he came to Weston, and has been in the harness business and mercantile pursuits ever since. He is a Knight Templar, and a dignified, honorable, and esteemed citizen. Children:

1. *William A. Noble*, a physician of Kansas.
2. *Charles Noble*, b. Feb. 23, 1852, a merchant of Weston, and at one time mayor of the city. In 1879 he m'd Julia Pettijohn, of Chicago. Ch: [a] Birdie.
3. *Lizzie Noble*, b. June 10, 1862; m'd Sept. 3, 1844, Jas. W. Cox, b. Feb. 5, 1861, son of W. G. Cox. She d. Dec. 31, 1891. Mr. Cox is a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser on the old estate of his father. He was educated at William Jewell College. His wife possessed uncommon loveliness.

- II. ELIZA ANN ALDERSON, m'd J. H. Trundle.

- III. JAMES C. ALDERSON, b. in Simpson Co., Ky., May 17, 1833; m'd Nov. 21, 1865, Mattie Stone. Mr. Alderson is now a citizen of Jackson Co., Mo. In Platte he at one time owned 1,700 acres, but all have been sold. He was one of the most extensive and successful farmers and stock-raisers of the county, and was highly esteemed for intelligence and public spirit. Ch:

1. *Annie Alderson*, m'd March 17, 1886, Daniel M. Railey, b. Dec. 16, 1873, son of Egbert W.
2. *May Alderson*. 3. *Lillie*. 4. *Manson*. 5. *Herbert*.
6. *Bessie Alderson*. 7. *James C*.

Aug. 10—Lecompton is made the capital of Kansas.

Aug. 14—James Lane makes his first public appearance at Lawrence, Kansas, at a Free State Convention.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 4—David S. Irwin's estate is administered on by N. H. Hope. Bond, \$12,000. Hope & Irwin, saddlers, were among the

first settlers of Martinsville. Irwin never married. He was highly esteemed.

The Kansas Legislature establishes slavery, makes it a felony to express Abolitionist sentiments, disqualifies Abolitionists as jurors where the rights of slave-holders are involved, and requires all officers to swear they will support the fugitive slave law.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—J. W. Whitfield elected by 2,721 Pro-slavery votes a delegate to Congress. He was commissioned, but not allowed a seat. The Free State men did not vote.

Oct. 2—Henry Walker having died in Weston, Henry Basye administered. Bond, \$10,000. Ch: 1, W. H. Walker; 2, Andw. J.

Oct. 3—Pro-slavery men meet at Leavenworth, and issue an address, appealing to the people for law and order. It was signed by D. A. N. Grover, J. A. Halderman, L. F. Hollingsworth, D. J. Johnson, W. G. Mathias, R. R. Rees, *et al.*

Oct. 5—John Chapin having died, John Williams administers. Bond, \$3,000.

Oct. 7—Abram Faubion having died, James Dodd administers. Bond, \$4,000. Ch: 1, Margaret Faubion, m'd Brenner; 2, William, d. in Dec., 1857; 3, Catherine Faubion; 4, Ruth Ann; 5, Hezekiah; 6, Hitoner Faubion.

Oct. 8—Election in Leavenworth County, to determine between Delaware, Kickapoo, and Leavenworth, which should be the county seat, resulted in favor of Delaware, by a vote of 900, against 838 for Kickapoo, and 700 for Leavenworth. The polls at Delaware were kept open three days, and many went there from Platte to vote. I would not go over, though importuned; but denounced the interference of our citizens as wrong. Yet my name was voted three times.

Oct. 9—Election by Free State men of Kansas of delegates to a constitutional convention. The convention met October 23d. and chose Jas. H. Lane president.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 10—Letitia D. Winston, widow of Gen. Joseph Winston, having died, Col. John H. Winston administers. Bond, \$20,000.

THE WINSTON FAMILY.

The progenitor was COL. JOSEPH WINSTON, born in 1746; died in 1814. In 1766 he removed from Virginia to North Carolina. In the Revolutionary War he raised a regiment of patriots, and served under Gen. Greene, in the Army of the South. His regiment did noble service at the battle of King's Mountain, October 7, 1780, where Gen. Ferguson of the British Army was defeated. For his services on this occasion he was granted, by the Legislature of North Carolina a sword ornamented with appropriate

emblems and inscriptions. This sword and a handsome likeness of him who earned it by his gallantry are yet preserved as heir-looms by his grandson, Col. John H. Winston. Col. Jos. Winston was also with Gen. Greene at the battle of Guilford Court-House. He was elected to Congress in 1792, and reëlected in 1800, and again in 1802. He served four terms in the Senate of North Carolina, and was presidential elector in 1801. The city of Winston, N. C., is named for him.

The father of Col. Jos. Winston was one of two brothers who came from Wales, and settled in Albemarle Co., Va. The other brother went, subsequently, to Alabama, and was the progenitor of Gov. Winston, of that State.

The will of Col. Jos. Winston is dated April 12, 1814. He grants to, and names, his children, as follows:

1. Robert Winston is granted lands and personal property.
2. Joseph W. Winston—lands and negroes.
3. Sallie Winston—his precious bureau, etc.
4. Lewis Winston—a valuable watch, etc.
5. Samuel Winston—his diamond knee-buckles, etc.
6. Fountain Winston—his gold sleeve-buttons.
7. William Winston is named, but no special bequest is granted him.

Eight thousand acres of land are distributed among his children. Joseph is to support the old negroes, and he is to have the sword granted him, which, he says, "is to be used only in defense of his country." Of these children we are interested only with

GEN. JOSEPH WINSTON,

Who was born in Stokes County, N. C. He married there Letitia D. Hughes, daughter of John Hughes and Annie Moore. He was a major in a North Carolina regiment, stationed at Norfolk, Va., in the War of 1812, and served to the end. He was afterwards a representative for years in the Legislature of North Carolina. In the militia of his State he was appointed brigadier general, and advanced to major-general. He came to Platte in 1839, and settled north of Parkville. He had a store at the mouth of Platte, at the town of Winston, and here he was last seen. It is supposed he was accidentally drowned in the Missouri River. Ch:

- I. COL. JOHN H. WINSTON, b. in Stokes Co., N. C., Jan. 22, 1815; came to Platte in 1838, and settled seven miles southeast of Platte City; m'd Dec. 4, 1839, Elizabeth Tebbs, dr. of Wm. H. Tebbs and Lydia Kennedy, b. Aug. 5, 1818; d. Dec. 1, 1886. Mrs. Winston possessed many virtues. With a cultivated mind and literary taste she combined a tall and handsome person, stateliness of manner, and grace with truth and kindness of heart. When her husband was undergoing his long military imprisonment, she took me into her counsel; and while her tears fell freely and her prayers

rose fervently, I wept with the dutiful wife and the faithful Christian.

Col. Winston was long a militia officer. In early days I mustered under him. In military matters he was well informed; and when the war broke out in 1861, his Southern enthusiasm and his soldierly bearing pointed him out as the commander of Southern troops, raised in this county. In August, 1861, a military rendezvous was formed in his neighborhood and called Camp Cain. Here the Southern bands gathered, and a number of companies were organized, under Capts. Chesnut, Chrisman, Chiles, Miller, Mitchell, Rogers, Spratt, and others. Before the regiment was fully organized, the men were hurried to the front. They were in time to take part in the siege and taking of Lexington. They were at Pea Ridge, Corinth, and other important engagements. In the spring of 1864 Col. Winston, by order of Gen. S. Price, returned home to recruit men for the Southern army and to help them on their way to the front. While on this duty he was captured by a troop of Federal soldiers, at his home, three miles southeast of Platte City. For twenty months, until the close of the war, he was confined in military prisons—successively at St. Louis, Alton, and Jefferson City—in apprehension of death by military order, at any time. The return of peace brought him liberty. Col. Winston had long been a favorite of the people of Platte, and on his return he was joyfully received. From 1872 to 1876 he represented the county in the State Legislature, and his name has been frequently suggested for the State Senate. Col. Winston yet lives at his old home, honored and revered by all who meet him. Ch:

1. *Lydia Winston*, b. Aug. 14, 1843; m'd Feb. 2, 1865, Milton E. Clark, a banker and capitalist of Leavenworth. She is fond of society and spends much of her time in New England. They have three lovely daughters: [a] Nellie E. Clark, b. Dec. 13, 1866; m'd Sept. 8, 1892, Lieut. Stephen M. Hadons; [b] Cora Clark, b. Aug. 6, 1868; [c] Hildah Clark, b. Dec. 16, 1873—the beautiful!
2. *Cora A. Winston*, b. Sept. 17, 1844; m'd May 2, 1864, Judge William H. Woodson, b. Jan. 6, 1840. Cora, in the prime of her beauty, possessed commanding loveliness; and now, as a matron, is charming in grace and queenly in majesty. She would have adorned the court of an empress. Judge Woodson is a scion of a noble family. He is the son of my college companion, Hon. Samuel H. Woodson, a judge of the Independence Circuit, of Missouri, and member of Congress from that district. Judge W. H.

Woodson resides at Liberty, Mo. He has filled the offices of prosecuting attorney and of probate judge, and is recommended for Congress. He possesses native intellect, supplemented by education, ambition, and chivalry. He commenced the practice of law at Platte City in 1864, entered the Confederate army, served under Gen. Price, and became assistant adjutant-general of the Missouri State Guard. He is related to his wife through the Hughes family. Ch: [a] Winston Woodson, b. Aug. 29, 1865; d. Nov. 18, 1891; [b] Elizabeth T. Woodson, b. Oct. 17, 1870; [c] Wm. H. Woodson (ii), b. Feb. 21, 1874; [d] Arch. L. Woodson, b. Jan. 8, 1876; [e] Lydia L. Woodson, b. Oct. 13, 1877; [f] Jos. L. Woodson, b. May 23, 1880; [g] Everard M. Woodson, b. Dec. 27, 1882.

3. *Harry C. Winston*, b. in Platte County. After graduating at William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo., at the Missouri State University, and at the Law School of Washington City, he has commenced the practice of law at Kansas City. He m'd his distant relative, Josie Kennedy, an amiable and intelligent lady. They have no children.
4. *Geo F. Winston*, graduated at William Jewell College and at the St. Louis Law School. He is now practicing law in Kansas City, Mo.
5. *Alg. S. Winston*, m'd May 10, 1881, Amanda Duncan, b. July 29, 1863, dr. of James Duncan. Sidney, as he is called, is a farmer on part of the parental estate. Ch: [a] Joseph Winston; [b] Harry; [c] Bessie; [d] Cora; [e] John.

II. **LOUISA WINSTON**, m'd in North Carolina Jas. B. Frost, who died there. The widow came to Platte in 1838, with her two children, and here died. Ch:

1. *Elizabeth Frost*, m'd in 1846, Col John E. Pitt, b. in southern Kentucky about 1822; d. in Colorado June 19, 1884. Mrs. Pitt was a handsome and fascinating woman, well read in the literature of the day, a brilliant conversationalist, and a charming companion. Col. Pitt came to Platte City in 1843, and first introduced himself to public notice by running against Judge S. L. Leonard for circuit attorney. His speeches were replete with wit and spicy, cutting stories. His audiences were convulsed with laughter, and his well-told anecdotes are not yet forgotten. He was a Whig, but gained favor by his courteous manners and genial disposition. He was an orator and a chaste writer. He was the life of every circle he entered, and made himself interesting to all sorts

of company. As a humorist he had few equals, and yet he possessed a high order of intelligence. In August, 1845, he was elected a delegate to the second State Constitutional Convention, and in 1858 he was chosen a county representative, with Dr. Samuel McGuire as his associate. In 1878 he was elected county attorney. In April, 1881, he removed to Colorado, to live with his daughter, Mrs. Katie Dameron, where he died. His children have all left us. I knew the family well, and can testify to their fascinating beauty, their remarkable proficiency in music, their charming graces, and their educational accomplishments. The three daughters of Col. Pitt were a triad of noble sisters, charming wives, and true and faithful mothers. Ch: [a] James Frost Pitt, b. in 1851; is a rising lawyer of St. Joseph. He is, even now, one of the best practitioners of the State. [b] Lula Pitt, b. Sept. 13, 1853; m'd Feb. 28, 1881, Dr. Guilford Yokom, b. in 1844. They live in Colorado. Ch: [1] Helen Yokom, b. Oct. 1, 1882; and accidentally killed in July, 1894, by a shot from a gun in the hands of a negligent youth. Lula is now a sad and childless mother. [c] Katie Pitt, b. in 1856; d. Dec. 4, 1889; m'd Sept. 21, 1876, Geo. M. Dameron. She was a delicately strung harp, sensitive to every breath of air or beam of sunshine. Her soul was from infancy attuned to harmony. She met you in ecstasies of delight, and when she left, you were sure an angel had been with you. Words of kindness and affection flowed as nectar from her lips, and to your imagination she was a bird of paradise. But these perfections were more than her nature could sustain. She lost her reason, and died in an asylum. She left a child, Warren, who, with Mr. Dameron, is in the far West. But her dust reposes in our cemetery, and a large harp, appropriately placed at the head of her grave, is garlanded with honeysuckle. Her life was a song, and her monument is a lyre whose Æolian strains lull her slumbers. [d] Lettie Pitt, m'd Oct. 29, 1885, R. H. Weller, a dealer in cattle at Kansas City. Lettie is much like her mother—a brilliant talker, and a faithful worker in the Episcopal Church. To her talent for music she adds vivacity, purity, and unwavering faith. Ch: [1] John C. Weller; [2] James W.; [3] Lizzie P.

2. *James E. Frost*, m'd Dec. 19, 1859. Virg. E. Almond, b. Dec. 19, 1841. To them was born one child: [a] Addie Frost. They separated, and are both in

the West. The boy is with his father. Mr. Frost distinguished himself during the war as an independent soldier and daring scout in the service of the South.

III. MATTHEW H. WINSTON, b. in 1830; d., single, March 25, 1864.

IV. ANN POWELL WINSTON, m'd Dr. Wm. M. Macey. She died leaving a child:

1. *Jos. P. Macey*, m'd B. Oldham, and removed west.

Dr. Macey m'd 2d, a lady in Jackson County, and died in 1847. His widow still lives in Jackson County.

V. JOSEPH WINSTON, d. in 1864. He went to California, m'd a Mrs. Blair, and left a child. He was elected probate judge of his county, and died in office.

VI. SAMUEL L. WINSTON, m'd March 14, 1878, Letitia Dobson, dr. of Ed. M. He was a captain in his brother's Confederate regiment. He died, leaving three children, in Jackson County. He was captured in Platte County, while recruiting men for the South, and suffered a long imprisonment.

Nov. 19—William T. Withers, a young lawyer of Weston, having died, his associates, both at Weston and Platte City, passed resolutions of respect, and spread them on record.

THE WAKARUSA WAR.

Nov. 25—Sheriff S. J. Jones, of Douglas Co., Kansas, having asked assistance to enforce law and to make arrests, several hundred riflemen from Platte organize and assemble at Franklin, Kansas, taking Senator Atchison as their counsellor.

JOHN SEBUS.

Nov. 27—John Sebus, of Weston, died. He was born in Germany January 11, 1815. Ch:

I. PETER SEBUS, never married.

II. THEODORE SEBUS, d. in Weston April 1, 1889. His wife was named Margaret, and his ch:

1. *John Sebus*.

2. *Peter Sebus*, m'd Jan. 11, 1888, Celia Schindler.

3. *Theo. Sebus* (ii). 4. *John Sebus*.

5. *William H. Sebus*, m'd April 6, 1892, Rosa Lee Pepper, dr. of John D.

Nov. 27—Liberty Arsenal was surprised and taken by sixty Pro-slavery men, who took a large supply of arms and ammunition. Two wagon-loads were brought to Platte City and hid under the Baptist church, then just finished.

Jerry Calvert's will is dated August 27, 1852, and is probated July 28, 1855. He was a brother of Smith and Warren Calvert. Ch: 1, Catherine, wife of Ambrose Moore; 2, Sarah Ann Sims; 3, Zerilda Trunnel.

1856.

OFFICERS.

Governor, Sterling Price; Congressman, M. Oliver; State Senator, A. M. Robinson; Representatives, Burnes, Doniphan, and Dorriss; Circuit Judge, E. H. Norton; Circuit Clerk, W. C. Remington; Sheriff, W. H. Spratt; Probate Judge, Jas. G. Spratt; County Justices, Clark, Duncan, and Layton; County Clerk, P. R. Waggener; Treasurer, H. J. Freeland; Surveyor, Jas. S. Owens; Public Administrator, W. H. Miller; Circuit Attorney, Jas. Craig; County Attorney, W. B. Almond; School Commissioner, H. C. Cockrell.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Almond, Baker, Clark, Connelly, Headley, Herndon, Merryman, Pitt, Spratt, Smith, Tebbs, Wilson. Physicians—Baldwin, Brown, Guthrie, Hollingsworth, Marshall, Redman, Wallace.

Merchants, etc.—Almond, Paxton & Callahan, Ferrier, Fleshman, Fox & Brooks, Freeland & Murray, R. D. Johnston & Son, S. Johnston, Perry Keith (postmaster), Marshall & Burge, Swaney & Christison, Skillman (hotel), Prof. Patterson, Tipton, Waller & Frost, Reed, Richards, Woolfolk, Wilkinson.

At Weston: Attorneys—Bird, Branch, Carroll, Burnes, Doniphan, Diefendorf, McCurdy, Ramage, Stringfellow, Wilkinson.

Physicians—Bonifant, Bowlby, Bowers, Earickson, Darneal, Ridley.

Merchants, etc.—Belt & Murphy, Blanjour, Briggs, Basye, Bruner & Halyard, Cody, Conwell & Spencer, Darlington & Carter, Deckelman, Deitz, Doppler, Doss, Evans, Fries, Gillespie, Harper, Guenther, Holliday, Hathaway, Kelly & Kyle, Knudson, McConnell, McCown, Mettier, Miller, Mitchell, Noble, Ohlhausen, Osborn, Parrott, Perrys & Young, Powell, Railey & Bro., Roney, Strang, Walker, Williams & Vineyard, Warner, Wilhite, Wood.

Weston Court of Common Pleas—McCurdy, judge; Wolf, clerk; Wallingford, marshal.

Preachers—Rev. W. G. Caples, Rev. E. Wright.

At Parkville: Attorneys—Clough & Clough, McDonald, Miller.

Physicians—Barnes, Clardy, Crust.

Merchants, etc.—Arnold, Bueneman, Burnes, Davis, Beeding, Ford & Ashby, Hord, Park, Ringo, Stoddart, Summers, Woodsmall, Woodward.

At Camden Point: Coffey, Hale & Son, Flack.

At Farley: Stiles, Johnson, Zabriski & Falkner.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Cartwright, Tufts, Wells.

At Ridgely: Ellington, Phillips, Sayle, Gustin.

Newspapers—At Parkville, the *Courier*, McDonald editor.
At Weston, the *Reporter*, Finch editor; the *Argus*, Wiseley editor.
Dram-shop license, \$15 for county and \$15 for State.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—The epizoötic is fatal among horses.

MOOT CONGRESS.

The literary people of Weston have formed a Moot Congress. The exciting topics of the day are discussed. Among those participating are the following: Adams, Beechboard, Beller, Belt, Bowlby, Bowman, Boyd, Branch, Brooks, Burnes, Carlisle, Colman, Corser, Earickson, Evans, Farra, Fulton, Gilbert, Graves, Halyard, Harper, Heriot, Lewis, McCurdy, Magee, Mathews, Matlock, Maxfield, Miller, Murphy, Norton, Owens, Pence, Ramage, Railey, Ranson, Reynolds, Robbins, Rockwell, Sayle, Spencer, Stringfellow, Thompson, Trundle, Wallingford, Washburn, Wells, Wilhite, Whitehead, Wilkinson, Wiseley, Wilson, Wood, Wright.

Jan. 15—Election of officers under the Topeka Constitution. Robinson chosen governor.

Jan. 18—R. P. Brown, member-elect of the Free State Legislature, killed by a mob at Salt Creek Valley.

Jan. 24—President Pierce, in a special message to Congress, pronounces the Topeka government an act of rebellion.

Sharp's rifles, sent in large numbers for the use of Free State men. They are called "Beecher's Bibles."

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 6—Mrs. Mary Francis died at Platte City. She married, first, a Green, and was mother of Malinda, wife of Elisha Green. She afterwards married a Francis, but had but the one child.

James Miller died at Weston. He was a bright and enthusiastic Mason, and an honorable, true, and generous man.

MARCH.

March 3—The Baptist Church buys in Block 27, Parkville, for \$125.

March 4—The Kansas Legislative Assembly, under the Topeka Constitution, meet, and go through the forms of organization.

March 29—The grand jury of Jefferson County, Kansas, report to the court testimony showing that a secret order had been organized, "working under the most solemn and binding oaths and obligations, to resist, by force of arms if necessary, all laws or regulations which favored slavery."

JOHN DOUGHERTY.

John Dougherty having died in Marshall Township, William Turner administers. Bond, \$3,000. His widow was named Catherine. Ch:

I. FRANKLIN DOUGHERTY, d. in Sept., 1871; and his widow, Ann E. Dougherty, administered. Ch:

1. *John Y. Dougherty*, m'd Dec. 25, 1842, Keziah Yount.
2. *Richard Dougherty*.

II. DEBORAH DOUGHERTY.

William Tatman buys of Wm. J. Norris 160 acres in Sec. 21, T. 53, R. 35, on the Weston and Platte City road, for \$5,600.

Weston Masonic Lodge, No. 53, buys property on Lot 113, Block 12, Weston, for \$1,300.

William Patton having died, Jesse Vineyard and A. H. Cox administered. Bond, \$16,000. His will is dated March 11, 1856. Ch: 1, Lewis C. Patton; 2, Wm. S. T. Patton; 3, Louisiana Patton; 4, Mary J. Deering; 5, Virg. Beaumont.

APRIL.

April 7—Geo. B. Mitchell having died, Millard Mitchell administers. Bond, \$1,500.

George Coakley's will is probated. It is dated March 3, 1856. He married January 28, 1851, Mrs. Margaret Ford. Ch: 1, John Coakley; 2, Louisa Wells; 3, Geo. R. Coakley; 4, Joseph Coakley; 5, Amanda C. Coakley.

April 15—Moses Burt having died near Farley, his grandson, Capt. John H. Burt, administers. Bond, \$6,000. Moses was the progenitor of all the Burt family of Platte.

THE BORDER WAR.

April 19—Sheriff Jones, of Douglas County, Kansas, attempted to arrest S. N. Wood, in Lawrence, and, being resisted, calls on certain citizens to help him. They refuse, and, on the 23d, the sheriff returns with United States troops, and the citizens are arrested. But Jones is shot, and severely wounded.

April 23—Pardee Butler, having returned to Atchison, is tarred and feathered, by a Pro-slavery mob.

April 25—Governor Shannon asks, and receives, a guard of thirty Federal soldiers, to be stationed at Lawrence. The Sharp's rifles sent to Lawrence have been removed.

April 29—Maj. Jeff. Buford, of Georgia, with a body of well-armed Southerners, arrives in Kansas, and offers to assist in enforcing the Territorial laws.

Great excitement in Platte over the situation in Kansas. Maj. Jesse Morin calls for volunteers, and several hundred respond. Capt. John Wallis took a company to Kansas, which served a year in the State militia. Wallis was born in North Carolina July 17, 1840; he was a son of Geo. Wallis. He served

under Gen. S. Price in the Mexican War, and again in the Civil War, and drew a pension for the former. He died in 1896, in California.

MAY.

May 1—If a statement of county finances was made this year, it does not appear of record. The sickness and death of County Clerk Waggener may account for it.

Thomas M. Fox having died, his wife, Sarah Ann Fox, administers. Bond, \$5,000. He married Sarah Ann Williams in Mason Co., Ky., and came to Platte, about 1848. Mrs. Fox removed into Platte City, and, after some years, disappeared.

THE KANSAS EMBROGLIO.

May 5—The grand jury of Douglas County, Kansas, present the Lawrence Free State Hotel, the *Herald of Freedom*, and the *Kansas Free State* as nuisances; and they are ordered to be abated. They also indict Governors Robinson and Reeder.

May 15—Kansas is in a state of anarchy. The Pro-slavery party have the officers, and Federal and Territorial support. Many Free State men are indicted for treason. The Missourians, led by Senator D. R. Atchison, Gen. A. W. Doniphan, and B. F. Stringfellow, are approaching Lawrence. Maj. Buford, with 400 men, is at Franklin. They claim to be for law and order, and offer to assist the Territorial government to enforce the law. Free State men are pouring in from the North.

May 16—Gen. Whitfield with 1,400 Pro-slavery men left Leavenworth for Lawrence.

May 20—The Pro-slavery forces, as a posse to help the United States marshal and the sheriff of Douglas County, Kansas, to execute process, present themselves before Lawrence. Sheriff Jones, with ten men, including J. B. Thompson, of Clay, and W. C. Hatton, of Platte, enter Lawrence, and call for S. C. Pomeroy, who comes out on the steps of the hotel, and a conference is held. Pomeroy delivers two cannon, but no small arms. Two women came out and begged that the town be spared. Jones promised no damage should be done except the abatement of the nuisances. Two companies were then sent into Lawrence. One stacked arms and the other remained on duty. The hotel and the printing offices were destroyed. The hotel was fired on by the artillery, and then burned. The presses were cast into the river, and the type scattered. Governor Robinson's house was burned. The fire extended to other places, but was extinguished. Senator Atchison addressed the men from a board placed on two barrels. His opening words were: "This day dissolves this Union—but we will make Kansas a free State."

A squad of 35 men was raised in Platte, and crossed at Delaware, taking two brass six-pounders. They were organized as Missouri militia, and armed by the State. They went to Lawrence by way of Franklin.

About twenty-five men from Clay and Platte, in command of Capt. J. B. Thompson, offered their services to Gov. Shannon, and were assigned to the command of Col. Titus. They went to Lawrence. Among them were J. P. Harbeson, W. C. Hatton, W. C. Baker, D. C. Date, and other Platte County men.

John Brown was in Lawrence, but took no open part. Atchison, Stringfellow, and Morin were the counsellors of the Pro-slavery party.

May 24—John Brown and his troop, at Franklin, seize five Pro-slavery men and shoot them, producing consternation in that quarter.

Eight families, with twelve teams, from Illinois, were stopped in Platte, on their way to Kansas, and were sent to Clay, where they were provided with homes.

At Franklin, Kansas, "Old Sacramento," the cannon brought back from Mexico, fell into the hands of Free State men, and it was bursted a few years ago.

HENRY F. CALLICOTTE

Becomes a worthy and influential citizen of the east part of Platte. His father, JORDAN CALLICOTTE, from North Carolina, m'd in Kentucky Frances Dunbar. Henry F. was b. in Russell Co., Ky., May 27, 1827. Dec. 24, 1851, he m'd in Kentucky, Mary Ann Murray, b. April 6, 1826. They came to Platte in 1856. Mr. Callicotte is a man of superior judgment, and exercises a commanding influence in his neighborhood. Ch:

I. MARY F. CALLICOTTE, b. July 26, 1856; m'd Sept. 27, 1877, William A. Elgin. (See.)

II. JOSEPH C. CALLICOTTE, b. May 30, 1858; m'd Feb. 20, 1883, Mollie Hardesty. Ch:

1. *Fannie Callicotte.* 2. *Cliff.* 3. *Geo.*

JUNE.

The Democratic Convention at Cincinnati nominate Buchanan and Breckinridge.

June 5—Battle of Black Jack. The Free State men dislodge the Southerners from Franklin, Kansas.

Several hundred thousand dollars are sent to Kansas, to make it a free State.

June 6—Osawatomie sacked by Pro-slavery men.

June 9—Governor Shannon at Westport, in person, orders Southern troops to disperse. Free State men gather from Iowa. The Missouri is blockaded by Pro-slavery men.

June 13—Lieutenant McIntosh writes to Acting Governor Woodson, of Kansas, that the way from Westport was infested by armed bands of Southerners, pretending to be emigrants; but, as they were prepared for war, he required them to leave the State under escort. One company was from Platte. They returned by way of Westport. Squads of Northern men were also dispersed. Under date of June 4th, Governor Shannon issued a proclamation against foreign interference in Kansas affairs.

June 17—The Republican National Convention at Philadelphia nominate Frémont and Dayton.

June 21—Atchison, Stringfellow, and Buford send south for more money and men.

JULY.

July 1—Sherman and Howard, a majority of the committee to investigate Kansas troubles, report in favor of the Free State party; and our representative, Oliver, in favor of the Pro-slavery party.

July 4—The Free State Legislature of Kansas is dispersed by Col. Sumner, by order of Acting Governor Woodson. But Secretary of War Jeff. Davis disapproved of Woodson's course.

The 4th of July is celebrated at Platte City. J. E. Merryman speaks. Atchison is waited on by a committee, and invited to speak; but, with a curse on the 4th of July, refuses.

July 6—Joseph E. Merryman enrolled as an attorney.

Frederick Starr, a Presbyterian minister at Weston, is indicted for teaching slaves to read, and, on account of the outcry, has to leave. After the war, he visited Weston, and was kindly received and entertained.

Leander Hughes dies. His son, Johnson Hughes, administrators. Bond, \$2,000.

THE HUGHES FAMILY.

JOHN HUGHES, of North Carolina, married a Moore. Ch:

I. MATTHEW MOORE HUGHES. (See.)

II. ARCHIBALD HUGHES, lived in Tennessee.

III. LEANDER HUGHES, b. in North Carolina, and there m'd Letitia Clemment, dr. of Johnson. She died before him. They came to Platte in the fall of 1839, and settled seven miles southeast of Platte City. He was an intelligent and worthy farmer. Ch:

1. *Johnson C. Hughes*, m'd April 20, 1858, Mary J. Lewis, dr. of William. They went west about 1870.

2. *Sallie C. Hughes*, m'd Oct. 25, 1848, John Keys. They went to Kansas, where they still live.

3. *Mary Hughes*, m'd John English. Both dead. Ch: [a] Mary J. English; [b] Ann English, m'd an Edwards in North Carolina.
4. *Martha Hughes*, m'd Edward M. Dobson, her cousin. He was b. in North Carolina Dec. 8, 1812. He came to Platte in 1840; was county assessor in 1848-9. He was a son of Wm. R. Dobson and Mary Hughes. He died in 187—. Ch: [a] Annie C. Dobson, m'd Dec. 30, 1874, M. S. Bright (see); [b] Mary A. Dobson, m'd Oct. 17, 1867, Thos. L. Moore, son of James; [c] Letitia, m'd March 14, 1878, Samuel L. Winston (see); [d] Eleanor M. Dobson, m'd Feb. 25, 1880, Wm. B. Franklin. From him she was divorced. She has married again.
5. *John Rogers Hughes*, b. May 16, 1828; m'd Sallie Ann Rogers, b. June 3, 1839. They live seven miles southeast of Platte City. Ch: [a] Laura, m'd Wydich; [b] Lizzie, m'd Otho Offut (his second wife) (see); [c] Arch. Hughes; [d] William; [e] Edward D; [f] Virgie.
6. *Archelaus E. Hughes*, b. in Stokes Co., N. C., April 18, 1832. The family came to Moniteau Co., Mo., in 1837, and to Platte in 1839. He m'd April 16, 1860, Mary E. Horner, dr. of Edward B. He entered the State militia during the war and did home service. Ch: [a] Sarah D. Hughes; [b] Leander; [c] Matthew M.; [d] Mary J.; [e] John C. [f] Archelaus; [g] Thos. L.; [h] John C. Hughes.

IV. JOHN HUGHES, d. in Georgia.

V. LETITIA D., m'd Gen. Jos. Winston. (See.)

VI. ANN POWELL HUGHES, m'd Wm. Lash in North Carolina.

VII. MARY (POLLY), m'd Wm. R. Dobson, father of Ed. M. (See.)

VIII. JANE HUGHES, m'd John Fulkerson. Ch:

1. *Sallie A. Fulkerson*, m'd W. Smith Ewing, son of Joshua, a cousin of Finis Ewing. Ch: [a] James W. Ewing, m'd May 19, 1874, Sallie A. Kay, dr. of Campbell Kay. (See.) J. W. Ewing's only child is John Ewing, b August 6, 1878.

Gen. Percifer Smith supersedes Gen. Sumner in command at Ft. Leavenworth.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—Congress refuses to seat Whitfield, the Pro-slavery delegate, or Reeder, the Free Soil delegate.

THE ELECTION.

Aug. 4—James Craig, for Congress, received 8,742 votes, against 6,274 for Moss, American. Dr. A. M. Robinson was chosen

State Senator, and E. P. Duncan, C. A. Perry, and John Wilson were elected representatives; W. H. Spratt, sheriff; D. P. Lewis, county clerk; Layton, Broadhurst, and Hays, county judges; Jas. Stone, Sr., assessor; H. J. Freeland, treasurer; H. N. Jenks, surveyor; and J. M. Basset, circuit attorney.

Aug. 15—An extra *Platte Argus* is issued, giving an account of Jim Lane's outrages in Kansas upon unoffending Pro-slavery citizens, many of whom are murdered. The women and children are flying, and Lecompton has been burned. Bosh!

Aug. 19—Hoppe is killed and scalped by Fuget near Leavenworth. The latter is tried and acquitted.

Panic at Lecompton, on account of Free Soil threats to destroy it. Capt. J. W. Reid is at Westport.

Aug. 25—Acting Governor Woodson, of Kansas, by proclamation, announces that the Territory is in a State of insurrection and rebellion, and calls on law-abiding citizens to rally to his support.

Aug. 28—Gov. Shannon, of Kansas, resigns, and is succeeded by Gov. J. W. Geary.

THE BORDER STRIFE.

Aug. 29—D. R. Atchison, J. W. Reid, B. F. Stringfellow, A. W. Doniphan, and others publish an address, announcing a determination to execute the law.

Free State men enter the Territory in small squads, with arms concealed, and join Lane at Lawrence.

PEYTON R. WAGGENER.

Peyton R. Waggener having died in June, D. P. Lewis was appointed county clerk, and was elected in August by the people. Mr. Waggener had not long been in the county (having come in April, 1843) before he became a general favorite, and was elected county clerk in August, 1854. But ill health succeeded, and he could give but little attention to the duties of his office. He and his widow are affectionately remembered in the county. He married April 7, 1842, in Kentucky, B. S. Willis. Ch:

I. FANNIE B. WAGGENER, b. May 9, 1843; m'd Emmett E. Barbee, son of Eleas.

II. BAILEY PEYTON WAGGENER, b. July 18, 1847; m'd May 27, 1879, Emma Hetherington, dr. of a banker of Atchison. Mr. Waggener is an eminent lawyer of Kansas, a railroad attorney, and a politician who aspires even to the United States Senate. I remember him when a beautiful boy on the streets of Platte City. He helped support his estimable mother, and I furnished them with a house to live in. We are proud of him.

III. JAMES W. WAGGENER, b. in 1852. Lives in Atchison. Kansas, and is superintendent of the electric street railroad.

SEPTEMBER. THE ELECTION.

Sept. 1—W. E. Murphy, a Pro-slavery man, was elected delegate to Congress from Kansas by a vote of 292. No Free State votes were cast.

Sept. 4—William Wright having died, Cassandra Wright administrators. Bond, \$3,000. Cassandra's first husband was Richard Jack. She died about 1860.

Sept. 9—Gov. J. W. Geary arrives in Kansas. He acts in concert with Gen. P. F. Smith, to prevent a collision between the two factions.

Sept. 11—Twenty-seven hundred Missourians are approaching Lawrence, and United States troops are sent there. Gov. Geary, by proclamation, discharges the Pro-slavery militia, and orders the enrollment of a new militia, composed of citizens.

Sept. 13—Pro-slavery forces are at Franklin, under Atchison, Jones, Titus, Richardson, and others.

JEREMIAH V. COCKRELL.

Sept. 15—Jeremiah V. Cockrell died, five miles east of Platte City. C. Cockrell and Wm. M. Paxton were his executors. Bond, \$30,000. He was a second cousin to Clinton Cockrill, but nearer related to Senator F. M. Cockrell; and, like him, spelt his name with an *e*, instead of an *i*. He was born in Estill County, Ky., September 5, 1814; came to Missouri in 1839, and stopped at Warrensburg, where, October 1, 1840, he married Louisa Mayo, daughter of Judge H. B. Mayo. (See.) She died at Helena, Mont., March 19, 1888. He was a man of integrity, virtue, and intelligence, an uncompromising Southern man, and fearless in promulgating his principles—but died ere he reached the point of danger. I notice one trait of his character in the following verse, dedicated to his honor:

His idols were his worthy sons,
His lovely girls, and charming wife;
To train and bless these darling ones
Became the duty of his life.

Mrs. Cockrell was a woman of extraordinary loveliness, both of person and of disposition. A very child in innocence and purity, her confiding heart doubted no one, and the law of kindness was upon her tongue. Oh:

I. H. CLIFTON COCKRELL, m'd Oct. 6, 1870, Sadie Railey, the lovely dr. of J. M. Railey, the Weston banker. They live in Colorado. Mr. Cockrell received a finished education, and has become an eminent lawyer.

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- II. VARDIMAN COCKRELL, lives in Colorado, where he has risen to distinction.
- III. JAMES MONROE COCKRELL, b. Aug. 6, 1846; m'd Nov. 8, 1869, Annie Redman, dr. of Dr. E. C. Redman. She was born Nov. 18, 1850. Mr. Cockrell was a well-educated and highly accomplished gentleman, a zealous Methodist, an earnest advocate of temperance, genial in his address, and generally beloved. He edited the *Platte County Advocate* during the thickest of the Ring and Sorehead embroglio, and became the mediator of peace between the hostile factions. Mr. Cockrell died Nov. 1, 1883. His widow lives in Platte City, and is highly esteemed for intelligence and personal accomplishments. In her maiden days, I often admired her rich golden tresses, her blonde complexion, her confiding heart, and modest deportment. Ch:
1. *Vardie L. Cockrell*, b. Feb. 3, 1873; m'd Oct. 20, 1892, Richard Mitchell, b. Sept. 3, 1863. They have one child: [*a*] Richard M. (ii), b. Aug. 10, 1893.
 2. *Thos. M. Cockrell*, b. Oct. 16, 1875.
- Immediately after the death of Mr. J. M. Cockrell, his widow, Annie, removed into Platte City, and here she married, April 11, 1893, Hon. W. C. Wells, and was divorced in 1895.
- IV. ELLA COCKRELL, m'd David Hunt (ii). (See.)
- V. EMMA COCKRELL, m'd June 7, 1870, Hon. J. T. Baldwin, and they removed to Butte City, Mont. He is the only child of the late Jas. H. Baldwin. (See.) Emma was a lovely child. She lived at my house twelve months, attending Daughters' College. In amiability of character and purity of thought I have seldom seen her equal. She has several children.

The 2,700 Missourians are at Franklin, Kansas, under Atchison, Stringfellow, and Reid. Gov. Geary, under escort of Gen. Cook, visits the camp, and, after speeches from the leaders of both parties, the Missourians return home, and are disbanded. They are called "Border Ruffians," and the Free State guerrillas are called "Red-legs" and "Jayhawkers."

MATTHEW KYLE.

Sept. 18—Matthew Kyle died. He married Elizabeth Burruss, born in 1803; died April 16, 1880. They came to Platte in 1837. Children:

- I. ANDREW T. KYLE.
- II. WILLIAM KYLE, b. March 30, 1837; m'd Feb. 13, 1873, Malinda Kruser, b. April 21, 1846. He was educated at Pleasant Ridge Academy; and to a superior natural mind has added the results of extensive reading and systematic study. Ch:

1. *Wm. H. Kyle*, b. Dec. 10, 1874.
2. *Mary E. Kyle*, b. Feb. 26, 1876.
3. *Thos. W. Kyle*, b. May 28, 1877.
4. *Charles*, b. Oct. 25, 1878.
5. *Nellie*, b. Sept. 12, 1881.
6. *Eugene*, b. Nov. 4, 1883.
7. *Egbert*, b. April 16, 1885.
8. *Kruser K.*, b. Dec. 25, 1887.
9. *Leavenworth*, b. Aug. 22, 1889.

III. JAMES KYLE.

IV. GEO. W. KYLE, b. Dec. 16, 1847; m'd 1st, in 1871, Mary Hord, dr. of Anderson. She d. August 3, 1881. Ch:

1. *Irwin*.
2. *Alfred*.
3. *Addie*.

Geo. W. Kyle m'd 2d, Oct. 8, 1883, Sallie Dougherty, dr. of Wm. H. H. She has 1 child:

4. *William Kyle*.

Sept. 20—Dr. A. T. Guthrie buys of J. N. Bradley Lot 5, Block 31, Platte City, at \$1,350.

PHINEHAS SKINNER.

Sept. 27—Phinehas Skinner having died, K. M. Woods (i) and Mrs. Polly Skinner administered. Bond, \$200,000. Phinehas Skinner, son of Cornelius Skinner, of Virginia, was born in Clark County, Ky., July 28, 1801; died at Elk City, Kansas, August 21, 1856. His mother was Jane Carr, born July 30, 1769, in Loudoun County, Virginia. Mr. Skinner married Nov. 28, 1822, Polly Patton, daughter of Wm. and Sally Patton, of Tennessee. She was born in 1805. They came to Boone County, Mo., in 1838, and thence to Platte in the autumn of 1840, and settled two miles east of Camden Point. Mr. Skinner was a large and handsome gentleman, of sound judgment and successful enterprise. He built a fine mill upon Platte River, and a spacious brick homestead for the family; purchaed 2,000 acres of our best land, established stores at Elk City, Kansas, and at Ringold, near his home, and, up to the time of his death, he was the largest operator, and paid out more money than any one else, in the county. He was one of the original projectors of Camden Point Academy, and had large tracts of land in many counties in northern Missouri. His children, after his death, partitioned \$150,000 worth of land, besides an immense amount of money and personal property. Mrs. Skinner was a large-bodied and large-hearted, hospitable old lady. She was a splendid manager and a valuable assistant to her husband. She survived him; and, after living a few years at the homestead, divided her lands among her children, and retired to Kansas City, where she died April 20, 1878. She was brought home and buried beside her husband. Ch:

- I. JANE CARR SKINNER, b. Aug. 18, 1824. She possessed superior business qualifications, and did valuable service in aiding her parents in business. She now lives a retired

life, with her sisters, in Kansas City. For twenty years a cloud has veiled her intellect.

- II. **SALLIE SKINNER**, b. Dec. 1, 1826; m'd Oct. 25, 1842, Kemp M. Woods (i), a wealthy farmer and operator in Clay. Mr. Woods married a second wife, and d. March 9, 1897. Mrs. Sallie Woods d. May 23, 1847. Ch:

1. *Phinehas Woods*, killed in the war; single.
2. *Kemp M. Woods* (ii), b. May 29, 1847; m'd Oct. 24, 1876, Lettie M. Wiggleworth. He lives in Liberty, and rents out his real estate in Platte and Clay. He is an excellent manager, and a successful financier. Ch: [a] Phinehas; [b] Florence; [c] William W. Woods.

- III. **MARY A. SKINNER**, b. Oct. 2, 1828; m'd July 15, 1847, Col. Jas. N. Burnes. (See.)

- IV. **ADALINE SKINNER**, b. Sept. 27, 1834; d. single, July 18, 1874.

- V. **EMILY SKINNER**, b. June 14, 1836; d. Nov. 29, 1896; m'd March 19, 1856, William E. Croysdale, a merchant, who now lives at Kansas City, Mo. Ch:

1. *James*. 2. *Fannie Croysdale*. 3. *William A*.
4. *David*. 5. *Margaret*. 6. *Addie*.
7. *Phinehas Croysdale*.

- VI. **PHINEHAS SKINNER** (ii), b. Feb. 11, 1838; m'd May 6, 1861, Bettie Perrin, dr. of W. F. He is a wealthy and enterprising farmer, residing near Camden Point. Ch:

1. *William P. Skinner*, b. Sept. 15, 1862; m'd Sept. 11, 1888, Cassie Farra, dr. of R. M. He possesses good judgment, energy, and enterprise. Ch: [a] Lizzie May Skinner; [b] Ruby.
2. *Mary Skinner*, m'd June 27, 1887, B. F. Whiteley. (See.)

3. *Adda Skinner* (ii). 4. *Phinehas* (iii), m'd Alice Jones.

5. *Jane Skinner*. 6. *Perrin*. 7. *Azubah*. 8. *James B*.

- VII. **MARGARET SKINNER**, b. Jan. 15, 1840; m'd Dec. 7, 1865, Wm. A. Vaughn, a merchant of Kansas City, Mo. Ch:

1. *Marguerette*. 2 and 3. *William and Carr* (twins).

- VIII. **AZUBAH SKINNER**, b. July 21, 1844; m'd Nov. 21, 1866, Lewis Georgen, a lawyer and editor, of Weston. Ch:

1. *John Georgen*, a rising young lawyer of Kansas City. He is a partner of H. N. Ess, and has the talent requisite for success.

- IX. **FANNIE SKINNER**, b. Dec. 3, 1846; d. Oct. 13, 1873, childless; m'd Dec. 10, 1872, Hon. H. N. Ess, of Kansas City, an eminent lawyer and statesman.

- X. **JAMES P. SKINNER**, b. Oct. 19, 1848; m'd Feb. 17, 1874, Amanda Ella Miller, dr. of Peter E. He is a successful farmer, and resides at the old homestead. Ch:

1. *Fannie H. Skinner*, b. Nov. 16, 1874.

2. *Amelia*, b. Jan. 24, 1877. 3. *Lulie May*, b. May 15, 1883.

Sept. 27—Eliezer Wilhite buys property in Block N, Weston, for a flouring mill.

NOVEMBER.

THE ELECTION.

Nov. 1—The Presidential vote of Platte County: Buchanan, 1,263 votes; Fillmore, 1,044; Buchanan received 174 electoral votes and Frémont 114.

The State gave Buchanan 58,164; the full vote, 1,838,109. Fillmore's vote, State, 48,524; full vote, 874,534.

The Democrats, in rejoicing over the election of Buchanan, illuminated Platte City and fired a cannon ("Old Sacramento") on Marshall's Hill. As Chris. Geyer was ramming a load down, it went off, blowing both his arms away. He suffered a thousand deaths. He became a tax on the county, until we set him up in the confectionery business; and August 19, 1857, he married Mary Blanton. His daughter, Elizabeth, married, first, Cornelis, second, Jesse Calvert.

GOVERNOR GEARY'S PROCLAMATION.

Nov. 4—"After an extended tour of observation, and being fully satisfied that the benign influences of peace reign throughout Kansas, in concurrence with general custom, and my own feelings, I hereby specially set apart the 20th day of November to be observed by all the good citizens of this Territory as a day of general thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God for the blessings vouchsafed to us as a people. Given, etc.

"John W. Geary, Gov."

Nov. 17—L. M. Lawson enrolled as an attorney. He was educated at William Jewell College, and was a youth of brilliance. He practiced law at Platte City, removed to Weston, and became a partner of Col. John Doniphan. He married Miss Thornton, a sister of Doniphan's wife. After the war, he went to St. Joseph, built the railroad from Richmond to St. Joseph, and became wealthy; went to New York, established the large banking house of Donnell, Lawson & Co., and lost nearly every thing in a few years.

Nov. 27—Governor Geary of Kansas disbands the State militia.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—Abner B. Hathaway having died, Elvina Hathaway administers. Bond, \$15,000.

The town of Quindaro founded by Gov. Robinson and others. The Kansas tide is turning towards freedom.

Dec. 6—John Sullivan having died, Emily Sullivan administers. Bond, \$2,000.

The Missouri River has been frozen over for a month. Extremely cold weather.

CAPT. W. S. MURPHY.

Dec. 18—Capt. W. S. Murphy died at Weston. He raised the first company in the county for the Mexican War; became an enterprising trader on the plains and a merchant at Weston. Geo. W. Belt administered. Bond, \$10,000. He was born July 14, 1814. He married, first, September 10, 1839, Nancy Jones. He married, second, April 20, 1848, Aletia Burch. He was a brother of Joseph Murphy, commissioner of our court-house erected after the war. He was handsome, intelligent, and full of energy and courage. Ch: 1, John C. Murphy; 2, Merrill O. Murphy.

Free State men are encouraged by the situation in Kansas, and are speculating largely in townsites. They buy the stock of the Delaware Town Company, at an enormous sum, and start a system of improvements which were never finished. Our fellow-citizen, Philip Lutes, sold his stock for some \$10,000, and might have been independent for life, but became so excited that he invested the whole in the same stock at double price. The stock became a failure.

THOMAS J. WILKERSON.

Dec. 23—Thos. J. Wilkerson having died near Ridgely, Wm. H. Lott administers. Bond, \$20,000. His will is dated November 5, 1856, and probated December 1, 1856. His children by his first wife: 1, Ben. F. Wilkerson; 2, Wm. Y.; 3, Thos J.; 4, John, who married January 7, 1858, Nancy D. Throckmorton. By his second wife, Jemima: 5, Henry Wilkerson; 6, George; 7, Mary; 8, Catherine. Mrs. Jemima Wilkerson married, 2d, Harrison Sale.

JAMES H. HANCOCK.

James H. Hancock having died, his will, dated December 8, 1856, is probated January 5, 1857. He names children: 1, Mary Jane Hancock; 2, Lewis C.

1857.

OFFICERS.

Governor, Truston Polk, succeeded by Hancock Jackson; Congressman, Jas. Craig; State Senator, A. M. Robinson, succeeded by Jesse Morin; Representatives, E. P. Duncan, C. A. Perry, John Wilson; Circuit Clerk, W. C. Remington; Circuit Judge, E. H. Norton; Sheriff, W. H. Spratt; County Justices, J. F. Broadhurst, S. M. Hays, J. H. Layton; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; Probate Judge, J. G. Spratt; Public Administrator, W. C. Baker; Assessor, Jas. Stone, Sr.; School Commissioner, H. C. Cockrell; Circuit Attorney, J. M. Basset; Surveyor, Jas. S. Owens; Treasurer, H. J. Freeland; County Attorney, J. E. Merryman.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Almond, Baker, Clark, Herndon, Lawson, Merryman, Pitt, Smith, Spratt, Tebbs, Wilson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Brown, Eastman, Hale, Guthrie, Marshall, Redman, Wallace, Walling.

Merchants—Almond, Paxton & Owen, Beauchamp, Bryant, Waller & Co., Carnahan, Dimmitt, Ferrier, Fleshman, Fox, Henning, Hettish, Jenkins, Johnston & Son, S. Johnston, D. S. Kimsey (postmaster), Marshall & Burge, Murray & Freeland, Magers, Oswold, Swaney & Christison, Tipton, Woolfolk, Wilson, Wilkinson.

Preachers—Owen, Baptist; Woodward, Presbyterian.

Lodge—Platte, No. 56, A. F. & A. M., Wm. A. Fox, W. M.; Wm. M. Paxton, Sec.

At Weston: Attorneys—Abel & Stringfellow, Bird, Branch, Burnes, Doniphan, Franklin, Ramage, McCurdy, Diefendorf, Sayle, Wolf, Carroll.

Physicians—Bonifant, Bowers, Bowlby, Earickson, Hinson, Miller, Gray, Griswold, Stiles.

Merchants—Blanjour, Briggs, Branham & Norris, Burnes & Bros., Basye, Conwell & Spencer, Colman, Collier & Rockwell, Davis, Deitz, Doppler, Guenther, Halyard & Earickson, Heriot, Harper & Davidson, Kaufman, Knudson, Meyers, Miller, Mitchell, Maxfield, McCown, Mettier, Newman, Noble, Parrott, Perrys & Young, Raileys, Shannon, Snell, Turner, Vineyard & Williams, Warner, Walker, Washburn & Wells, Wood, Wren.

Weston Court of Common Pleas—McCurdy judge.

At Parkville: Clough, McDonald, Miller, Arnold, Burnes, Clardy, Beeding, Ford & Ashby, Davis, Bueneman, Ringo, Stoddart, Woodward, Woodsmall, Summers.

At Camden Point: Dr. E. McD. Coffey, B. F. Flack, Thomas Hale & Son, A. Reed & Son, Dr. T. L. Thomas.

At Farley: Dr. F. M. Johnson, Stiles & Co., Zabrisky & Faulkner.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Cartwright, Tufts, and Wells.

At Ridgely: Deatley & Co., Ellington & Glover.

Newspapers—Weston *Weekly Argus*, L. A. and W. F. Wiseley editors, 8 columns, 22 inches, 4 pages, Democratic.

Platte City Weekly Atlas, Ethan Allen editor, 7 columns, 22 inches, 4 pages, commenced April 4, 1857, Democratic.

Parkville Courier, F. M. McDonald editor.

Weston Reporter, S. J. Finch editor, Whig.

Prices—Apples, \$2; butter, 20 cents; corn, 35 cents; eggs, 15 cents; flour, \$3; hemp, \$5; hogs, \$5; lard, \$9; sugar, \$12; wheat, 90 cents; whisky, 50 cents.

It is now necessary to have a petition of a majority from the township to obtain a dram-shop license.

This is the year of the great financial panic, and the issue of "shin-plasters."

Elm Grove Meeting-house built this year.

Starnes sells to F. M. McDonald his interest in the *Parkville Courier*, and it continues until 1862.

The Know-nothings are starting.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—After two years' business, the mercantile house of Almond, Paxton & Co. sell their stock to H. B. Callahan, who removes the goods to Leavenworth, having sold his interest in the mill to M. N. Owen; and Almond, Paxton & Owen continue to run the water mill.

Leavenworth is booming—has 4 hotels and 2 newspapers. Wyandotte has 4 houses. Kansas City has 500 people. The Missouri Pacific Railroad has reached Jefferson City. The following steamers advertise weekly trips to St. Joseph: *New Lucy*, *Tropic*, *Polar Star*, *Cataract*, *F. X. Aubrey*, and *Australia*.

PROF. H. B. TODD

Prof. H. B. Todd, having determined to leave Camden Point Female Academy, offers to come to Platte City, if the people will build him a good academy. A subscription is started, and the following list embraces the principal contributors, and the sums paid: W. M. Paxton, \$600; Clinton Cockrill and W. K. Faulconer, \$500 each; Wm. B. Almond and D. Hunt, \$250 each; R. P. S. Elley, L. Fleshman, W. A. Fox, S. Johnston, R. D. Johnston, W. C. Remington, W. H. Spratt, Hugh Swaney, and H. B. Wallace, \$200 each; J. W. Chrisly, Martha Cockrill, James Swaney, and John Wilson, \$150 each; J. R. Burckhardt, J. Beery, D. Cary, John Collins, H. Conley, H. J. Freeland, Jas. E. Frost, R. Mat. Johnston, Malinda Green, S. M. Hays, A. W. Henning, D. Hunt, Jr., H. Jenkins, D.

Jenkins, M. C. Johnston, J. M. Moore, Jesse Morin, John Morrison, M. N. Owen, W. B. Smith, C. F. Spencer, Jos. Todd, And. Tribble, H. Waller, N. E. Wilkinson, and John Winston, \$100 each; in all amounting to \$6,050; but smaller subscriptions ran the sum contributed up to \$10,000.

JOHN LEWIS.

John Lewis having died, James Osborn administers. Bond, \$1,000. He came to Platte in 1837, and settled on the edge of the prairie east of Platte City and entered 320 acres of splendid land. This land he sold, and came to Platte City; became partner of R. D. Johnston in the mercantile business; took the contract to build the first jail, and continued an enterprising but unsuccessful life. When he died, his fortune was greatly reduced. Ch:

- I. PHEBE LEWIS, m'd Isaac House, a prosperous citizen of Platte; removed to Kansas, and died in a poor-house March 10, 1893, aged 80.
- II. NANCY LEWIS, m'd James Osborn, a merchant of Weston, who died impoverished, and his mother, having no means of support, died in our poor-house.
- III. SARAH J. LEWIS, m'd a Lewis.
- IV. MARY ANN LEWIS, m'd John Huntington. He went to the Mexican War, was wounded July 9, 1847, at the battle of Cienega, and then disappears from our knowledge. He was a roustabout at Platte City prior to the Mexican War.
- V. EDMOND LEWIS, m'd Mary Baker, and d. in August, 1848.
- VI. SERENA LEWIS, m'd William Lewis.
- VII. LEVINA LEWIS, m'd May 12, 1842, Alex. Baker, and left 7 children.

I think the family of John Lewis is extinct in Platte County. Price Stark buys of J. W. Forbis a farm, at \$7,750, near Camden Point.

C. F. Spencer buys of W. J. Norris a farm, embracing the site of Tracy, for \$13,500.

Jan. 12—The Pro-slavery Legislature of Kansas met at Le-compton. The laws passed were favorable to slavery, and were vetoed by the governor; but the Legislature, being wholly Pro-slavery, passed the laws over his veto. The Legislature adjourned February 27, 1857.

Governor Truston Polk is elected by the Missouri Legislature United State Senator. He resigns as governor, and Hancock Jackson, lieutenant-governor, succeeds until R. M. Stewart is elected in August, 1857, by the people.

Senator D. R. Atchison removes from Platte City to his farm in Clinton County.

Jan. 24—George T. Naylor having died, Ignatius Naylor administers. Bond, \$3,000.

THE NAYLOR FAMILY.

Paul Naylor married Mary Ann Harrington, in Bath Co., Ky. She was a daughter of John Harrington. Three of their sons and two of their daughters came to Platte in 1843 and 1848, and settled north of Parkville.

I. IGNATIUS NAYLOR

Was b. in Bath Co., Ky., in 1804; d. in Platte Jan. 31, 1876. He m'd 1st, Susan Kerns, dr. of Tilman. Mr. Naylor was a prosperous farmer, and was tall and brawny. From some affection of the spine, he carried his head turned to one shoulder. At the time of his death, he had 16 living children. Those who reached mature age are:

I. WILLIAM P. NAYLOR, d. June 9, 1893; m'd May 15, 1860, Jane Martin, dr. of Bright. He was a man of sound judgment, and his name was frequently suggested for county justice. Ch:

1. *Andrew J. Naylor.*
2. *W. Paul Naylor* (ii), b. Sept. 7, 1867; m'd Feb. 27, 1893, Jettie Baker, dr. of James.
3. *Virginia C. (Puss) Naylor.*

II. CAROLINE NAYLOR, m'd J. M. Vice, and lived in Kentucky.

III. FRANCIS MARION NAYLOR, m'd Sarah A. West, and lives in Daviess County.

IV. NANCY NAYLOR, dead; m'd Garret Hendricks. Ch:

1. *John Hendricks*, m'd Louisa Branham, dr. of John.
2. *Geo. Hendricks*, m'd Mary Kerns.
3. *Thomas Hendricks*, m'd a Spratt, dr. of Wm. Spratt.
4. *Elsey Hendricks*, single.

V. PAUL NAYLOR, m'd Feb. 12, 1857, Mary E. Hayes, b. July 22, 1839; d. March 17, 1882.

1. *Susan Naylor*, m'd Larkin Simpson.
2. *Martha Naylor*, m'd Dec. 1, 1890, Fred Sellman.
3. *Leverin.* 4. *Delia.* 5. *Maggie.*
6. *Vell*, m'd Jas. Babcock.

VI. TILMAN NAYLOR, m'd April 7, 1853, Reb. J. Elkins. Ch:

1. *Albert Naylor*, single. 2. *Mary A.*, m'd Rafe Babcock.
3. *Caroline Naylor*, m'd Wm. Boggs.
4. *Sallie*, m'd Sept. 6, 1881, J. M. Powell.
5. *Rose*, m'd Dec. 3, 1882, Henry Young. 6. *Ella.*
7. *Dora Naylor*, m'd Feb. 28, 1884, Robt. Closky.
8. *Ignatius Naylor* (iii), m'd Oct. 12, 1879, Lou Brown. She died, and Ignatius m'd 2d, April 16, 1894, Alice H. Nesbit.
9. *Edward Naylor*, single. 10. *Wm. D. Naylor.*
11. *Annie Naylor*, m'd Oct. 24, 1894, Jos. W. Atkinson.
12. *Chas. Naylor.* 13. *Belle Naylor.*

Ignatius Naylor (i), m'd 2d, Polly R. Smith, dr. of Abner R. Children:

VII. WESLEY NAYLOR, b. March 15, 1835; m'd April 3, 1856,

Jose Elkins, sister of Reb. J. Ch:

1. *Flora Naylor*, b. Jan. 12, 1858; m'd Jan. 7, 1875, Mid. R. Babcock, son of Richard. (See.)

2. *Jos. S. Naylor*, m'd Jan. 12, 1879, Sarah Smith. Ch: [a] John Naylor; [b] Belva; [c] Rudolph; [d] Tullie; [e] Grace Naylor.

3. *Perry Naylor*, b. May 22, 1861; m'd 1st. Laura Lanter, dead. Oh: [a] Robert. Perry m'd 2d, April 29, 1884, Bettie Higgins, dr. of Berry. Ch: [b] Clara Naylor; [c] Maggie; [d] Ethel.

4. *Tullie Naylor*, m'd April 1, 1882, John Thomas. Ch: [a] Chester Thomas; [b] Emma Thomas.

5. *Mary J. Naylor*, m'd July 26, 1886, John L. Brightwell, son of Wm. P., b. Dec. 8, 1863. Ch: [a] Floy.

6. *Emma Naylor*. 7. *Katie F*.

VIII. ALF. G. NAYLOR (ii), d. in Kansas Jan. 25, 1893. He m'd Lucy Ann Harrington, dr. of Elisha; 11 children.

IX. JOSEPHINE (Ame), dead; m'd Jas. Morris; 6 children; live in Kansas.

X. ELIZABETH NAYLOR, dead; m'd 1st, Obe Timberlake. (See.) She m'd 2d, Whitman Snedagar.

XI. ABNER B. NAYLOR, b. Aug. 11, 1840; m'd Jan. 23, 1862, Elizabeth H. Brink, dr. of A. J. Brink. He is a man of ability and a Mason of high order. He served under Col. Jas. A. Price in the 82d M. S. M.

1. *Andrew J. Naylor*, m'd Feb. 6, 1884, Mary E. Ellis, dr. of B. F.; 2 children.

2. *Mary E. Naylor*, m'd Aug. 1, 1881, Chas. W. Babcock; 3 children.

3. *Alva Wm. Naylor*, m'd Nov. 11, 1894, Flora Gray, dr. of H. H.

4. *Chester Ira Naylor*.

XII. MARGARET NAYLOR, dead; m'd Robt. Ellis, son of Doctor.

XIII. IRA A. T. NAYLOR, m'd March 25, 1878, Mattie A. Brown, dr. of A. G. Oh:

1. *Jesse*. 2. *Ada*. 3. *Mark*. 4. *Wilson*.

XIV. JOHN S. NAYLOR, b. Dec. 1, 1848, in Bath Co., Ky.; m'd 1st, Jan. 8, 1870, Verlinda Myers, who was b. in Bath Co., Ky., Jan. 24, 1849; d. in Platte Jan. 8, 1883; a dr. of Hiram Myers. John S. Naylor m'd 2d, March 19, 1884, in Kansas, Delia Underwood. Children by first wife:

1. *Marion Naylor*.

Children by second wife:

2. *Virgil*. 3. *Noble*. 4. *Arvel*. 5. *Temple*.

John S. Naylor is a man of repute, and is a member of Compass Masonic Lodge, No. 120, of Parkville.

- XV. ISAAC NEWTON NAYLOR, m'd Dec. 18, 1873, Annie P. Closky. Ch:
 1. *Ivy*. 2. *Minnie*. 3. *Warren*.

II. GEO. T. NAYLOR

Was b. in Bath Co., Ky., Feb. 28, 1806; d. Jan. 10, 1857; m'd in Kentucky, in 1832, Mary Ann Jones, dr. of John, b. in 1815; d. in Jan., 1878. Ch:

L THOMAS O. NAYLOR, b. in Kentucky July 29, 1833; m'd in Platte Aug. 20, 1852, Theresa A. Nash. Ch:

1. *Mary E.*, dead; m'd Nov. 23, 1871, Lewis Meritt, who d. in Nov., 1882. Ch: [^a] Virginia L., m'd Charles Morgan. 1 child: [¹] Thos. Morgan. [^b] Mary E. Meritt.

2. *Alice Naylor*.

Mr. Thos. O. Naylor m'd 2d, May 14, 1888, Mary Woods, née Schofield. They reside near Woodruff.

II. CARLISLE NAYLOR, b. in Aug., 1835; m'd Aug. 20, 1857, Reb. J. Creason, who d. in Dec., 1885. She was a dr. of Rowena Creason. Ch:

1. *Allen Naylor*, m'd Ella Kern, dr. of Dan'l; d. in 1881.
2. *Susan A.*, m'd Dec. 3, 1884, Robt. D. Allen. Live in Oklahoma Territory.
3. *Thomas C. Naylor*, m'd Dec. 22, 1886, Ella M. Beckley, dr. of Adam. Live in Howell Co., Mo.
4. *Paul Naylor*, b. March 21, 1868; is attending Park College, at Parkville.
5. *Mary (Mamie)*, b. Nov. 8, 1876, attending Park College.
6. *Grayson A.*, b. Aug. 15, 1878.
7. *Chas. C. Naylor*, b. July 7, 1881.

III. NORTHCUT NAYLOR, m'd Sarah E. McGachegar. (See.)

IV. IGNATIUS NAYLOR (iii), b. in June, 1840; killed by Stephen Waldron.

V. GEO. W. NAYLOR, b. Dec. 9, 1843; single and social.

VI. SUSAN F. NAYLOR, b. Oct. 7, 1849; m'd Dec. 24, 1870, Absalom H. Miller, b. in Ohio Jan. 31, 1847. He served a brilliant career in the Federal army, throughout the Civil War. In 1868 he came west, and settled north of Parkville. Ch:

1. *Geo. M. Miller*. 2. *James T.* 3. *William T.*
4. *Jacob S.* 5. *Roy*. 6. *Mollie*. 7. *Elmer*. 8. *Clarence*.
9. *Ethel*, b. in Aug., 1892.

III. ALFRED GRAYSON NAYLOR

Was b. in Bath Co., Ky., about 1810; d. in Kansas in 1893; m'd Lucy Hughes. Ch:

L JAMES A. NAYLOR, b. Jan. 30, 1838 in Bath Co., Ky.; m'd Feb. 21, 1860, Sarah C. Carbaugh, b. March 25, 1843; d. Sept.

16, 1893. A man of ability and standing. He removed to California in 1888, and returned after his wife's death. Ch:

1. *Elfrida*. 2. *Randall*.

Alf. G. Naylor, after the death of his first wife, m'd Feb. 26, 1874, Eliza Martin; no children.

IV. PHILENA NAYLOR

Was b. in Bath Co., Ky., April 16, 1802; d. in 1888; m'd in Bath Co. Hayden Thatcher, a soldier of the War of 1812. He died in Kentucky, and she came with her children to Platte. Ch:

I. LUTHER C. THATCHER, m'd Malinda E. Owens. (See.)

II. IGNATIUS THATCHER, m'd Mary Brink, dr. of John.

III. RACHEL THATCHER, m'd John Arnold. Live in Lynn Co., Mo.

IV. ROBERTA THATCHER, m'd 1st, a Hopkins. She m'd 2d, John Owens. (See.)

V. JOS. THATCHER, m'd Edna Owens.

VI. JOHN T., in California.

V. DELILA NAYLOR.

Married Hiram Myers. Ch:

I. LEHAZA MYERS, m'd Lankford Owens, son of Webster.

II. MATILDA MYERS, m'd Cornelius Nash, d. in Nov. 1865. Ch:

1. *Henry Nash*, m'd — Mahoney. 2. *Chas. Nash*.

III. ALFRED MYERS, m'd Feb. 20, 1859, Nancy Nash (cousin of Cornelius). Live in Kansas.

IV. PAUL MYERS, b. March 1, 1839; m'd in Sept., 1861, Ann Perkins, dr. of John.

1. *Georgiana Myers*, m'd Jas. Smith, son of Wash. Ch: [a] Augustus Smith; [b] Raymond. Live in Lexington, Mo.

2. *John W. Myers*, m'd Feb. 7, 1889, Elvira Shield. 1 child: [a] Stillings.

3. *Mary J.* 4. *Hiram*. 5. *Abner T.*

V. ELIZABETH MYERS, m'd Jos. Nash (brother of Cornelius). 1 child:

1. *William R.*

VI. ANN MYERS, m'd John Naylor, son of Ignatius. Live in Kansas.

VII. FANNIE MYERS, lives in Kansas.

JOHN DOSS.

Jan. 24—John Doss having died, D. P. Wallingsford administers. Bond, \$50,000. He was a large merchant of Weston, and possessed of much land. His widow was Frances P. Doss, and his children:

- I. KATE DOSS, m'd James Doniphan (see), judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas.
- II. HARRIET DOSS.
- III. WILLIAM H.
- IV. JOHN J. DOSS.
- V. MABEL DOSS, m'd a Beller.

James Stone (i) having died, Thos. F. Stone, his son, administered. Bond, \$6,000.

THE STONE FAMILY.

The Stones came to Kentucky from Wales, by way of Maryland. KEZIAH STONE, in Bourbon Co., Ky., m'd Sarah Watt, and their son, ELIJAH STONE, was the progenitor of the Stone family of Platte. He m'd Eliza W. Foster, and died in 1822 in Kentucky. Ch:

- I. THOMAS F. STONE, b. Jan. 1, 1821; d. May 21, 1896; m'd May 31, 1847, Mary Ann Flannegan. He came to Platte the same year, and successfully engaged in stock-raising and farming. He was at one time president of the county fair. Children:

- 1. *Elijah F. Stone*, an attorney of St. Louis. He is married and is father of 5 children.
- 2. *Walter K. Stone*, of Jefferson Co., Kansas, m'd Sept. 30, 1878, Laura Gabbert, dr. of Jas. I. (See.)
- 3. *William H.*, of Denver, Colo.
- 4. *David T. Stone*, of Colorado, m'd a Baker.
- 5. *Thomas F.* 6. *Kate Stone*.

- II. AGNES STONE, m'd a Watt, in Kentucky.

- III. HOWARD STONE, lived in Kentucky.

- IV. JAMES A. STONE, m'd Mary A. Haggard. He died Jan. 24, 1857, and she July 12, 1886. He was elected assessor in August, 1856, and was in office at the time of his death. He was highly esteemed as a Mason and as a citizen. The family are zealous Baptists. Ch:

- 1. *Sarah J. Stone*, m'd a Prewitt.
- 2. *Elizabeth Stone*, m'd Capt. John A. White. He was an early merchant of Platte County, and represented the county in 1842-3.
- 3. *James A. Stone*, b. April 27, 1836: was a cripple and never married. He was assessor of the county several terms; but when it became his duty to assess lands by their numbers, his books were rejected, and his office declared vacant.
- 4. *John Stone*.
- 5. *Mary A.*, m'd Feb. 5, 1861, D. F. Brubeck.
- 6. *Edward L. Stone*.
- 7. *Cinderella*, m'd Feb. 19, 1852, Wm. H. Corbin, b. in Kentucky Sept. 8, 1836. Live in Clay.
- 8. *Agnes*.

- V. FANNIE STONE, m'd McVicker, in Kentucky.
- VI. SARAH STONE, b. April 3, 1803; m'd Wm. J. Norris, for many years a wealthy speculator and money-loaner in Platte; removed to Topeka, Kansas, and died there. Ch:
1. *Howard Norris*.
 2. *Capt. Chas. B. Norris*, a merchant of Platte City and of Weston. He raised a Confederate company, and was one of the first to reach the front. He now lives at Westport, devoting his surplus to science.
 3. *Martha Victoria Norris*, m'd 1st, Feb. 15, 1855, John B. Camp. After his death, she became the second wife of Jeff. J. Park. (See.)
- William J. Norris m'd 2d, Jan. 1, 1858, Ange M. Perry.

DR. B. F. MOORE.

Jan. 25—Dr. B. F. Moore locates at Parkville, and there is still his home. He graduated in 1855, at Louisville Medical School. He was born in Fayette County, Ky., Feb. 1, 1830, being a son of Peter Moore, a gallant soldier of the Revolution. He married in March, 1858, Hettie A. Beauchamp. Ch: 1, Kate Moore, m'd Thos. Ashby; 2, Mary E., m'd George Johnson; 3, William P. Moore.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 4—The county court appoints Jos. E. Merryman county attorney, and John Swaney assessor, in place of James Stone (i), deceased.

WASHINGTON SCOTT.

Feb. 6—Washington Scott died near Barry. He was born in Bourbon County, Ky., December 18, 1812, the son of William Scott and ——— Smith. He married April 23, 1835, Ruth Ann Duncan, born June 25, 1816. They left Kentucky in October, 1837, and settled in Platte, ten miles east of Platte City, where Mr. Scott died. Children:

- I. MARY E. SCOTT, b. in Oct., 1836; m'd Alex. Breckenridge (his second wife), b. Dec. 25, 1829. Mr. Breckenridge's first wife was Nannie Winn, dr. of James. He is a worthy citizen of Edgerton, but without children.
- II. JOHN W. SCOTT.
- III. WASH. WADE SCOTT, b. Oct. 4, 1842; m'd Feb. 1, 1869, Annie Lott, dr. of William H. Ch:
 1. *Mary Scott*. 2. *Beatrice*. 3. *Harry*. 4. *Lou*.
 5. *Walter Scott*.
- IV. JAMES R. SCOTT, b. Feb. 25, 1848; m'd Rose Aker. Live in Clay; 8 children.

V. NANNIE SCOTT, b. Sept. 30, 1852; m'd R. W. Beery, son of Noah, b. in 1836. Ch:

1. *Albert S.* 2. *Mollie.* 3. *Annie.* 4. *Calhoun.*

Feb. 11—The Government sells to the Leavenworth Town Company their site, for \$24,000.

Feb. 15—A ladies' supper at Weston clears \$250.

Feb. 16—The Parkville and G. R. R. R. Company incorporated.

Feb. 20—The ice in the Missouri is moving.

A *Platte Argus* of this date is in my hands.

Prof. William Dickey is now in charge of the male academy, or public school, at Platte City.

Feb. 22—The Star of the West, a Good Templars lodge, at Weston, celebrates Washington's birthday with an oration.

Feb. 23—Judge S. P. S. McCurdy's house, in Weston, burned, and E. Cody's books are consumed.

The population of Leavenworth County, Kansas, is 5,529; of Atchison County, 2,807.

NELSON FAULCONER.

Nelson Faulconer having died near Prairie Point, John R. Keller administered. He married twice. A daughter by his first wife married a Cravens, and died leaving: 1, Rebecca Cravens; 2, Eliza J., who m'd John R. Keller (see); 3, Thomas Cravens; 4, Elisha; 5, Andrew H. Cravens; 6, William; 7, Fannie. Wm. K. Faulconer was the only child of the second wife. He will be noticed. (See.)

MARCH.

March 4—Samuel Hardwicke enrolled as an attorney.

Elm Grove United Baptist Church organized.

John B. Linville having died, Rev. H. R. Smith administered. Bond, \$1,000. His widow was named Harriet, and they had one child, in Oregon.

March 16—Samuel Akin having died, John P. Akin administered. Pauline was his widow, and their children: 1, Emily; 2, Jas. W. Akin.

The late decision by the United States Supreme Court, of the Dred Scott case, is creating much excitement.

March 18—H. J. Adams elected mayor of Leavenworth. The first Free State mayor elected.

Geo. Helman buys of J. J. Deckelman property in Weston.

March 26—Governor Geary, of Kansas, having resigned, to take effect the 20th, the appointment of Robert J. Walker to the place is approved by the United States Senate.

A map of Platte County, on the scale of a mile to the inch, is published by Waters & Harding.

APRIL.

April 4—The *Platte City Weekly Atlas* is issued by Ethan Allen, at \$2 per year. His terms for advertisements are: A square of 12 lines, first time, \$1; all subsequent insertions, half price each; administrator's notice, \$2; final settlement notice, \$2.50; business card, \$5; announcement of candidate, \$3; obituaries, 50 cents per square.

I have full files of the *Atlas*, and henceforth my data will be more reliable.

ETHAN ALLEN.

Ethan Allen was descended from Gen. Ira Allen, brother of the illustrious Ethan Allen, who demanded the surrender of Ticonderoga "in the name of the great Jehovah and the Continental Congress!" The father of Ethan Allen, Jr., was Anson Hall Allen, born July 7, 1806, and Marena Morehouse was his mother. Ethan was born in New York August 4, 1834; married September 20, 1857, Ann Rachel Musgrove, born March 27, 1838; died February 13, 1895. Mr. Allen's paper, the *Atlas*, was admirably conducted, and the literary talent of a large number of contributors puts to shame the party-ridden and sycophantic sheets of to-day. Poetry sparkled in every number, and the young and ambitious made something interesting, besides politics. Mr. Allen lives now at Lexington, Mo., and stands among the foremost in the State editorial fraternity. Ch:

- I. MARY ELIZ. ALLEN, b. in Platte City Dec. 28, 1858.
- II. VERGILLA ALLEN, b. May 3, 1860.
- III. OLIVIA ALLEN, b. Nov. 14, 1863.
- IV. FRANCOES CORNELIA ALLEN, b. Sept. 1, 1866.
- V. ETHAN ALLEN (iii), b. Nov. 4, 1868.
- VI. ANNIE ALLEN, b. June 26, 1871.

THE ACADEMY STOCKHOLDERS.

The Academy stockholders having chosen H. B. Todd, W. M. Paxton, and W. A. Fox a building committee, A. W. Henning takes the contract to build the Academy, at \$15,000.

Platte City is on a boom—not a house to rent.

H. Clay Cockrell is announced for probate judge.

A. W. Henning advertises for brick- and stone-masons.

The Academy committee calls for one-half the subscriptions. The Academy is to be finished by the first Monday in November, when it is to be dedicated and opened.

J. F. Pitts offers the reward of \$100 each, for the capture and return of two runaway slaves.

Sales of real estate: W. J. Norris to C. F. Spencer, 302 acres, including Tracy, at \$45 per acre. John Bane to J. W. Christy, 80 acres at \$40; and James A. Headley to Gen. Jeff. Williams, 160 acres at \$35.

MAY.

May 1—The Tax Books show 2,351 polls; 3,122 slaves, valuable at \$1,704,755. County revenue, \$19,540.44. Total assessment, \$7,500,359.

COUNTY REVENUE.

Total receipts, \$13,568; total expenses, \$14,762; county levy, 25 cents; poll, 37½ cents. Dram-shop license, \$30.

Objects of Expenditure.

Bee Creek bridge.	\$ 15.00	
Couch bridge.	124.00	
Bear Creek bridge.	117.00	
Platte City bridge.	85.00	
Rialto bridge.	9.00	
Skinner's bridge.	1,340.00	
Unity Church bridge.	25.00	
Roads.	544.00	
Road damages.	800.00	
		\$3,059.00
Assessor (Stone).	\$ 165.00	
County Attorney (Almond).	132.00	
Circuit Clerk (Remington).	710.00	
County Clerk (Waggener).	588.00	
Lewis.	782.00	
Sheriff (Spratt).	1,054.00	
Treasurer (Freeland).	401.00	
School Commissioner (Cockrell).	200.00	
Judges (Broadhurst, Hays, and Layton).	467.00	
		4,499.00
Court-house.	410.00	
Criminal costs.	221.00	
Elections.	307.00	
Jail.	550.00	
Jurors.	277.00	
Poor.	1,881.00	
Stationery.	381.00	
Loaned Weston.	3,000.00	
Wood.	119.00	
Sundries.	58.00	
		\$14,762.00

Total. \$14,762.00

May 4—Wm. C. Baker is appointed public administrator. Bond, \$10,000.

Dr. G. W. Bayless sells out and returns to the position of demonstrator of anatomy in the Louisville Medical School.

May 4—John F. Marshall having died, Jane S. Marshall administers. Bond, \$8,000.

DAVID COUCH.

David Couch having died April 11, 1857, William Couch administered. Bond, \$15,000. David Couch was a worthy farmer, 8 miles east of Platte City. His wife died before him. He left two sons:

I. WILLIAM M. COUCH, b. near Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 24, 1826; m'd April 1, 1851, Margaret Berry, dr. of Wm. G. She was b. Dec. 29, 1829, and d. March 6, 1880. I knew Mrs. Couch in her maiden beauty and loveliness. She was the belle of the eastern half of Platte County. Mr. Couch went to Colorado, and accumulated a large fortune, which is still the property of his children. He was a man of generous spirit, and much beloved. He died in 1896, a widower, in Kansas City, Mo. His heirs own 1,000 acres of the best Platte lands.

1. *Joseph Couch*, m'd Nov. 29, 1888, Laura Cox, dr. of J. M. Cox. They live near Linkville.

2. *Dora Couch*, was well educated and charming. She m'd Oct. 29, 1874, Dr. J. C. Rogers, and died childless.

3. *Bertie Couch*, d. at Dallas, Texas, in 1859, Edw. L. Massie.

II. JOSEPH COUCH, d. at Dallas, Texas, in 1859. He m'd Dec. 2, 1847, Margaret C. Smith, who died leaving:

1. *William S. Couch*. 2. *E. D. Couch*.

3. *Lettie Couch*, m'd April 18, 1867, Ben. L. Lampton. Both died, leaving a daughter, Lola L. Lampton.

David Couch served in the War of 1812 as a private in Capt. Chiles' company of Tennessee militia.

May 7—W. M. Paxton, one of the building committee for the Platte City Female Academy, reports expenditures, \$2,402.50; collections, \$1,580.90.

"ARGUS" OF MAY 8, 1837.

May 8—Through the courtesy of J. B. Mundy, I have the *Argus* of this date (Vol. 13, No. 52), and find:

Thos. F. Stone advertises a negro girl to be sold publicly.

The Platte City Female Academy is to open November 10, 1857.

A. C. Redman and C. G. Huffaker are principals of the Weston High School.

The Weston & Canton R. R. is the subject of consideration of a public meeting at Platte City. Jesse Morin is president, and J. F. Wiseley secretary; Lewis Ramage speaks; resolutions are adopted; Clint. Cockrill, John Doniphan, David Hunt, S. P. S. McCurdy, Dr. J. M. Moore, S. Johnston, G. P. Dorris, Judge Norton, Dr. A. M. Robinson, C. A. Perry, and Joel C. Rockwell participated in the meeting.

Prices: Corn, 60 cents; bacon, 13 cents; coffee, 15 cents; flour, \$4 per sack; crushed sugar, 18 cents; hides, 14 cents; salt, \$3 per sack; lard, 12 cents; nails, 6 cents.

King & Davis announce that they will issue, May 30th, the *Key City Commercial*, Whig weekly paper, at Weston.

The Platte Mutual Insurance Company, J. E. Walker president, is advertised.

John Doniphan announces a public sale of 40 lots in his addition to Weston.

Peaches and other fruits promising.

Proceedings of the municipal council of Weston, commemorative of the late J. P. Georgen, signed by Ben Wood as mayor, and H. J. Wolf as secretary, are published.

A circus at Parkville on May 13th, at Platte City on the 15th, and at Weston on the 18th.

S. J. Finch gives notice that the *Weston Reporter* has been sold to A. W. King.

William Findley, marshal of Weston, gives notice that hereafter he will enforce the ordinance against hogs running at large.

May 14—Cartwright & Tufts are selling their stock at New Market, at auction.

The administrators of adjoining counties advertise in the *Argus*.

May 16—General Harney is in command at the Fort.

May 17—Secretary Stanton is acting governor of Kansas, awaiting the arrival of Governor Walker.

May 18—Circuit Judge E. H. Norton is a candidate for reelection in August.

May 19—The Postmaster-General advertises for proposals to carry a semi-weekly mail to the Pacific.

H. M. Cochran opens a dry goods store at Platte City.

The *Argus* favors the Weston & Canton Railroad, and the *Atlas* favors the Platte Country Railroad.

May 24—Governor Walker speaks at Quindaro.

May 25—The first number of the *Key City* is issued at Weston, by a son of Sam. Owens. It succeeded the *Reporter*, and soon died.

J. P. GEORGEN.

J. P. Georgen's estate administered by Brill, Hamm & Georgen. Bond, \$75,000. He was a large merchant of Weston. His widow, Anna M. Georgen, married October 15, 1868, Frederick Stubenraugh, and died childless. The Georgen children:

I. LEWIS W. GEORGEN, m'd Azubah Skinner. (See.)

II. LIZZIE GEORGEN, d., single Oct. 9, 1872.

III. FRANK H. GEORGEN. IV. JOHN GEORGEN.

GEORGE ECKERT.

George Eckert, a native of Prussia, settles in Platte, and proves an excellent citizen. He was born June 16, 1829; came to America in 1848; married, March 13, 1857, Dorothy Stell, daughter

of George, a German. They immediately settled in Platte County, and by industry acquired a large and valuable farm. Mrs. Eckert died in December, 1876, leaving:

I. GEORGE H. ECKERT, b. near Parkville Jan. 21, 1858; m'd March 11, 1880, Eva Renner, dr. of Adam. Ch:

1. *Emma Eckert.* 2. *Lizzie Eckert.*

The family belong to the German M. E. Church.

II. MARY L. ECKERT, m'd Feb. 27, 1877, Peter W. Klamm, b. in Nov., 1852, son of John. Ch:

1. *Geo. P. Klamm.* 2. *Virginia.*

III. AMELIA, m'd April 22, 1880, John P. Klamm.

IV. ELIZ. C. ECKERT. V. WILLIAM. VI. MAGDALEN.

VII. JACOB.

HUMPHREY SMITH.

Humphrey Smith died in May, 1857. He was born in New Jersey February 17, 1774. His father was Abraham Smith, who was of German parentage. The family came to New Jersey in 1714. His mother was a Davenport. He married, in 1803, Nancy Walker, who was born in 1783, and died in 1855. On account of his outspoken anti-slavery sentiments, he was called "Yankee" Smith. In 1822 he came west with his family, and settled on the creek in Clay County, Mo., called from him, Smith's Fork of the Platte. Here, at a point where the creek breaks over a ledge of rocks, he built, of round, unhewn white-oak logs, a small mill for corn, run by a flutter wheel. At that time there was no grist-mill in Clay, except Tillery's horse-mill. The stones were cut from "lost rock," and were small. A few years later Mr. Smith cut out a 3½-foot pair of stones, from "lost rock," and added bolts. For ten years these mills afforded meal and flour for the county. Mr. Smith, about 1827, laid off a small town, which was called Smithville. His good sense, energy, and independence gave name and reputation to the neighborhood. Ch:

I. DOCTOR SMITH, b. in 1806; d. in 1856.

II. ERASTUS SMITH (i), b. in 1808; d. in 1855.

III. GEO. SMITH, b. in 1811, living; m'd 1st, in 1834, Miss Brown, d. in Platte in 1839. He m'd 2d, in 1840, Miss Shelton. Live in Kansas.

IV. CALVIN SMITH, b. Dec. 23, 1813, living in Kansas City; m'd 1st, in 1840, Agnes Jordan, d. in 1884. He was a merchant in Smithville; removed in 1862 to Jefferson County, Kas., and in 1882 to Kansas City, Mo. He is 6 feet 2 inches tall, handsome and intelligent. He traversed Platte County in the early years of 1822 to 1837, when a tentless wilderness. Children:

1. *Erastus (Rat).*

2. *Henry*, a representative in the State Legislature from Kansas City.

3. *Alice.* 4. *Sebree.* 5. *Marie.* 6. *Ann.* 7. *James.*

Calvin m'd 2d, Fannie Burton.

V. MISSOURI SMITH, m'd Henry Owens, both dead.

VII. DAMON, m'd a dr. of Dr. H. D. Oden.

VII. HIRAM, m'd Mary A. Fleming, dr. of Samuel Fleming.

JUNE.

June 1—Frontier Encampment, No. 2, I. O. O. F., chartered.

June 2—W. M. Paxton appointed, by the probate court, public administrator of Platte County. Bond, \$20,000.

MICHAEL BAKER.

June 3—Michael Baker having died, Josiah Baker administered. Bond, \$12,000. Ch:

I. SUSAN BAKER, m'd John Willis, of Kentucky.

II. ALLEN BAKER.

III. VERLINDA BAKER, lived in Howard County.

IV. EMILY BAKER, m'd Wm. Kirtley.

V. MARTHA BAKER, m'd W. S. Carroll, a lawyer of Weston, and partner of John Doniphan. She died leaving 3 children.

VI. PERMELIA BAKER, b. in 1814; d. at St. Joseph July 25, 1892; m'd Jerry Crabb, d. in Feb., 1877. Ch:

1. *Martha V. Crabb*, b. Aug. 27, 1845; m'd Jan. 7, 1863, Thos. L. Gabbert. (See.)

2. *Priscilla F.*, m'd a Johnson. 3. *Emma R.*, m'd a Dale.

4. *Robert R.* 5. *Edward J.*

6. *Susan A.*, m'd S. R. Arnold, of St. Joseph.

7. *James M. Crabb*, m'd Dec. 23, 1885, Anna Montague.

VII. MARY BAKER, m'd William Cull, of Clark County, Mo.

VIII. NANCY BAKER, m'd Burwell Duncan, of New Market.

IX. JOSIAH BAKER. X. THOMAS BAKER.

XI. W. C. BAKER, of Fayette, Mo.

June 10—L. M. Lawson buys property in Weston.

JOHN WOOD, TEACHER AND POET.

June 13—In the *Atlas* of this date are two acrostics by John Wood. On account of peculiarities and eccentricities, Mr. Wood never received the honor due him. For twenty years prior to 1876 he taught school at various places in Platte County. He published a pamphlet of 104 acrostics, to as many names, and sold it at 50 cents. He wrote a long poem, entitled "Columbus," and read it before the Platte City Lodge of Good Templars. He never rode on horseback, nor in a carriage of any sort, but trudged on foot through mud and snow, carrying a small black gripsack, which contained his worldly all. His poetry was correct in measure, rhyme, and diction; but the ornaments of rhetoric were wanting. But his speeches were logical and pointed, and were listened

to attentively. He often participated in the discussions at teachers' meetings. No one could tell his generation, nor whence he came nor whither he went. I loved the old man, and tried to cheer him. He often called at my office for rest after his peregrinations. His verses showed thought, but were lacking in melody, sentiment, and sweetness. He was found dead in an orchard in Clay, where he was teaching.

GREENBURY PITCHER died in 1857. His widow was named Elizabeth, and his children: 1, James M. Pitcher; 2, Jane, wife of Simeon Hull; 3, Sarah Ann, wife of Wm. Clarke; 4, William; 5, Thomas; 6, Miles; 7, Susan.

June 15—The foundations of Platte City Female Academy have been laid.

June 19—Prof. H. B. Todd closes his school at Camden Point, preparatory to opening at Platte City.

June 22—A terrific hail-storm. Stones fell 3 inches in diameter.

Wm. B. Almond opens a law office in Leavenworth, leaving his family in Platte City.

Crops—Wheat is almost a failure; worth \$1.50. Hemp is promising; worth \$5. Corn has been injured by the cut-worm; worth 80 cents.

STEAM FLOURING MILL.

Almond, Paxton & Owen erected opposite Platte City a large flouring-mill. They furnished flour to many parts of the West, and had flour depots at Kansas City, Leavenworth, and Atchison. But the war, with short crops of wheat, ruined their trade, and the mill was dismantled. The two upper stories were used to replace the burned water-mill, and the first story, used as a stable, was burned, with many horses.

June 27—The *Atlas* has the first "Leaves from a Lawyer's Note-book," by Hon. Thomas Herndon.

JULY.

July 4—Picnic at Second Creek; Thos. E. Park manager.

Sunday-schools of Platte City celebrated the day by meeting at the new academy grounds.

John Wilson was orator of the day, and Prof. Todd addressed the schools, which had come in procession from the court-house.

SALE OF SLAVES.

July 6—Sheriff Spratt sold, publicly, the slaves of the estate of Henry Roach. They brought, severally, \$1,400, \$1,005, \$926, \$900, and \$700.

July 7—A Democratic mass-meeting at the court-house, Judge Noah Beery chairman, nominated Jesse Morin for State senator, to succeed Dr. A. M. Robinson, resigned, and indorsed R. M. Stewart for governor, to succeed Truston Polk, resigned.

Prof. H. B. Todd sells publicly his academy furniture, at Camden Point.

July 9—Atchison & St. Joe Railroad organized at St. Joseph with S. C. Pomeroy president.

July 14—An enthusiastic meeting at the court-house to promote the Weston & Canton Railroad, G. H. Hale chairman.

July 20—William McAlexander's estate administered by Alex. McAlexander. Bond, \$3,000.

Political meeting at the court-house, addressed by Morin and Dougherty, candidates for State senator.

July 23—A railroad meeting at Beauchamp's hotel, in Platte City, to promote the railroad from Leavenworth to Cameron, addressed by Colonels McCauley and Alexander, of Leavenworth.

July 31—Barbecue at Camden Point. Railroads the subject of discussion.

AUGUST.

THE ELECTION.

For Governor—R. M. Stewart, 884; J. S. Rollins, 947.

Senator—Jesse Morin, Democrat, 927; Dougherty, Whig, 777.

Probate Judge—H. C. Cockrill, 1,035; R. P. Clark, 567; H. Hartman, 120.

Aug. 1—Trains for the Utah expedition leave Leavenworth daily. Russell & Waddell are contractors for supplies.

Leavenworth & Cameron Railroad delegates from Leavenworth meet the people of Platte, W. M. Paxton chairman. Dr. Davis, Col. McCauley, and R. R. Rees, from Leavenworth, and Pitt, Todd, Fox, and Ellington, of Platte, make speeches.

Remington, Johnston & Spratt lay off St. Mary, at the present mouth of Bee Creek; but no lot was ever sold. John Boulware had a store there a short time.

A mob at Leavenworth hang Knighton and Quarles, for the murder of Stephens.

The Ugly Club and the Lazy Fellows are rival societies at Platte City.

Aug. 13—A public meeting at the court-house to promote the Weston & Canton Railroad, Jas. G. Spratt chairman, and Morin, Wilson, Fox, and Pitt speakers.

Aug. 16—The directors of the Platte City Male Academy select F. G. Gaylord as principal.

Aug. 19—JAMES HULL died. He was born in Virginia June 5, 1795; came to Platte in 1838, and settled four miles north of Platte City. His wife died before him. His only child, Mary Jane Hull, married Thos. F. Moore. She died leaving: 1, Levi; 2, George; 3, Mary, born in 1872. Mr. Hull left a will.

Aug. 20—Academy Finances—W. M. Paxton shows payments, \$8,372.10; collections, \$4,481.05; advanced, \$3,891.05.

Aug. 27—Beauchamp's Hotel in Platte City is sold to E. W. Clifford, for \$10,000.

Newspapers—The *Argus*, Wiseleys editors, favors the Weston & Canton Railroad. The *Atlas* desires to connect with the Hannibal & St. Joe Railroad. The *Parkville Courier* favors the Platte County Railroad.

SEPTEMBER.

WASH. L. BLANTON.

Sept. 2—Wash. L. Blanton died at Platte City. He was born in 1805; married Nancy Brunts. (See.) Mr. Blanton was a kind-hearted, Christian gentleman. He was a shoemaker, and a genial and merry companion. Ch:

I. MARY BLANTON, still living; m'd Aug. 22, 1857, Chris. Geyer. (See.) He died, leaving:

1. *Lizzie Geyer*, m'd 1st, Feb. 18, 1884, Jas. L. Cornelis. They were divorced after the birth of a daughter, and she m'd 2d, June 6, 1894, Jesse M. Calvert. He is a printer employed on the *Landmark*.

II. SHEBA BLANTON, m'd July 15, 1862, John D. Flannery. Live in Kansas.

Sept. 7—Henry J. Adams, Free State candidate, elected mayor of Leavenworth by 298 votes.

JOSIAH FARLEY.

Josiah Farley having died, R. F. Mason administered. Bond, \$5,000. Ch:

I. THADDEUS FARLEY. II. ROBERT. III. SARAH. IV. JAMES. V. JOSIAH FARLEY, Jr., and others.

Mr. Farley laid off, and sold out, the town of Farley. He enjoyed Masonry. His widow was Nancy, and he had a brother, Nimrod, who died in July, 1848.

Sept. 9—The county court, on application of a public meeting, ordered an election to determine whether the county should subscribe \$400,000 to the stock of the Weston & Canton Railroad. The election was held October 1st, and resulted: for, 377; against, 1,310.

Sept. 12—JOHN M. HAYES having died, W. F. Middleton administers. Bond, \$3,500. His widow was Jane. Ch: 1, Mary C., b. in 1845; 2, Elizabeth Hayes, b. in 1847; 3, Nat C. Hayes, b. in 1853; 4, Anna, b. in 1854; 5, Susan Hayes, b. in 1855.

Sept. 15—ADAM B. DURNING having died, Jacob Smelser administered. Bond \$3,000. He married, March 24, 1844, Ann Bollinger.

Sept. 23—Almond, Paxton & Owen file a plat of their addition to Platte City.

The first indications of the great national panic.

A splendid crop of hemp. Wheat a failure, and corn short.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—The Sepoy rebellion in India. The siege of Delhi.

Oct. 5—Marcus J. Parrott, Free Soil candidate, elected a delegate to Congress from Kansas over Ranson, by 4,089 votes.

Oct. 9—F. M. Tufts buys out Willis Cartwright's interest in their New Market store.

Oct. 10—The great financial panic at its height. Missouri bonds sell at 64 cents.

Oct. 20—Simon P. Yocum advertises the Leavenworth steam ferry.

WILLIAM PITTS.

Oct. 21—William Pitts having died, Jacob and James Pitts administered. Bond, \$10,000. He lived in the bottoms opposite Leavenworth. Ch:

I. A DAUGHTER, m'd Christian Shultz, and died, leaving:

1. *Mary H. Shultz.* 2. *Dallas A. Shultz.*
3. *Margaret Shultz.*

II. A DAUGHTER, m'd James Lewis. Ch:

1. *Robert C. Lewis.*

III. NANCY PITTS, m'd a Riggs. IV. HENRY PITTS.

V. JACOB PITTS. VI. HILARY PITTS.

VII. JAMES PITTS, m'd April 10, 1888, Ange Yocom.

IX. SAMUEL PITTS.

Oct. 24—A great fall in stocks. Missouri bonds sell at 59 cents.

Oct. 26—Bank of the State of Missouri suspends. The Legislature, being in session, legalizes suspension for one year.

F. G. Gaylord arrives in Platte City and opens the male school.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 3—The Legislature forbids collectors to take any paper money, except bills of the Bank of Missouri.

The Lecompton Pro-slavery Convention adjourned, after making a constitution that sanctioned slavery. Among the signers are: James Adkins, W. Christison, H. D. Oden, and Jarret Todd.

Nov. 10—Platte City Female Academy dedicated, in the presence of a large assembly. Speeches were made by Prof. Todd, W. B. Smith, John E. Pitt, and Thos. Herndon.

SCITHA BOWRING.

Nov. 14—Scitha Bowring, widow of Peter Bowring, having died, Davis Lanter administered. Peter Bowring died in January, 1854. They lived near Farley, and were respectable people. Ch:

I. CATHARINE BOWRING, m'd Sept. 13, 1862, Martin S. Klumm. He was a man of intelligence. They removed to Texas.

II. ELIZABETH BOWRING, b. in Fayette Co., Mo.; m'd Sept. 23, 1852, Capt. Davis Lanter, b. in Clay Dec. 5, 1824. His parents were Thomas Lanter and Spicy Davis, of Virginia. Thos. Lanter went to Kansas, and d. in 1880. In 1844 Davis Lanter became a teamster in the Quartermaster Department at Fort Leavenworth. He volunteered in the Mexican War, and served under Gen. Doniphan; and at the close of the war, became a teamster, and served until 1851. He was discharged in California, and returned by way of the Isthmus. From 1859 he was a wagon-master until 1861. He then raised a company for the Confederate army, known as Company C, First Missouri Cavalry, Col. Gates commanding. He led his company at Pea Ridge, Corinth, and Port Gibson, opposed Sherman on his March to the Sea, April 9, 1865 he was taken prisoner, but was exchanged in May. The Captain has a large farm near Farley, and is still full of energy and enterprise. He is chairman of the county Democratic central committee. Ch:

1. *Mary Catharine*, b. in April, 1854. She m'd 1st, a Kilgore, and, on his death, she m'd 2d, Sept. 23, 1883, Henry Burt Mayo: 4 children.

2. *William P. Lanter*, m'd Catherine Smith; 6 children.

III. WILLIAM M. BOWRING.

WILLIAM McGUIRE.

Nov. 19—William McGuire having died, Jacob Smelser administered. Bond, \$3,000. His widow was Elizabeth. Ch:

I. ALBERT McGUIRE. II. COSBY McGUIRE.

III. ELIZA E. IV. RICHARD L. V. PERRY A. McGUIRE.

HENRY MYLES.

Nov. 20—Henry Myles having died, John Myles administered. Bond, \$15,000. His widow was Margaret, and his children:

I. ELIZABETH M. MYLES. II. JOHN MYLES.

III. NANCY MYLES.

IV. JAMES H. MYLES, was a merchant of Platte City. His first wife was mother of:

1. *Miriam Myles*, wife of Henry C. Colman (see), of Kansas City.

James H. m'd 2d, Jan. 9, 1865, Malinda F. Cain, dr. of John, twin sister of Mrs. Daniel Jenkins. Ch:

2. *Mattie Myles*, m'd James Neville. 3. *Marshall*.

V. SARAH MYLES.

VI. JESSE MYLES, killed at the Camden Point fight.

VII. HENRY MYLES.

Nov. 23—D. S. KIMSEY, postmaster at Platte City, having died, Thomas Kimsey administered. Bond, \$5,000. He was a merchant at Platte City. He married Nancy White. No children.

Nov. 25—The Building Committee of the Platte City Female Academy issue to paid-up subscribers a certificate of stock for each sum of \$25 paid.

Nov. 27—There is, nominally, a daily mail from St. Louis, but it is brought by steamboat from Jefferson City, and is uncertain.

AMBROSE NOLL.

Nov. 30—Ambrose Noll having died at Weston, Jacob Hamm administered. Bond, \$12,000. His wife was Josepha. Ch:

I. MATTHIAS NOLL, went to Kansas.

II. ALBERT NOLL, m'd ———. Ch:

1. *Matthias Noll* (ii), b. in Germany Feb. 9, 1827; came to America in 1849; m'd Victoria Kurtz, b. Dec. 21, 1819. (See Jos. Kurtz.) Her children by Noll: [a] Victoria Noll, m'd Nov. 8, 1875, Ed Brill, son of Henry, b. in 1851; d. Sept. 15, 1894. Ch: [1] Matthias H. Brill; [2] Edward E.; [3] Clarence. [b] Matthias Noll (iii), a druggist at Atchison; [c] Mary Noll, m'd May 30, 1887, Chas. P. Breen. (See.)

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—Erasmus Perry having died, Charles A. Perry administered. Bond, \$16,000.

Dec. 3—Dr. Yantis, of the Presbyterian Church, commences a series of lectures on baptism, giving particular attention to statements made from the Baptist pulpit, at Platte City, by Rev. E. I. Owen, D.D.

The Legislature reduces the terms of circuit court to two, and grants to the Platte Country Railroad \$700,000, one-half to be expended below St. Joseph, and the other half above.

Dec. 10—Gen. J. W. Denver is appointed secretary of Kansas, in the place of Stanton, removed.

Dec. 17—Governor R. J. Walker, of Kansas, resigns.

Dec. 25—Elder E. I. Owen commenced and continued his replies to Dr. Yantis.

Dec. 31—Thanksgiving: Rev. Thomas Hurst preached at Platte City.

Crops—Hemp rotted early, yielded well. Wheat and corn are short.

Leavenworth has 4,000 inhabitants. Lots sell at fabulous prices. The Planters' House is open for business.

1858.

OFFICERS.

Governor, R. M. Stewart; Congressman, Jas. Craig; State Senator, Jesse Morin; Representatives, Duncan, Perry, and Wilson; Circuit Judge, E. H. Norton; Circuit Attorney, J. M. Bassett; Circuit Clerk, W. C. Remington; Sheriff, W. H. Spratt; Assessor, John Swaney; School Commissioner, Geo. Robertson; Surveyor, Jas. S. Owens; Coroner, L. P. Stiles; Probate Judge, H. C. Cockrill; County Justices, Broadhurst, Hays, and Layton; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; Public Administrator, W. M. Paxton; County Attorney, J. E. Merryman.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Baker, Clark, Harrington, Herndon, Merryman, Pitt, Robertson, Smith, Spratt, Tebbs, Wilson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Brown, Eastman, Guthrie, Marshall, Moore, Redman, Wallace, Walling.

Merchants, etc.—Allen (*Atlas*), Almond, Paxton & Owen, Beery, Bishop, Burge & Hogue, Clifford, Doty & Rector, Cochran, Conley & Adkins, Ferrier, Fleshman, Fox, Gaylord, Gordon & Todd, Hettish, Jenkins, Johnston, Johnston & Son, Knopf, Murray & Freeland, Magers, Oswald, Rector, Richards, Swaney & Christison, Todd, Waller & Frost, N. E. Wilkinson, Wilson, Woolfolk, Young, Zarn.

Lodges—No. 56, S. M. Hayes, W. M.; W. M. Paxton, Sec. Melody Chapter 21, W. A. Fox, H. P. Nebraska, No. 12, P. R. Newman, N. G.

Schools—H. B. Todd is principal of the female academy, and F. G. Gaylord of the male.

At Weston: Attorneys—Abell & Stringfellow, Bird, Branch, Burnes, Carroll, Doniphan, Lawson, Ramage, Wolf.

Physicians—Bonifant, Bowers, Bowlby, Earickson, Griswold, Gray, Henson, Shortridge, Stiles.

Merchants—Basye, Bell, Branham & Norris, Collier & Rockwell, Conwell & Spencer, Colman, Deitz, Doppler, George, Guenther, Goldstein, Halyard, Harper, Heriott, Kaufman, Klingstein, Knudson, Mettier, Meyers, Miller, Mitchell, Newman, Noble, Ott & Weber, Perrys & Young, Raileys, Rohring, Shannon, Shaw & Newhouse, Snell, Steubenraugh, Turner, Walker, Warner, Wells, Wood (mayor).

Court of Common Pleas—S. P. S. McCurdy, judge.

At Parkville: Ashby, Barnes, Bueneman, Burnes, Beeding, Clardy & Campbell, Clough & Clough, Dale & Roberts, Davis, McComas & Stoddart, McDonald, Ringo, Summers & Wilson, Woodsmall, Woodward.

At Camden Point: Coffey, Flack, Forbis, Hale, Rev. J. C. Howell (academy), Pinkard, Reed, Withers.

At Farley: Mason, Johnson, Falkner, Patton, Meads.

At Ridgely: Athy & Co., Deatly & Co., Ellington, Mayo, Rev. R. Scott.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Cartwright, Ragsdale, Tufts, Wells.

Newspapers—*Argus*, at Weston, by the Wiseleys. *Atlas*, at Platte City, by Ethan Allen. *Courier*, at Parkville, by F. M. McDonald.

Kansas Governors: A. H. Rader, from October 6, 1854, to July 31, 1855; Wilson Shannon, from September 1, 1855, to August 21, 1856; J. W. Geary, from September 9, 1856, to March, 1857; R. J. Walker, from May 24, 1857, to Dec. 7, 1857; Jas. W. Denver.

During the *interims*, the secretary acted.

JANUARY.

Jan. 4—The Pro-slavery constitution submitted to the people of Kansas, and adopted. Free State men did not vote.

A Free State mob, after the election, took possession of Leavenworth, and Gen. Calhoun and other Pro-slavery men fled to Weston.

SLAVES SOLD AT PLATTE CITY BY THE SHERIFF.

Gabriel, aged 2, \$235; Reuben, aged 5, \$510; Lewis, aged 4, \$410; Lewis, aged 12, \$1,000; Amelia, aged 14, \$710; Jane, aged 15, \$801; Emma, aged 17, \$1,000; Sarah, aged 20, \$865; Permelia, aged 23, \$993; Eliza and child, aged 30 and 1, \$930; Harriet, aged 45, \$485.

Three negro men were hired for the year, at \$235, \$141, and \$135, respectively.

Jan. 6—William H. Summers having died, John Wilson administered. Bond, \$16,000.

THE SUMMERS FAMILY.

The ancestors of the Summers family of Platte came to the Colonies, about 1700, from Holland. The mother died, and the father returned to Europe. The sons, John and Samuel, were reared by their mother's relatives. We have only to do with John. He taught school for 52 years, and was 119 years of age at death. His son, John, was a Revolutionary soldier, and witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis in 1781. He was born July 26, 1764; married, October 26, 1786, Agnes Bell, daughter of Charles. She was born February 10, 1767. They came from Virginia to Kentucky, about 1789. Their children, with dates of birth, were:

- I. SUSANNA SUMMERS, b. July 16, 1787.
- II. CARTER, b. May 6, 1789.
- III. THOMAS T., b. May 9, 1791.
- IV. JESSE, b. March 15, 1793.
- V. BENJAMIN, b. May 3, 1895.
- VI. LUCY, b. May 17, 1797.
- VII. NANCY, b. March 7, 1799.
- VIII. MASON, b. Feb. 6, 1801.
- IX. ELIZABETH, b. Dec. 10, 1803.
- X. MARY, b. Jan. 13, 1805.
- XI. JOHN T., b. Nov. 2, 1807.
- XII. EMERSON SUMMERS, b. March 25, 1810.

I shall notice only those who came to Platte, or have descendants here.

I. CARTER SUMMERS,

Son of John (ii), was born in Jessamine County, Ky., May 6, 1789; m'd Martha Mills, of Fleming County, Ky. Carter died in 1849. Children:

- I. COM. PERRY SUMMERS, m'd Emily Payne, living. Ch:
 1. *Ruth Summers*, m'd Chas. Ringo (i).
 2. *Per. D. Summers*, m'd July 28, 1870, William Goff.
 3. *Geo. W. Summers*, b. Feb. 14, 1846; m'd P. Williams.
 4. *Mollie Summers*. 5. *Buddie*.
 6. *Mattie A.*, b. March 5, 1857; m'd Sept. 28, 1882, J. W. Stoufer, of St. Joseph. She d. Oct. 26, 1889.
- II. WILLIAM H. SUMMERS, b. in Dec., 1817. He represented the county in the State Legislature in 1850-51. He m'd in 1849, Elizabeth Wilson, dr. of John. of Barry. They lived in Parkville, and he became an enterprising merchant. Only one of their three children survives:
 1. *Mary*, wife of T. W. Davis, Jr.

After the death of Mr. Summers, his widow m'd W. J. Bemis, b. Nov. 3, 1831; d. Feb. 20, 1874. He was an urbane gentleman, a Knight Templar, and an enterprising citizen. Mrs. Bemis survives, with only the one living child.

III. JACKSON C. SUMMERS, b. in Fleming Co., Ky., Jan. 15, 1827; m'd June 19, 1850, Margaret Green, d. April 11, 1881. They settled near Parkville. Ch:

1. *Emma Summers*, dead; m'd Jan. 12, 1871, John A. Baldwin, b. March 17, 1848, son of Martin. Ch: [a] Oliver Baldwin; [b] Wm. Baldwin; [c] Lula. After the death of Emma, Mr. Baldwin m'd 2d, Oct. 5, 1881, Alice V. Peed, b. June 14, 1858, dr. of Jas. A. Ch: [d] Harry; [e] Otta Baldwin; [f] Charles.
2. *Charles H. Summers*, m'd Sept. 1, 1881, Mattie Hoy. He d. in Nov., 1885, leaving: [a] Ada; [b] Chas. J. She m'd 2d, July 10, 1888, Lewis N. Mitchell.
3. *Nannie Summers*, m'd Oct. 20, 1884, Davis Lake, of Gallatin, Mo.

Mr. Jackson C. Summers has been a merchant in Parkville for many years. He served two terms as county court justice, and is regarded as one of the most honorable men of the county. After the death of his first wife, Judge Summers m'd March 12, 1889, Mrs. Euphemia Mothershead, widow of John W. (See.)

II. JESSE SUMMERS

Was born in Jessamine County, Ky., March 15, 1793; m'd his cousin, Elizabeth Bell. They removed to Fleming Co., Ky., and, in 1850, came to Platte, settling near Parkville. He died in August, 1873. He represented Fleming in 1824-28. Ch:

- I. *HIRAM SUMMERS*, m'd an Eastern lady, and removed to Arizona, where he has become a distinguished lawyer.

II. *ANN SUMMERS*, b. in Feb., 1812; m'd John Downs, a merchant and a highly esteemed citizen of Barry. Ch:

1. *William Downs*, m'd Mollie Gosset.
2. *Bettie Downs*, m'd Madison Cox.

III. *MASON SUMMERS*, m'd America Beeding. They live in Chicago. For many years Mr. Summers was an enterprising merchant of Parkville.

IV. *ELVIRA SUMMERS*, m'd Mason Hord. They live in Plattsburg. Mason Summers and Mason Hord were partners in the mercantile business at Parkville. Ch:

1. *Mary. E Hord*, b. Sept. 10, 1847, in Mason Co., Ky.; m'd Jan. 19, 1871, Geo. W. Spears, b. June 8, 1845. He is a son of Sol. F. Spears and Eliz. Keller, and a prosperous farmer, living four miles north of Platte City. He served in the Confederate army, and had varied experience of dangers, sickness, imprisonment and banishment. Ch: [a] Wm. Mason Spears, b. Nov. 29, 1871; [b] Beula, b. April 7, 1874; [c] George, b. Dec. 26, 1876; [d] Mabel Spears, b. July 31, 1880.

- V. WILLIAM J. SUMMERS, m'd Lizzie Bowen, née Hazlerigg.
No children.
- VI. ELIZABETH SUMMERS, m'd Col. F. Burnes. (See.)
- VII. EMMA SUMMERS, b. Oct. 9, 1842; m'd Dec. 24, 1858, Dr. Alonzo Richardson. He d. March 10, 1862, leaving:
1. *Elizabeth Richardson*, b. Jan. 10, 1866; m'd in 1880, W. P. Baldwin. Ch: [^a] Alonzo; [^b] Camilla; [^c] Roy.
- Mrs. Richardson m'd 2d, Dec. 14, 1884, David J. Link (see), b. Feb. 28, 1827; d. Aug. 5, 1892. Mrs. Link still lives, a genial, amiable and kind-hearted lady.

III. MASON SUMMERS,

Born in Jessamine County, Ky., Feb. 6, 1801; came to Clay in 1836. and removed to Clinton County, where he d. June 21, 1885. He was a zealous member of the Christian Church, and an enthusiast in sacred song. He married, Dec. 4, 1823, Maria Bell.

RICHARD MEEK.

Jan. 19—Richard Meek (i) died at Weston. He was twice married. Children by his first wife:

- I. RICHARD MEEK. He laid off Meek's Addition to Weston.
- II. JAMES MEEK. By his second wife, Malinda:
- III. ELIZABETH MEEK, m'd Dec. 25, 1860, E. G. Heriot, a lawyer, justice of the peace, and a leading citizen of Weston.
- IV. MARY J. MEEK. V. ANDREW J. VI. WILLIAM.
- VII. AMANDA. VIII. MELVINA. IX. SAMUEL.
- X. JOS. MEEK.

Jan. 23—Thomas Waugh having disappeared for more than seven years, his estate was administered on by John Carson. Bond, \$1,500. But Waugh returned, found his lands sold, and received little or nothing.

FEBRUARY.

JAMES HARTLEY.

Feb. 1—James Hartley having died, Emily Hartley administered. Bond, \$2,000. Ch:

- I. JOHN C. HARTLEY, m'd Feb. 16, 1879, Lottie E. Link, dr. of David. (See.)
- II. JAMES HARTLEY.
- III. MARY HARTLEY, m'd Sept. 6, 1857, William Wallace, son of Andrew, b. in Ireland, and settled in 1842 on the Missouri River, below Leavenworth. William d. March 5, 1889. His widow survives. Ch:
 1. *Richard Wallace*.
 2. *May Wallace*, m'd May 15, 1888, D. S. P. Harrington, of Farley. Ch: [^a] Maud Harrington.

WILLIAM GIBSON.

Feb. 5—William Gibson having died, his daughter, Mary A. Marsh, administered. Bond, \$1,500. He was one of the earliest settlers of the county, and made his claim on the Garrison road, a mile east of Martinsville, precisely at the geographical center of the county. He was a genial and intelligent mechanic, and a well-read Universalist. Controversy was his delight. His arguments were captious, and his prejudices strong. Ch:

- I. MARY A. GIBSON, m'd John S. Marsh. (Sec.)
 II. DR. ISAAC W. GIBSON, m'd Elizabeth Watts. He possessed some brilliance, and enjoyed boisterous company. Children:

1. *Sarah I. Gibson*, b. April 27, 1839, in Martinsville; m'd in Livingston Co., Mo., Dec. 29, 1863, Morgan Kay, b. June 8, 1829, in Franklin Co., Pa. They reside one mile northeast of Platte City on a small farm. Ch: [a] Iva Kay, b. Dec. 12, 1865; m'd Dec. 12, 1888, W. J. Spain. Ch: [1] Olivia H., b. in Sept., 1890; [2] Burnett, b. in Dec., 1891. [b] Margaret E. Kay, b. Aug. 13, 1872.

JOHN MCKINNEY.

Feb. 15—John McKinney having died, his widow, Nancy, administered. Bond, \$5,000. Ch:

- I. JOHN MCKINNEY. II. LUCY M. III. SARAH.
 IV. WILLIS H. V. FRANCIS M. VI. HENRY G.
 VII. ADELIA A. MCKINNEY, m'd June 30, 1873, Jesse McCall.
 VIII. MARY J. IX. ELIZ. B.

CHAS. W. BINGLEY.

Feb. 22—Charles W. Bingley having died, A. G. Brown administered. Bond, \$16,000. His widow was Mary S. He was a gentleman of intelligence and honor. He lived near Farley. Ch:

- I. AMANDA BINGLEY, m'd W. W. Sanders.
 II. ELIZA JANE BINGLEY, m'd Jan. 1, 1856, Ben S. Powell. They lived near Farley. He enlisted in the Confederate army; was at the Siege of Vicksburg, and saw hardships and dangers. He left Platte after the war, and died. Ch: 1. *Arista Powell*.
 III. JOSEPHINE BINGLEY, m'd June 28, 1860, Alf. S. Day.
 IV. KANSAS BINGLEY, m'd Jas. Pickens, of Kansas.
 V. ERRELLA BINGLEY, m'd O. P. Edwards.
 VI. MARTHA A. (MELISSA).
 VII. BARTLEY BINGLEY, d. in 1871. VIII. LORA M.
 IX. ARISTA. X. CHARLES J. XI. ALFRED BINGLEY.

ISAAC MUNDY.

Feb. 27—Isaac Mundy died. He was born in Halifax County, Va., May 30, 1814. His father was Jesse, whose mother was

Helen Bruce, a grand-niece of Bruce of Bannockburn. Isaac married Lucy Hines, born June 8, 1815, in Patrick County, Va., living. They came to Weston in 1859. Henry Hines, father of Lucy, was born in 1769, and died in June, 1863. Children of Isaac and Lucy:

- I. MARY E. MUNDY, b. May 10, 1836; m'd May 3, 1860, L. W. Ringo. Ch:
 1. *Lucy Ringo*, b. March 18, 1862; d. March 8, 1870.
- II. RICHARD H. MUNDY, b. Jan. 16, 1841; m'd Jan. 16, 1868, Louisa H. Magers, b. in 1846; d. March 28, 1889; dr. of Deidrick. Ch:
 1. *Henry Mundy*, b. in 1868; d. in 1894.
 2. *Richard*, b. in 1872.
 3. *Anna Mundy*, b. in 1874.
 4. *Frank*, b. in 1878.
 5. *Amelia*, b. in 1881.
 6. *William Mundy*, b. in 1884.
 7. *Florence*, b. in 1887.

R. H. Mundy m'd 2d, Aug. 28, 1890, Mrs. Hannah T. Swarthout, née Tebbs. No children. He is an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias.
- III. ANNIE E. MUNDY, b. Jan. 20, 1843; m'd Sept. 14, 1865, Thos. C. Magers, b. Sept. 9, 1841. Ch:
 1. *Roy*, b. May 19, 1874; m'd Aug. 26, 1896, Bertha Weltner. They live in Colorado.
- IV. JOHN B. MUNDY, m'd Lizzie (Amelia) Overbeck. (See.)
- V. JAMES P. MUNDY, b. Aug. 30, 1854; m'd Jan. 20, 1879, Ada M. Gilbert. Ch:
 1. *Frank G.*, b. Sept. 14, 1880.
- VI. MATTIE T. MUNDY, b. Aug. 30, 1857; m'd Oct. 23, 1878, B. F. Hamm. Ch:
 1. *Guy M.*, b. Oct. 1, 1879.
 2. *Mabel C.*, b. March 13, 1883.
 3. *Max S.*, b. March 3, 1887.
 4. *Isaac*, b. April 30, 1892.
- VII. VIRGINIA B. MUNDY, b. April 28, 1845.

MARCH.

March 2—John Burgess died.

THE BURGESS FAMILY.

Edward Burgess, of England, came to Virginia about 1760. He married a Miss Francis, and their son, John Burgess, was the progenitor of the Platte County family. He was born in Virginia in February, 1777; married, in 1801, Jane Shannon, born November 27, 1782, dr. of James Shannon, of Taswell County, Virginia. They removed to Lawrence County, Ky., in 1804, and to Platte in 1840. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, and was esteemed for intelligence, enterprise, and courage. He settled on a farm northeast of New Market. His posterity are wealthy and influential. Ch:

- I. NANCY S. BURGESS, b. May 7, 1803, in Virginia; d. in Platte July 29, 1885; m'd in Lawrence County, Ky., Aug. 7, 1825, Joseph Davidson, b. in Virginia April 15, 1802; d. in Platte Feb. 10, 1863. They were zealous members of the

M. E. Church, and highly esteemed for their virtues. Ch.

1. *Jane B. Davidson*, b. June 23, 1826; m'd July 17, 1855, A. E. Cleavenger, b. Sept. 17, 1826; d. Feb. 14, 1893. They lived near Leavenworth, Kansas, on a valuable farm of 320 acres. Ch: [*a*] Joseph Cleavenger; [*b*] John; [*c*] Asa; [*d*] Rebecca, is a school-teacher, of superior accomplishments, and her name has been mentioned for State superintendent of schools; [*e*] Nannie, m'd Hon. J. M. Corey; [*f*] Moses; [*g*] Mary Cleavenger.
2. *Mary S. Davidson*, b. Dec. 28, 1827; d. Dec. 4, 1870; m'd Dec. 27, 1867, John W. Ellis.
3. *Wesley Davidson*, b. Dec. 13, 1828; m'd Oct. 11, 1860, Sarah M. Burns.
4. *Julia Ann B. Davidson*, b. Jan. 7, 1830; d. June 10, 1875; m'd Oct. 16, 1859, Robert Bryant.
5. *Clumanda Davidson*, b. April 24, 1831; m'd March 11, 1868, William Scott.
6. *Cynthia A. Davidson*, b. May 15, 1832; m'd June 19, 1859, Andrew J. Stagner, b. Dec. 11, 1830, in Madison Co., Ky.; d. in Platte Jan. 29, 1874. He was a son of Thos. J. Stagner and Nancy Maupin. Thos. J. Stagner was a son of James, and was born in Kentucky June 13, 1792. His wife, Nancy Maupin, b. Dec. 2, 1803, was a daughter of Thomas Maupin, a Revolutionary soldier. After visiting California, and engaging in various enterprises, Mr. A. J. Stagner located, in 1858, on what is now the site of Dearborn. His widow still lives, and has acquired wealth by her Dearborn property. Ch: [*a*] Thomas J. Stagner, m'd March 17, 1890, Jennie Simmons, of Buchanan. Ch: [*1*] Buella. [*b*] Jennie Stagner, m'd Dr. James Watson, of Dearborn. She is well educated and accomplished, as my correspondence with her shows. [*c*] Mary E. Stagner m'd Dr. Edwin L. Wells, a druggist of De Kalb, Mo. Ch: [*1*] Mat; [*2*] a boy. [*d*] Andrew Newton Stagner; [*e*] Julia M. Stagner.
7. *John A. B. Davidson*, b. Jan. 15, 1834; m'd June 24, 1858, Sarah M. Dockery.
8. *Eliz. H. Davidson*, b. April 28, 1835.
9. *Jos. A. Davidson*, b. Aug. 26, 1839; d. Jan. 5, 1885; m'd Jan. 8, 1868, Margaret A. Merchant, b. Jan. 31, 1851. He was a farmer and an honored Mason. Ch: [*a*] John; [*b*] Elizabeth; [*c*] Eugene; [*d*] William.
10. *Melissa D. Davidson*, b. June 19, 1841; m'd Nov. 12, 1868, Monroe King.
11. *Cornelius Davidson*, b. June 11, 1844.

II. GEO. R. BURGESS, b. Nov. 26, 1806; d. in Kentucky, in 1879.

III. CORNELIUS M. BURGESS, b. in Lawrence Co., Ky., in

1809; d. in Platte April 2, 1859; m'd Dec. 3, 1832, Vienna Spencer, b. Aug. 27, 1815; d. Oct. 14, 1882. She was a daughter of James Spencer and Sarah L. Martin. Mr. C. M. Burgess came to Platte in 1843, and settled near New Market. He was a large and chivalrous gentleman, of generous nature and undoubted courage. Mrs. Burgess was a large and handsome woman, of dignified bearing and amiable disposition. After his death, a large and fertile farm was partitioned among his children. Ch:

1. *Sarah H. Burgess*, b. Oct. 19, 1833; m'd March 21, 1854, Floyd Shannon, b. Nov. 15, 1816; d. March 8, 1887. Ch: [*a*] Georgiana Shannon, b. Jan. 7, 1855; m'd James E. Fulkerson. [*b*] Eugene Shannon, b. May 16, 1857; m'd Jan. 13, 1892, Ida Terry, dr. of James.
 2. *Geo. W. Burgess*, b. March 27, 1839; m'd July 4, 1861, Phoebe A. Nower, dr. of Joseph. Ch: [*a*] Tombs Burgess, b. April 29, 1862; m'd Aug. 1, 1889, May Wright; [*b*] Joie; [*c*] Neva; [*d*] Ben.
 3. *Nancy Burgess*, b. Sept. 27, 1841; m'd Dec. 8, 1864. Wm. Samuel Nower, b. in Jan., 1836; d. in July, 1884. Ch: [*a*] Jos. F. Nower; [*b*] Geo. G.; [*c*] Vienna; [*d*] Julia; [*e*] Samuel; [*f*] Cornelius; [*g*] Vandine Nower.
 4. *Julia D. Burgess*, b. Oct. 19, 1844.
 5. *Cornelius M. Burgess* (ii), b. Sept. 17, 1849; d. May 20, 1883; m'd Oct. 12, 1882, Laura Hamil. He graduated at the Missouri University in 1871, and at Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1875; entered on the practice of law, in Texas, and was killed under circumstances of grave suspicion of murder. No children.
 6. *Floyd S. Burgess*, b. June 1, 1854; m'd Feb. 20, 1895, Cleora Wright.
 7. *John J. Burgess*, b. March 16, 1852. He was elected collector of Platte County in November, 1892, and re-elected in November, 1894. He married in 1894.
 8. *Luella Burgess*, b. Nov. 29, 1856; d. Jan. 17, 1889.
- IV. **SAMUEL BURGESS**, b. Dec. 26, 1813; m'd May Williams. They went to Kansas and died.
- V. **JOHN S. BURGESS**, b. May 19, 1817; d. in 1881; m'd Sarah Cockrell.
- VI. **CYNTHIA A. BURGESS**, b. Dec. 23, 1819; d. Feb. 25, 1890; m'd R. M. Stafford.
- VII. **JULIA A. BURGESS**, b. July 6, 1821; d. in 1881; m'd James Winn, of Buchanan.
- VIII. **ALBERT H. BURGESS**, b. Jan. 18, 1824, in Lawrence Co., Ky.; m'd June 6, 1854, Ann C. Cother, dr. of Reuben and Charlotte Cother. She was born May 12, 1833; and died, childless, Nov. 13, 1854. A. H. Burgess m'd 2d, in Nov., 1857, Frances G. Clay, dr. of Johnson. Mr. Burgess lives at Dearborn, a town which he laid off and sold. He possesses

intelligence and Christian meekness. He is much beloved for his virtues and graces. Mrs. Burgess was born in Cole County, Mo., August 30, 1830. Ch:

1. *Laura Burgess*, b. Nov. 16, 1860.

2. *John C. Burgess*, b. Oct. 7, 1873.

March 3—Cyrus Saunders having died, Cynthia P. Saunders administered. Bond, \$5,000.

March 9—Free State men of Kansas hold an election of delegates for a Constitutional Convention, which met, chose Jas. H. Lane president, formed a constitution, and adjourned April 3d.

The Missouri River is open for navigation.

March 16—The prisoners in the county jail make a strike for liberty. Having been furnished with an auger, they bored out a log, and gained admittance to the stairway, upon which the outer door opened. When the jailer entered, the prisoners seized him; but the boy who attended him closed the door and called for assistance. The plan failed.

JOHN P. BAILEY.

March 19—John P. Bailey having died, B. W. Bailey administered. Bond, \$6,000. John P. Bailey was born in South Carolina, but when a boy moved to Monroe County, Ky. He married Barthenia Bailey, and came to the northwestern part of Platte in 1850. His widow survives. Ch:

I. JOSIAH M. BAILEY, b. in Monroe Co., Ky., Oct. 5, 1839; m'd Dec. 28, 1869, Georgiana Varble. Ch:

1. *Olive Bailey*. 2. *Gertrude*. 3. *Thomas J.*

4. *Robert E. Bailey*. 5. *Albert W.*

II. NEWTON BAILEY.

III. ALTAMIRA BAILEY, m'd J. S. Yocom.

IV. MILTON BAILEY. V. OPHELIA. VI. JOHN A.

VII. LINDSAY. VIII. ELLA T. BAILEY. IX. ATCHISON.

X. DAVID BAILEY.

March 20—J. J. Throckmorton takes charge of the Virginia Hotel, at Platte City.

March 27—Platte County is now out of debt, with \$3,000 in the treasury.

APRIL.

April 1—Slaves sold publicly at Platte City at the following prices, each: \$675, \$830, \$525, \$350, \$1,000, \$350, \$285, \$705, \$600, \$900, \$900.

Slaves hired for the year, in advance, each: \$207, \$232, \$191, \$210, \$201, \$175, \$180, \$131, \$150, \$125.

Land sold by the sheriff, publicly, per acre: \$40, \$20, \$12, \$24.

Platte City elected the following town board: E. W. Clifford, president; W. M. Paxton, treasurer; A. Burge, R. P. Clark, S. Doty, J. Beery, and H. B. Wallace, members.

The *Atlas* now reports proceedings of all courts.

April 6—James M. Bell is appointed superintendent of the poor-house, in place of James Holland. The poor-house was at what is now Atchison Junction.

April 8—Ptolemy Brightwell died near Parkville.

THE BRIGHTWELL FAMILY.

Richard and Elizabeth Brightwell, of Spottsylvania County, Va., were the progenitors of the Brightwell family of Platte. Ch:

- I. WALLER L. BRIGHTWELL, will be noticed hereafter.
- II. WYATT BRIGHTWELL, of Virginia.
- III. JOHN BRIGHTWELL, of Virginia.
- IV. SALLIE BRIGHTWELL, m'd John Johnson, of Virginia.
- V. MARY BRIGHTWELL, m'd a Pitcher, in Virginia.
- VI. PTOLEMY BRIGHTWELL, b. in Virginia in 1800; d. in Platte April 8, 1858. He was, for years, a prosperous merchant in Staunton, Va., and was an urbane gentleman. He came to Platte about 1856. He m'd 1st, a Johnson, and, after her death, m'd 2d, Fannie Todd, a cousin of Prof. H. B. Todd. His ch:
 1. *Fernando Brightwell*, of Lexington, Mo.
 2. *R. T. Brightwell*, a business man, and justice of the peace, of Parkville, b. in Virginia Jan. 13, 1831; came with his father in 1856; m'd Feb. 4, 1862, in Virginia, Sallie Hopkins, b. in 1839. Ch: [^a] Alberta Brightwell, m'd Oct. 11, 1884, William Nash, son of John H. Ch: [¹] Mabel Nash; [²] Laventa; [³] Dora; [⁴] May; [⁵] Stella. [^b] Francis De Witt Brightwell; [^c] Annie, m'd June 6, 1894, Jas. W. Davis, son of John; [^d] Mary Brightwell.
 3. *Mary Brightwell*.
 4. *Sallie*, m'd March 29, 1859, John McWilliams.
 5. *Harriet*.

Ptolemy Brightwell left other children in Virginia.

April 10—Senator T. H. Benton died.

April 14—Almond, Paxton & Owen convey 11½ acres of land, a half-mile south of Platte City, for the Female Academy.

April 17—The Platte Country Railroad from Kansas City to St. Joseph: A meeting at New Market, R. G. Barber chairman, and N. P. Ogden secretary, pledged \$10,000 to said railroad on condition it passed through Platte City and New Market. They also asked the county court to take \$200,000 of stock, on like conditions.

MAY. COUNTY FINANCES.

Receipts, \$18,125.13; expenditures, \$11,288.34.

Specific Expenditures.

Bridge at Crosswhite's	\$ 100.00
Bridge at Ross	208.00
Lower Bee Creek bridge	715.00
Bridge at Rialto	500.00
Other bridges and roads	1,186.00
Poor-house farm	500.00
Poor	1,930.00
Stationery	360.00
Court-house	199.00
Jail	500.00
Printing	159.00
Sheriff (Spratt)	892.00
Circuit Clerk (Remington)	756.00
County Clerk (Lewis)	1,202.00
Treasurer (Freeland)	575.00
Assessors	100.00
County Court Justices (Broadhurst, Hays, and Layton)	336.00
County Attorney (Merryman)	111.00
Sundries	959.34

Total \$11,288.34

Assessment, \$7,749,499.00. County levy, 25 cents.

Receipts and expenses for a series of years, as made out by "Taxpayer," in the *Atlas* of July 17, 1858:

Year.	Receipts.	Expenses.
1847	\$ 5,957.00	\$ 8,539.80
1848	4,184.99	4,916.26
1849	7,703.40	9,164.36
1850	5,757.00	9,927.79
1851	7,315.05	10,796.20
1852	14,022.10	8,238.81
1853	16,023.70	6,976.94
1854	18,190.77	7,215.37
1855	9,314.80	12,392.96
1856 (no statement)		
1857	13,568.00	14,762.59
1858	18,125.13	11,280.32

"Taxpayer" maintains that \$10,296.64 more has been paid in than has been paid out, and that sum ought to be in the treasury. But he overlooks the item of interest paid on warrants, which will account for the discrepancy.

WESTON BRANCH OF MECHANICS' BANK.

May 1—The Legislature having established a system of banks, each with branches scattered over the State, the Mechanics' Bank established a branch at Weston. Weston and Platte City took stock liberally. Clinton Cockrill was chosen president, and Geo. T. Hulse cashier. Platte City subscribed \$21,000, and the total stock taken was about \$100,000.

MAY DAY AT PLATTE CITY ACADEMY.

Prof. Todd made a grand display. He had 202 scholars. Miss Mollie Gabbert (Ballard) was chosen Queen, and Miss Mattie Cockrill Flora. The following represented various sprites: Clara Almond, Jennie and Kate Almond, Fannie and Lizzie Arnold, Mattie Ballou, Lue. Beal, Bettie and Julia Brown, Ann Brady, Sue Christie, Georgie Clark, Emma Cockrill, Laura Cordray, Hannah and Mary Creal, Mollie Davenport, Irene Dougherty, Nannie Ecton, Estelle Ellington, Eliza Elley, Anna Flint, Alice Freeland, Lizzie Harrington, Hattie Harvey, Amanda Hunt, Mattie Jack, Buckie and Reb. Johnston, Alice Layton, Gertrude McLane, Clemmie Marshall, Amelia Moore, Mary Morrison, Annie Murdock, Carrie Murray, Mattie Nichols, Sena Nuckols, Laura and Mollie Owen, Annie and Tillie Paxton, Emma Pence, Alice and Cleora Quimby, Mary Remington, Lou Rhea, Mollie Risk, Sue Ross, Katie Saunders, Laura Scarce, Abbie Shafer, Vinie and Tissie Skillman, Jennie Spratt, Anna Stockwell, Laura Swaney, Cynthia Tribble, Christie Trundle, Jennie Toole, Hattie Wallace, Helen and Laura Wallace, Bettie Wilhite.

I knew all these lovely girls. They are now the matrons in many households. By consulting my index, the reader may trace the lives of many of them. Prof. Todd did much to raise the standard of female education and wifely accomplishment in Platte County.

May 8—A public meeting at Parkville recommended the route of the Platte Country Railroad through Platte City and New Market, and asked the county court to take \$200,000 stock.

May 12—James W. Denver becomes governor of Kansas.

May 19—Charles H. Kay having died, W. T. Middleton administered. Bond, \$10,000.

May 20—The county court having appropriated \$3,000 for the erection of three offices on Lots 10 and 11, Block 25, Platte City (the eastern office for the circuit clerk, the middle for the probate court, and the western for the county clerk), the lowest bid offered was \$4,800, by Mr. Hohn, and this was rejected. But the offices were afterwards built by Mr. W. Lowry.

Jesse Morin is appointed register of the land office at Ft. Scott, Kansas.

May 27—JOHN KERR having died, Burke McComas administered. Bond, \$6,000. His widow was Jane, and they had one child, George.

Circus at Parkville, and on the 28th at Platte City. The calliope, making music by steam, was an object of much curiosity.

JUNE.

June 1—A daily hack runs from Platte City to Leavenworth. Fare each way, \$1.00.

Democratic Convention met at Barry, and nominated Judge J. T. V. Thompson for State senator.

By arrangement of the building committee, likenesses of some seventy of the patrons of the Platte City Female Academy were taken by the artist, Addis, and hung up in the hall. These were taken away by Mr. W. K. Faulconer, and I have tried in vain to recover them.

Work commences on the St. Joe & Atchison Railroad.

The port of Weston has been destroyed by a change of the channel of the Missouri River.

The *Atlas* is peculiarly happy in its poets. Herndon, Hutchison, "Clara" and Wood furnish some admirable pieces.

June 3—Examination of Platte City Female Academy commences, and lasts four days. It is largely attended.

June 6—Hickory Grove Church dedicated by Rev. Jos. Devlin.

OVERFLOW.

June 10—This is the year of the second great overflow of the Missouri and Platte rivers, in the records of Platte County. The overflow of 1826 preceded the settlement of Platte. The overflow of 1844 surpassed all others. The whole Missouri bottom was submerged. In 1858 the whole bottom was covered, except about fifty acres of J. E. Ireland's farm. The Platte in 1844 covered nearly all the site of Tracy. In 1858 the depot ground was scarcely submerged, and about one-eighth of an acre at the old steam mill was above water; and on this point, elevated by the sawdust, the hogs belonging to Almond, Paxton & Owen were gathered and fed. The rise of 1844 was 20 inches higher than that of 1858, and the water in 1858 was 10 inches higher than at any subsequent rise.

July 1, 1858, a second rise of the Platte occurred, 10 inches lower than June 10th of the same year. In the old water mill I had marks of both rises (1844 and 1858), and also on the large steam flouring mill, north of the Weston road. In 1838 the water was overhead at the steam mill. On the old wooden bridge at Platte City both rises were marked, showing 1858 was 20 inches

below 1844. In 1858 the water was 10 inches above the second floor, and we lost 3,000 bushels of wheat.

June 15—Roads almost impassable. The ferryboat *Leavenworth City* brought fifty tons of merchandise from Weston to Platte City, by way of Platte River. It was the occasion of another big spree.

Fruit uncommonly promising, but wheat, though good, is ruined in the shock by rain, and, after threshing, it mildewed in the garner; much wheat brought to the mill was musty.

The Utah War is ended.

Hoopskirts are nearly out of fashion.

June 16—WM. K. FERBER having died, the widow, Martha J. Ferber, administers. Bond, \$15,000. Ch: 1, Wm. A. Ferber; 2, Kingman.

WILLIAM YOCOM.

June 18—William Yocom having died, his widow, Polly, administers. Bond, \$3,500. Ch:

- I. SARAH H. YOCOM, m'd Branch A. Trent. They lived near Farley. Mr. Trent was a justice of the peace and a man of superior judgment and business qualifications.
- II. GEO. W. YOCOM. III. ELIZABETH J., m'd a Wilson.
- IV. WM. G. YOCOM. V. MOSES. VI. B. EMELINE YOCOM.

June 20—Virgil C. Hollingsworth, born in Todd County, Ky., December 17, 1832; died at Platte City June 20, 1858; came in 1853. He was a younger brother of L. F. and B. F. Hollingsworth, and unmarried.

JULY.

July 4—The day was observed at Platte City by a long procession from the court-house to Atchison Hill, where an immense crowd heard speeches from Almond, Clark, Herndon, Hudson, Lawson, Pitt, and Wolf.

Public sales of land: \$13 and \$6.25 per acre. Of slaves: \$875, \$1,000, \$500 each.

Craig, Birch, and Adams are candidates for Congress. Birch and Craig are hostile.

July 19—Samuel J. Turner having died, Richard E. Turner administered. Bond, \$16,000.

Population of Leavenworth, 10,000. St. Joseph is lighted with gas. J. A. Johnston and Clay Withers open a general store in Platte City. S. Johnson removes his goods to Omaha.

AUGUST.

THE ELECTION.

Congressman—Jas. Craig, 1,412; Jas. H. Adams, 1,128.

State Senator—J. T. V. Thompson, 1,338; J. H. Layton, 1,178.

Representatives—S. McGuire, 1,207; J. E. Pitt, 1,188; Jesse Miller, 1,144; H. Wolf, 1,095.

Sheriff—W. K. Bryant 1,482; R. D. Johnston, 1,000.

Justice of County Court—J. F. Broadhurst, 1,352; P. Dunlap, 1,075; Jerry Woods, 902; Joseph Edwards, 641; R. G. Baber, 587.

Circuit Clerk—W. C. Remington 1,317; W. H. Spratt, 1,186.

County Clerk—D. P. Lewis, 1,578; E. O. Sayle, 989.

Treasurer—H. J. Freeland, 1,399; M. N. Owen, 1,032.

Coroner—L. P. Stiles, 918; Jas. Osborn, 818.

Marshal Weston Court of Common Pleas—G. W. Hood, 365; D. P. Wallingford, 352.

In the Congressional District, Craig was elected over Adams by 5,000 majority.

B. F. ROBERTSON (i).

Aug. 5—B. F. Robertson (i) having died, his widow, Cynthia, administered. Bond, \$10,000. Ch:

I. ROBERT ROBERTSON. II. BENJ. F. (ii). III. JOSIAH. IV. GEORGE. V. WILLIAM ROBERTSON.

Aug. 12—Platte River has fallen, and the water mill is running.

Aug. 20—Revival in the Christian Church, at Smithville; 160 accessions.

W. H. OWENS.

Aug. 23—W. H. Owens having died, Jacob Smelser administered. Bond, \$1,600. Ch:

I. MARTHA OWENS. II. ALBERT M. III. FRANK M. IV. LUCY M. V. ELIZA J. OWENS. VI. WM. HARVEY OWENS (ii).

GEO. GALLOWAY.

Aug. 29—Geo. Galloway died at his home, north of Weston, aged 67 years. He was a portly gentleman, of superior intelligence, confirmed in his Democratic principles, a stickler for State rights (insomuch that he was called "Old Constitution"), and fond of discussion. Though a farmer, he was a lively politician. His wife, Louisa R., survived him. Ch:

I. JANE GALLOWAY, m'd Jonathan F. Wyatt. II. ELIZABETH GALLOWAY. III. JOSEPH W.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—John W. Ross enrolled as an attorney.

Sept. 6—The Platte is again out in low bottoms. Mr. Lowry lost 80,000 brick by the overflow.

Sept. 7—Delilah Dougherty having died, Anderson Hord administered.

THE DOUGHERTY FAMILY.

CHARLES DOUGHERTY was a small farmer, of Mason Co., Ky. He married Delilah Calvert. I knew him well in my boyhood. He was an Irishman and possessed the wit and "blarney" of a native of the Green Isle. He was fond of spirits, and, under excitement, was merry and jovial. In 1842 he sold his farm in Mason County, came west, and settled near Ridgely. Here he was drowned in Dick's Creek, a year later. Ch:

I. MARY DOUGHERTY, was handsome and accomplished. She m'd 1st, Samuel C. Bowers, from whom she was divorced, without children. She then married, Jan. 8, 1857, John Bryant, b. in Fauquier Co., Va., in 1790; and came to Platte, and, after raising a family by his first wife (see Jno. Bryant), and no children by his second, died in June, 1885.

II. ANN DOUGHERTY, d. in 1882; m'd Sept. 7, 1858, Anderson Hord, who was a native of Mason Co., Ky., and d. in Platte Jan. 4, 1885. Ch:

1. *James Hord*, m'd Addie Soward, dr. of Alfred. She d. April 12, 1881. Addie was the only child of Alfred Soward, b. in Mason Co., Ky., April 22, 1810, and his wife was Rachel Brewer. Ch: [a] Alf. H. Hord, m'd April 13, 1892, Ella M. Risk (see); [b] Anderson Hord (ii); [c] Harry B.; [d] Hortense.
2. *Charles Hord*. 3. *Nannie Hord*, m'd a Davis.
4. *Hattie Hord*, m'd a Dunbar.
5. *Maggie*, m'd Jas. Smith (third wife), son of Ad. G.
6. *Mary Hord*, d. Aug. 3, 1881; m'd in 1871, Geo. W. Kyle. (See.)

III. WM. H. DOUGHERTY, b. in Mason Co., Ky., Nov. 25, 1820; d. in Platte July 13, 1891; m'd March 6, 1844, Mary P. Miller, dr. of Ben. She d. June 20, 1874. He was a good surveyor, a genial companion, an upright citizen, and was highly esteemed. In 1881 he was appointed county surveyor, in place of W. V. Slone, deceased, and was elected to the same office in 1882. Ch:

1. *Fannie Dougherty*, dead; married Nov. 20, 1877, Pleasant W. Chinn. She died, leaving: [a] Harry Chinn; [b] Frank.
2. *Sarah C. Dougherty*, m'd Oct. 24, 1882, G. W. Kyle. (See.)
3. *Nannie Dougherty*, m'd March 5, 1890, H. S. Cochran.
4. *Minnie Dougherty*, m'd Charles Miller, of Lawrence, Kansas.
5. *Charles Dougherty*.

Sept. 4—Fire in Weston. Loss: F. Kaufman, \$4,500; Shaw & Newhouse, \$6,000; John Deitz, \$10,000; City, \$3,000.

DAVID SMITH.

Sept. 15—David Smith, colored, was basely murdered at his home, on the Missouri, below Leavenworth, by a gang of outlaws. A free negro, he was honest and industrious, and owned a good farm. He left a son, Henry C. Smith, born in Independence, Mo., September 5, 1845. Our fellow-citizen, R. F. Mason, became his guardian, and gave him a good education. He became protégé of Senator Bruce (colored), of Mississippi, and was employed in the Treasury Department at Washington. He held the office of State superintendent of schools of Mississippi. He is a rising man among the negroes of the South and West.

Sept. 20—Dr. Erasmus S. Clardy died at Parkville. Clardy & Broadhurst administered. Bond, \$5,000.

THE CLARDY FAMILY.

NORMAN S. CLARDY was born in Virginia in 1774; married Rachel Johnson, born in 1787. They were parents of Johnson and Giles C. Clardy.

I. JOHNSON CLARDY, was father of Dr. E. S. Clardy, of Parkville, whose death has just been noticed. Dr. Clardy was a learned physician. He m'd a Miss Ottoc.

II. GILES C. CLARDY, b. in Warren Co., Ky., June 10, 1813. He was a farmer in Platte, near Smithville; a merchant in that village, and postmaster at Smithville during Harrison's administration. He m'd Oct. 1, 1835, Araminta Adams, dr. of Jas. F. She was born in Tennessee March 28, 1817. They came to Platte in 1840. He is an uncle of Hon. M. L. Clardy, member of Congress from Missouri. Ch:

1. *Garland C. Clardy*, b. Dec. 26, 1836; m'd Sept. 10, 1861, Margaret V. Waller, dr. of Absalom.
2. *Amanda F. Clardy*, b. Aug. 16, 1837; dead; m'd Jos. Duncan, son of Jas.; 3 children.
3. *James T. Clardy*, b. April 1, 1842; killed in April, 1870; m'd June 27, 1867, Lou Todd; 2 children.
4. *Martha M. Clardy*, b. Oct. 16, 1846; m'd Jan. 29, 1867, E. B. Thatcher, son of Daniel; 2 children. *p. 875*.
5. *Giles W. Clardy*, b. March 3, 1849; m'd 1st, Eliza Thomas; 3 children; m'd 2d, Minnie Thomas (sister; no children.

Sept. 21—HAZEL L. BUTTS having died, J. F. Broadhurst administered. Bond, \$8,000. He lived on the prairie, seven miles southeast of Platte City. He was a man of sound judgment, and discharged the duties of a justice of the peace with credit. His widow was Mary A. Ch: 1, Frances A. Butts; 2, William; 3, James T. Butts, and an infant. All left the county.

KANSAS AFFAIRS.

Sept. 23—A letter of this date states: "Business in Kansas is dead. The town of Delaware has come to nothing—people are leaving for the Colorado mines. Lands near Leavenworth sell at from \$10 to \$15 per acre. Stay laws, valuation laws, and homestead laws so protect debtors, that collections are almost impossible.

LEAVENWORTH ISLAND.

Sept. 27—Weeden Meshon having filed his affidavit, stating that the Missouri now (1858) runs west of the island, the acting commissioner of the General Land Office decided that, with that testimony before him, he would regard the island as subject to the jurisdiction of Missouri. The case was *ex parte*, and no inquiry was made as to the facts when the limits of the State were extended west to the Missouri.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—An *Argus* of the 29th of October, 1858, is in my hands. Jas. W. Denver resigns as governor of Kansas. The overland mail now comes from San Francisco in 25 days.

PHILEMON HAWKINS.

Oct. 5—Philemon Hawkins having died, his widow, Lydia E., administered. Bond, \$40,000. Ch:

I. ELIZA ELLA HAWKINS, d. March 2, 1870; m'd Wm. H. Elliston, son of Wm., of Grant Co., Ky. Ch:

1. *James P. Elliston.* 2. *Lena L. Elliston.*

3. *Mary J. Elliston*, m'd Wm. Loller. Ch: [a] Mary Loller; [b] Ethel; [c] William; [d] Nellie; [e] Birdie Loller.

4. *Margaret Elliston*, m'd Richard Hamilton, dead. She still lives in New Market. Ch: [a] Laura Hamilton, m'd Eugene Doty; 1 child. [b] Charles; [c] Birdie Hamilton.

5. *Aug. Payne Elliston*, m'd Sallie Jones. He is dead. She still lives in Weston. Ch: [a] Wood Elliston; [b] Verd; [c] Ernest; [d] Grace; [e] Pearl.

6. *W. W. Elliston.* 7. *Alonzo.*

Wm. H. Elliston m'd 2d, Polly Henson, and had:

8. *Thos. Elliston*, b. Feb. 18, 1861; m'd Dec. 9, 1891. Kate E. Steele.

9. *John Elliston.*

II. LUCINDA HAWKINS, m'd Wm. L. Stephens. (See.)

Philemon m'd 2d, Lydia Elston, and had:

III. CANBY HAWKINS, b. April 10, 1859; m'd Mary Polk, dr.

of D. T. Polk, of Platte City, a beautiful and accomplished lady. Ch:

1. *Vera Hawkins.* 2. *Lydia.*

THE FIRST FAIR.

Oct. 6—An impromptu meeting of citizens at the drug store of Burge & Hogue, in Platte City, determined to hold a county fair on the 21st, 22d, and 23d days of October. The grounds subsequently purchased, near Tracy, were selected, and Gen. Jeff. Williams, lately from Richmond, Ky., was chosen president, R. L. Waller treasurer, and Ethan Allen secretary. The directors were C. Cockrill, Thos. Clay, W. K. Faulconer, J. F. Forbis, S. M. Hays, S. Park, L. W. Pence, O. Steele, Jas. Wallace, John Williams, and A. C. Woods. Hasty preparations were made, a liberal subscription raised, and general interest was manifested.

The ring was surrounded by ropes. The only structure on the grounds was a flight of five board steps, badly constructed. These were assigned as seats to Prof. Todd's girls. A gallant four hundred spectators were admiring the beautiful array, when suddenly the supports of the seats gave way, and a hundred and fifty screaming, sprawling ladies called for help. Prof. Todd's voice rose above the din. In a moment, all were rescued; my own gallantry was conspicuous. Not a soul was hurt.

Ethan Allen is granted \$1,000 for furnishing iron cells for the jail, and other repairs.

The county court, having purchased of Granville Adkins 160 acres, two miles west of Platte City, for a poor-house, sells the same, through M. N. Owen, commissioner, to Dr. E. C. Redman, for \$3,000.

Oct. 9—DAVID CROSSWHITE having died, his widow, Elizabeth, administered. Bond, \$2,000. Their only child, Martha E. Crosswhite, married August 18, 1878, Chas. C. Bowman.

Oct. 20—Lewis Ramage, of Weston, having resolved to remove to Kansas City, the Weston bar grant him a banquet at the St. George Hotel. Mr. Ramage was a superior lawyer, and a highly esteemed citizen. He died February 9, 1879.

Oct. 21—At a ball at Throckmorton's hotel, in Platte City, a party from Leavenworth, led by M. J. Parrott, Free State Congressional delegate from Kansas, was present. Mr. Parrott offered a sentiment against slavery, which was regarded as an insult to our people. For a time a row was imminent, but better counsels prevailed.

Judge J. T. V. Thompson makes an address at the fair.

WILLIAM COX.

Oct. 29—William Cox having died, Benj. Stewart administered. Bond, \$10,000. Ch:

- I. ISHAM COX, and II. JAMES COX, went to Oregon.
 III. JOSEPH, lives in Andrew County.
 IV. LEWIS COX, and V. JESSE COX, live in Leavenworth.
 VI. MARY COX, m'd an Edwards, and was mother of:
 1. *Samuel.* 2. *Henry Edwards.*
 VII. MARTHA COX, m'd a Stewart. VIII. WILLIAM COX.
 IX. HENRY COX, was father of:
 1. *Elizabeth.* 2. *Melvina Cox.*
 X. CHRISTINA COX, went to California.
 XI. ALICE COX, m'd a Masten.
 XII. JOHN COX. XIII. ELIZABETH. XIV. PILGRIM COX.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 1—A little paper, called the *Clonian Iris*, is issued by the Ladies' Literary Society of Weston.

Nov. 2—MARTHA E. GUTHRIE, wife of Dr. A. T. Guthrie, died at Platte City. She was a Williams, and born March 12, 1835. Her mother, after the death of Williams, married Larken Fleshman. The only child of Martha was Willie Guthrie, born July 16, 1858, and died September 18, 1879.

Nov. 5—Preston Dunlap takes his seat as county justice, with Broadhurst and Hays as associates.

Ad. Burge, commissioner, reports that he had let out to Wash, Lowry the contract to build three county offices, to be complete December 1, 1859.

E. J. Harvey contracts to build the upper Bee Creek bridge.

Nov. 10—Samuel Medary succeeds Denver as governor of Kansas.

Nov. 27—W. A. Fox and W. M. Paxton, commissioners, report that Jordon Ford, on Smith's Fork, and Holland Ford, on the Platte, are the best places to build the proposed bridges over said streams.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—Land at public sale brought \$8 and \$14 per acre.

Dec. 5—Several Platte City men, believing that part of the Military Reserve was open for settlement, commenced to build cabins thereon; but the quartermaster from the Fort drove them off and confiscated their lumber.

The railroads are granting free tickets to all members of the Legislature who will accept them.

The matter of building turnpikes is discussed.

JOHN CARSON.

Dec. 19—John Carson having died, Jacob Fulcher administered. Bond, \$2,000. He married a Miller, who survived him,

and married, second, John G. Rapp. (See.) The Carson children were:

- I. ELIZA CARSON.
- II. MARY CARSON, first wife of Jacob Fulcher. (See.)
- III. ALEX. CARSON, died single.
- IV. JOHN H. CARSON, m'd Dec. 26, 1865, Cynthia Todd. (See.)
- V. JANE CARSON, m'd Capt. James McCord, d. in St. Louis Nov. 25, 1874. He was an Irishman, built the steamer *Edna*, and commanded other steamboats on the Missouri. He came in 1840, and settled at McCord's Landing, now East Leavenworth.

Dec. 22—W. O. LAUGHLIN having died near Waldron, James Heath administered. Bond, \$10,000. Elizabeth M. was his widow, and Chas. H. Laughlin, of Parkville, was their only child. He married May 1, 1879, Clara M. Freeland. (See.)

Dec. 27—Dr. Jas. M. Moore is now proprietor of the Green House, in Platte City, and the Masons march in procession from their hall to the hotel, and enjoy a festival.

DAVID C. BULLOCK.

Dec. 31—David C. Bullock died at his home, seven miles east of Platte City. He was a son of Thomas Bullock and Rebecca Mobley, and was born in Spottsylvania County, Va., October 22, 1815; December 23, 1836, he married Jane L. Vaughn, daughter of William. She was born March 10, 1812, and died December 31, 1858. They reached Platte December 25, 1842, and settled eight miles east of Platte City. They were members of the Second Creek Christian Church. Ch:

- I. SARAH B. BULLOCK, b. Sept. 10, 1839.
 - II. DUDLEY B. BULLOCK, b. Aug. 12, 1841; m'd Jane Madison.
- Children:
- 1. *Hattie Bullock*, m'd June 10, 1890, James C. Strange, son of William Strange, who was b. Feb. 10, 1803.
 - 2. *Lucy Bullock*, m'd Dec. 22, 1886, Wm. Strange (ii).
 - 3. *Effie Bullock*, m'd Jan. 26, 1891, Nimrod Taylor.
- III. CLAYTON T. BULLOCK, b. July 7, 1843.
 - IV. MERIDIA T. BULLOCK, b. Aug. 22, 1845.
 - V. DAVID BULLOCK, b. March 1, 1848; m'd April 4, 1872. Laura Brown, b. July 27, 1851. Ch:
 - 1. *Obed Bullock*. 2. *Alex. Bullock*. 3. *Grover*.
 - VI. MARY ANN BULLOCK, b April 20, 1850.
 - VII. JAMES BULLOCK, b. Jan. 13, 1853.
 - VIII. WILLIAM M. BULLOCK, b. July 29, 1857; m'd Feb. 29, 1877. Alice Kavener, b. April 29, 1868. Ch:
 - 1. *William*. 2. *Maud*. 3. *Kemp*. 4. *Harry*. 5. *Bessie*. 6. *Cordie Bullock*.

THE RAILY FAMILY.

Daniel M. Railey died at Weston in 1858. His lineage:

I. JOHN RAILY,

Of Virginia, married Elizabeth Randolph, a younger sister of Jane Randolph, mother of Thomas Jefferson. Their son:

II. MARTIN RAILY,

Born in Virginia October 27, 1764, married Elizabeth Mayo, born in April, 1777, a daughter of William Mayo, a captain in the Revolutionary army. Their son:

III. DANIEL MAYO RAILY,

Born October 20, 1796, in Chesterfield County, Virginia; married in November, 1816, Lucy J. Watson, born in May, 1801, a daughter of John Watson, of Albermarle County, Va. They came to Missouri in 1840, and settled at Weston in 1842. Daniel was a volunteer in the War of 1812. He died as above stated, in 1858. Children:

I. JOHN MAYO RAILY, b. in Virginia November 29, 1821; m'd Oct. 6, 1842, Elizabeth Jane Steele, b. in Richmond, Ky., May 9, 1826; d. Nov. 17, 1892. She was a daughter of the venerable Oliver Steele (see), and a woman revered for many virtues. Mr. Railey m'd 2d, Jan. 3, 1895, Miss Kate Reickard, of St. Joseph. In 1849 Mr. Railey became junior partner in the mercantile house of Post & Railey, in Weston. In 1861 he succeeded Geo. T. Hulse as cashier of the Weston branch of the Mechanics' Bank; and when that branch wound up, in 1865, he joined his younger brother, Egbert W. Railey, in the present banking house of J. M. Railey & Bro. The financial abilities and the moral integrity of the brothers have made their bank one of the most solid institutions of the day. They are influential members of the Christian Church, and give substantial support to the improvements and charities of the times. The first Mrs. Railey lived to celebrate her golden wedding, and her death was much lamented. When, in 1880, the county debt was refunded, by substituting 6 per cent bonds for 10 per cent. Mr. Railey was appointed commissioner, and discharged his duty with success and credit. Children of first wife:

1. *Sadie Railey*, m'd H. Clift. Cockrell. (See.)
2. *Hampton P. Railey*. 3. *Oliver D. Railey*.
4. *Pocahontas*, m'd Oct. 1, 1877, Richard S. Jacquemin, son of N. Jacquemin and A. Zimmer, and a brother of Mrs. John Zarn. He was born in Germany Feb. 22, 1848; came to America in 1854, and finally settled at Weston in 1867. Here, in partnership with F. W. Hamm, and subsequently with R. O.

Shenkner, he has been a prosperous merchant. He lately removed to Burlington Junction, Mo.

5. *Eva Railey.*

II. POCAHONTAS RAILEY, b. in 1824; m'd Nov. 14, 1846, Jos. V. Parrott, brother of David. (See.)

III. JOHN W. RAILEY.

IV. ELIZA JANE RAILEY, b. in 1827; m'd T. D. S. MacDonell.

V. EGBERT W. RAILEY, b. June 6, 1830, in Albermarle County, Va.; m'd Sept. 5, 1854, Mary E. McAdow, b. Dec. 28, 1836, dr. of Dr. Samuel McAdow. Mr. Railey was in the mercantile business in Weston until 1865, when he became junior member of the banking house of J. M. Railey & Bro., in Weston. Mr. Railey as an individual, like the firm of which he is a member, enjoys unbounded confidence and esteem. Ch:

1. *Bertie M. Railey*, b. Nov. 18, 1858; m'd Feb. 17, 1881, John H. Hardesty. (See.) Ch: [^a] Egbert Hardesty; [^b] Shortridge.

2. *Dixey M. Railey*, b. March 16, 1861; m'd May 9, 1881, J. E. Mayo, of Waco, Texas.

3. *Daniel M. Railey*, b. Dec. 16, 1873; m'd March 17, 1886, Annie Alderson, dr. of James C. (See.)

VI. ANNABELLE RAILEY, b. in 1833.

VII. EMMA RAILEY, b. in 1836.

The Railey family have many interesting mementos, handed down from Colonial times, attesting a distinguished lineage, and showing they inherit the blood of Pocahontas, the Randolphs, the Marshalls, and the Jeffersons.

1859.

OFFICERS.

Governor, R. M. Stewart; Representatives, S. M. McGuire and J. E. Pitt; Congressman, James Craig; Circuit Clerk, W. C. Remington; State Senator, J. T. V. Thompson; Sheriff, W. K. Bryant; Circuit Judge, E. H. Norton; Probate Judge, J. H. Clay Cockrell; Circuit Attorney, J. M. Bassett; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; County Justices, Broadhurst, Dunlap, and Hays; County Attorney, J. E. Merryman; School Commissioner, W. C. Baker; Treasurer, H. J. Freeland; Surveyor, J. S. Owen; Coroner, L. P. Stiles, succeeded by B. S. Richards; Public Administrator, W. M. Paxton.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Baker, Clark, Harrington, Herndon, Hollingsworth, Paxton, Pitt, Ross, Merryman, Spratt, Smith, Tebbs, Wilson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Brown, Eastman, Guthrie, Hale, Hollingsworth, Marshall, Moore, Redman, Wallace, Walling.

Merchants *et al.*—Addis (photo), Allen (*Atlas*), Almond, Paxton & Owen (mills), Beery, Bishop (carding), Burge & Hogue (drugs), Clifford (hotel), Cochran, Conley & Adkins, Doty, Ferrier, Fleshman, Fox, Gaylord (school), Gordon & Todd, Hettish, Jenkins, R. D. Johnston, Johnston & Withers, Oswald, Richards, Knopf, Magers, Murray & Freeland, Swaney & Christison, Throckmorton, Waller & Frost, S. A. Jack, Wilkinson, Wilson (tinner), Young, Zarn, Woolfolk.

Lodges—Platte, No. 56, S. M. Hays, W. M.; W. M. Paxton, Sec. Neb. No. 12, M. Kay, N. G.; W. C. Hatton, Sec. Sons of Malta, E. H Norton, Com.

Preachers—Aug. Payne, G. L. Moad, G. S. Woodward.

At Weston: Attorneys—Branch, Burnes, Byrd, Carroll, Doniphan, Lawson, McCurdy, Wolf.

Physicians—Beaumont & Mitchell, Bonifant & Bower, Bowlby, Henson, Griswold, Shortridge.

Merchants, etc.—Barbee (stable), Basye, Beechler, Bell, Belt, Branham & Norris, Collier & Rockwell, Conwell & Spencer, Colman, Deitz, Doppler, George, Goldstein, Guenther, Harper, Heriot, Halyard, Kaufman, Klingstein, Knudson, Mettier, Miller, Myers, Mitchell, Newman, Noble, Ott & Weber, Perrys & Young, Raileys, Rhoring, Osborn, Sachs, Shannon, Shaw & Newhouse, Snell, Stiles, Turner, Tutt & Baker, Walker, Warner, Wells, Wood.

Court of Common Pleas—McCurdy, judge; Hood, marshal; Price, clerk.

At Parkville: Ashby, Arnold, Campbell, Cloughs, Dale & Roberts, Davis, McComas & Stoddart, McDonald, Miller, Moore, Clardy, Ringo, Summers, Park, Woodsmall Woodward.

At Camden Point: Coffey, Flack, Forbis, Hall, Howell (academy), Reed, Thomas.

At Farley: Faulkner, Johnson, Mason, Meads, Patton.

At Hampton: F. Burnes.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Cartwright, Ogden, Ragsdale, Tufts, Wells, Baber.

At Ridgely: Athy & Co., Deatly & Co., Ellington, Gustin, Mayo, Sayle, Rev. R. Scott.

Newspapers—*Argus*, weekly, at Weston, by the Wiseleys; *Atlas*, weekly, at Platte City, by E. Allen; *Courier*, weekly, at Parkville, by F. M. McDonald.

Markets and Crops—The past year was favorable, and crops good, notwithstanding overflows. The bottoms raised nothing. Hogs, \$4.00, on foot; wood, \$2.50 per cord. Weston shipped 3,000 tons of hemp in 1859.

Population of St. Joseph, 11,000.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—The young ladies of the Platte City Female Academy issue the first number of a small monthly paper, called *The Lily*. Only a few numbers appeared.

John Brown and Capt. Montgomery are creating much disturbance in Kansas.

J. B. Mitchell having died, J. Y. Roberts administered. Bond, \$11,000.

MATTHEW MOORE HUGHES.

Jan. 3—Matthew Moore Hughes died six miles southeast of Platte City. (See the Hughes Family.) He was a son of John Hughes, and was born in Surry County, N. C., May 5, 1782. He married Mary Rogers, and came to Platte in 1837, bringing money and negroes. He settled on the headwaters of Todd's Creek, and inclosed a large prairie farm. He also purchased a large body of land on Bee Creek, and built the mill called by his name. He was a practical surveyor, and ran the north line of Platte, after meandering the Missouri River. The law under which he operated required the north line of the county to be so run as to include 400 square miles, which was the smallest area allowed a county under the Constitution. The survey, with field-notes, was filed in our county clerk's office, but cannot now be found. In the work Gen. James Brasfield and his son, Judge John S. Brasfield, were his assistants. In 1844 Mr. Hughes was appointed county court justice, and he served a term. Being one of the earliest settlers and having several lovely daughters, his house was a favorite resort for the officers stationed at Fort Leavenworth. Judge Hughes was well read in English literature. I once heard him, when "boozy" (and he drank but seldom), recite the whole of Pope's "Essay on Man." He was genial, generous, and hospitable in society, and judicious and enterprising in business. In lands and money he left a large estate for his children.

He married in 1810, in North Carolina, Mary Rogers, a daughter of Samuel. She was tall and dignified in person, and sentimental, if not flighty, in her mind. I once visited her house; the front door was open, and as I approached I saw the lady standing with her head aloft, eyes directed to heaven, and, in plaintive tones, apparently in prayer, appealing to God. My knock at the door broke her reverie, and I was received with polite condescension. She survived her husband, and died August 6, 1860. Ch:

I. ANN M. HUGHES, b. Dec. 11, 1814, in North Carolina; m'd Gideon Franklin, and died in Mississippi, leaving several children.

II. MARTHA MOORE HUGHES, m'd Capt. B. D. Moore (see), b. in Bourbon Co., Ky., Sept. 10, 1810; killed at the battle of San Pasqual, Cal., Nov. 6, 1846. He entered the United States army as lieutenant of dragoons. A handsome monu-

ment in Platte City cemetery commemorates the death of Capt. Moore, and his brother-in-law, Lieut. Hammond. They were surrounded by an overpowering force of Mexicans, and the whole troop of 36 men were slaughtered. He left one child:

1. *Matthew Joseph Moore*, b. at Ft. Gibson May 7, 1840.

On the death of Capt. Moore, the widow returned to her parents in Platte. The son, when he had attained the proper age, was sent to the University of North Carolina and received a classical education. When the war broke out, he enlisted in the Confederate army, and served to the end. November 20, 1867, he married in Memphis, Mary Helen Webb, b. Dec. 3, 1842. In 1875 Mr. Moore left, with his family, for the West, and may now be addressed at Carpenteria, Cal. Ch: [a] Ariana Moore, b. April 9, 1870; [b] Ben D., b. April 12, 1872; [c] Mary A. Moore, b. May 24, 1874; [d] Helen, b. Aug. 19, 1876; [e] James W., b. Oct. 12, 1878; [f] Robt. E. Moore, b. April 7, 1881; [g] Matthew J. Moore (ii), b. Dec. 11, 1882.

- III. *MARY A. HUGHES*, d. March 11, 1861. She m'd 1st, Jan. 28, 1845, at Fort Leavenworth, Lieut. T. C. Hammond. (See.) She m'd 2d, Feb. 22, 1849, Dr. Samuel Rixey (see), b. May 25, 1827, son of Richard Rixey (i) and Penelope Gibbs. Dr. Rixey was an excellent physician, and practiced at Platte City, Parkville, and other places in Platte and Clinton counties. The fruit of this marriage was:

1. *Richard Rixey*, b. in 1854; m'd March 13, 1878, Lucy Vallandigham, dr. of Madison. She d. Jan. 12, 1888, leaving 1 child: [a] Frank Rixey.

Dr. Samuel G. Rixey next m'd, March 7, 1864, Fannie Penniston, who died childless.

Dr. Rixey m'd 3d, March 19, 1868, Ellen Williams, dr. of Albert G. She was b. March 16, 1846; d. Nov. 21, 1878. Children:

2. *Eleanor*, b. in 1868.
3. *Virginia L.*, b. in 1869; m'd Dec. 21, 1892, Vernon C. Gardiner.
4. *Samuel G. Rixey* (ii), b. in 1872.
5. *John H. Rixey*, b. in 1875.

Dr. Rixey took for his fourth wife, Jan. 12, 1881, Mrs. Reb. Zabrisky, widow of Wm. Zabrisky (see), and daughter of Lewis McDaniel. They separated, and Dr. Rixey is now operating for the Keeley Institute.

- IV. *SAMUEL R. HUGHES*. (See.)

- V. *FRANCES J. HUGHES*, m'd Dec. 1, 1840, Dr. Joseph Walker, b. in Bermuda Island, May 24, 1813; d. Aug. 28, 1864. His parents were John Walker and Fannie Penniston; and his grandfather was Jos. Walker, who was born in England and settled in Bermuda. Joseph, Jr., came to the United

States, and received a classical education at Baltimore. He studied medicine, and entered the United States army as a surgeon. After marriage, he resigned in April, 1849, and settled six miles southeast of Platte City. He possessed superior mental endowments, as well as a finished education. His influence among his neighbors was boundless; but he belonged to the "fire-eating" Southern tribe, of 1856-7. His efforts to silence Northern Methodist Episcopal preachers brought upon him the vengeance of the "Red-leg" party. After Rev. Charles Morris, the Northern Methodist, had been cruelly murdered in July, 1864, in execution of the threat that all such should die, a son of Morris, at the head of a gang of outlaws, apprehended and shot Dr. Walker. Mrs. Walker still lives with her children:

1. *John H. Walker*, b. Aug. 22, 1845, at Ft. Scott; m'd Sept. 4, 1876, Mary J. Zabrisky. Ch: [a] Martha Walker; [b] Joseph Z.; [c] Wm. Z. Walker.
2. *Mary Walker*, b. in Dec., 1849; m'd June 3, 1879, Sidney Hayden, of Holton, Kansas. Ch: [a] Charles Hayden; [b] Helen.
3. *Annie Walker*, single.
4. *Mat. H. Walker*, b. in 1855; d. Oct. 24, 1894; m'd June 3, 1886, Carrie Singleton. Ch: [a] Joseph Walker, b. in 1886; [b] James, b. in 1888; [c] John, b. in 1890; [d] Mary, b. in 1892.
5. *Samuel R. Walker*, single.
6. *Richard P. Walker*, m'd Floy Robertson. Live in Kansas City.
7. *Moses K. Walker*, b. in 1864; d. Oct. 27, 1895; m'd Sept. 9, 1895, Docie Wood.

Mrs. Frances J. Walker m'd 2d, John A. Sydener. They separated.

We will give here an outline of

THE RIXEY FAMILY.

I. RICHARD RIXEY,

Son of Richard, married Penelope Gibbs, of Virginia. Ch:

I. DR. SAMUEL RIXEY. (See.)

1. *Richard H. Rixey*. (See.)

II. WILLIAM RIXEY,

Married a Brent. Ch:

I. CHAS. W. RIXEY, m'd Fannie Settle, daughter of John J.

1. *Wellington W. Rixey*, b. Nov. 25, 1850; m'd Jan. 26, 1871, Jane Miller, b. Oct. 12, 1851, dr. of Jesse; dead. W. W. Rixey m'd 2d, in Oct., 1878, Mary J. Settle, dr. of James D. (See W. W. Rixey.)
2. *Thos. R. Rixey*, m'd Ellen Perry, b. Sept. 27, 1820; d. in Platte Dec. 22, 1896. Ch: [a] Geo. W. Rixey, b.

Nov. 23, 1856; m'd Sept. 12, 1878, Lydia Hoy (see), b. Feb. 8, 1859. They live near Settle. [b] Thos P. Rixey, State lecturer for the I. O. O. F. of Missouri.

Jan. 3—The Platte City public cistern, at the southwest corner of the court-house, having failed to hold water, the town board order it filled up.

Jan 15—The Bee Creek bridge, on the road to Weston, at Tatman's, built by Harvey, is finished and paid for.

Col. Sumner is again in command at Fort Leavenworth.

Jan. 25—Dr. John W. Doy was apprehended in Kansas, for aiding runaway slaves from Missouri to escape. He was brought by Pro-slavery men to Weston, examined before a justice of the peace, and committed to Platte City jail. He was removed to St. Joseph, and placed in charge of Jailer Brown. A party of his friends appeared at night, with (as they pretended) a noted prisoner to put in jail, and by artifice and intimidation got possession of the keys, and bore Doy away in triumph.

The telegraph has reached Leavenworth.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—The St. John Episcopal Church buy a building lot in Block 13, Weston.

DAVID GLADDEN.

Feb. 10—David Gladden having died, his widow, Nancy, administered. Bond, \$8,000. Mrs. N. Gladden died in August, 1879, leaving:

I. NANCY GLADDEN (ii), b. Aug. 8, 1842; m'd Feb. 19, 1863. George Beery, b. in 1843, son of John A. He d. Jan. 27, 1879. Mrs. Beery still lives with her children. Ch:

1. *Elizabeth Beery*, b. April 4, 1866; m'd in 1884, Isaac Baker, of Clinton; 3 children.
2. *William*, b. in 1864; went to Oklahoma Territory.
3. *Mary Beery*, m'd Jesse Stone; 3 children.
4. *Julia Beery*, m'd Geo. Cook; 2 children.
5. *Georgia Beery*. 6. *James Beery*.

II. NATH'L GLADDEN, b. in 1851; m'd a Francis.

III. SARAH GLADDEN, m'd a McCracken and was divorced.

LUCY THROCKMORTON.

Feb. 11—Lucy Throckmorton having died, J. F. Broadhurst administered. Bond, \$3,000. She was a Holladay, a sister of Benjamin and David. Her husband, John J. Throckmorton (i), died in 1853 in Kentucky. Mrs. Throckmorton and her son, John J. (ii), came to Platte in 1854. The latter is still an enterprising citizen, having been a farmer, a stock-raiser, a hotel-keeper, etc.

He married January 21, 1858, Elizabeth C. Bowen. They took charge of the Virginia Hotel, in Platte City; but when the war broke out, in 1861, he enlisted in Capt. Mitchell's company of Confederates, and hastened to the support of Gen. S. Price, at Lexington. Ch:

I. CHAS. B. THROCKMORTON, m'd Aug. 28, 1882, Laura Dean..

II. ADDIE T. THROCKMORTON. III. JOHN J. (iii).

IV. HARRY. V. DAVID T.

VI. ELIZABETH C. THROCKMORTON. VII. NATHAN P.

VIII. LEOTA.

Mr. J. J. Throckmorton (i) had another son, Lewis W., who never came to this county. He married Jennie Williams, and Dr. J. H. Throckmorton, of Platte City, is their son. He was born November 9, 1868; married Oct. 25, 1893, Lela Collins, b. Dec. 29, 1873, daughter of M. P. Collins. (See.) A third son of John J. Throckmorton (i) was John A. Throckmorton, who died in Houston, Texas, December 28, 1895. A fourth son was J. W. Throckmorton, a governor of Texas.

JOHN BRUNTS.

Feb. 15—John Brunts having died, John Heath administered. Bond, \$4,000. His widow, Mary J. Brunts, died February 27, 1883, aged 59 years. Children of first wife:

I. BETSY BRUNTS, m'd Richard Clarkson.

II. SALLY, m'd Allen Horn.

III. CYNTHIA BRUNTS, m'd Ed. T. Perkins, b. April 23, 1809.

They came to Platte in 1844. After Cynthia's death, Mr. Perkins m'd Oct. 14, 1870, Mrs. Eliz. A. Noland.

IV. NANCY BRUNTS, m'd W. L. Blanton. (See.)

V. MARGARET BRUNTS, m'd Jas. Flannery. (See.)

VII. MARTHA BRUNTS, m'd James Mahon.

VII. FANNY BRUNTS, m'd June 8, 1843, Jas. Flannery. (See.)

VIII. REBECCA BRUNTS, m'd Azrael Doty.

IX. MINERVA, m'd Robert Brent.

X. HARRIET BRUNTS, m'd Isaac Eades, d. May 1, 1849.

XI. ELLEN BRUNTS, m'd Sept. 21, 1847, Isaac Hoover. She died, and he m'd Oct. 11, 1857, Mary Fugate. He died in Feb., 1872.

XII. JOHN L. BRUNTS, went to Kansas.

The foregoing were children of Mr. John Brunts' first wife, whose name I cannot learn. The following are children by his second wife, Mary J.:

XIII. ELIZA J. BRUNTS, m'd successively a Metcalfe and a Summerfield.

XIV. CASSIE BRUNTS, m'd a Chapman, and died.

XV. EMELINE, is in the lunatic asylum at St. Joseph.

XVI. SAMUEL BRUNTS, b. Sept. 10, 1856; m'd Feb. 14, 1892, Martha J. Heath, b. Nov. 8, 1858, dr. of John.

MARCH.

March 4—R. P. C. Wilson enrolled as an attorney.

THE WESTON & ATCHISON R. R. CO.

The Weston & Atchison Railroad Company was chartered, under the General Statutes, and John Doniphan made president. The city of Weston took \$50,000 of stock, and issued bonds, which were afterwards declared void.

April 27, 1859, ground was broken in the presence of a large assembly.

July 15, 1859, the W. & A. Railroad and A. & St. J. Railroad were consolidated with the Platte Country Railroad.

In January, 1860, the road went into operation to Atchison. In December, 1861, it was finished to Iatan, and connected with Weston and Leavenworth by steamboats. April 4, 1861, the road was finished to Weston.

In 1863 the name was changed from the Platte County Railroad to Plate Country Railroad. In 1867 it took the name of the Missouri Valley Railroad, and in 1870 the road was named K. C., St. J. & C. B. Railroad.

March 9—J. H. Bell is appointed commissioner of the poor-house, and is charged \$2.50 per acre rent, and is allowed \$2 per week board for inmates.

March 15—Benjamin Walker having died, Henry Basye administered. Bond, \$6,000. His widow, Nancy, had died in 1856. Ch: 1, Wm. Walker; 2, Andrew J.

JONATHAN BONNELL.

March 25—Jonathan Bonnell having died, Huston McFarland administered. Bond, \$10,000. Ch:

- I. WM. S. BONNELL, d. Jan. 18, 1894.
- II. ELIZABETH, m'd a Highfield.
- III. LUCINDA, m'd a Jacobs. IV. THOMAS BONNELL.
- V. JONA. R. BONNELL. VI. REBECCA, m'd a Lawless.
- VII. SARAH BONNELL.
- VIII. A DAUGHTER, m'd a Wallace. Ch:
 1. *Jonathan.* 2. *Rebecca Ann Wallace*, m'd a Haynes.
 3. *William Wallace.*
 4. *Selman H. Wallace*, m'd Dec. 2, 1866. Sarah A. Simmons.
 5. *Thomas.* 6. *Sarah J.*, m'd John Webber.
 7. *Mary A.*, m'd Jacob Hamm, Jr.

APRIL.

April 1—The Salt Lake trade is vigorously prosecuted. M. L. Young purchased in Philadelphia a large stock of goods, and started west with them. At Atchison they were attached; but an

assignment to C. A. Perry was produced, and a long litigation ensued.

April 4—The county takes \$1,000 stock in the turnpike from Weston to Platte City.

W. S. Reyburn takes out license for a ferry at Leavenworth for \$60.

April 7—The county court orders a pavement to be constructed in front of the new clerk's office.

Tim. Turner having died, J. F. Broadhurst administered. Bond, \$4,000. He lived a few miles west of Barry.

April 29—Ground broken for the W. & A. Railroad. A grand barbecue, above Weston, commemorated the event. It was finished April 1, 1861.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Warrants drawn	\$21,093.14
Collections	17,015.29

Deficit	\$4,077.85
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County taxes assessed, \$20,146.00. Levy, 25 cents; poll, 37½ cents.

Expenses in Detail.

Bear Creek bridge	\$ 200.00
Weston bridge	1,000.00
Upper Bee Creek bridge	2,085.00
Platte City bridge	142.00
Roads and bridges	3,201.00
Poor	1,588.00
Printing	289.00
Stationery	394.00
Sheriff (Bryant)	1,181.00
Court-house	539.00
Jail, cells	1,010.00
Jail	357.00
County Attorney (Merryman)	75.00
Treasurer (Freeland)	676.00
County Justices (Broadhurst, Hays, and Layton)	586.00
Circuit Clerk (Remington)	646.00
County Clerk (Lewis)	1,642.00
Assessors	167.00
School Commissioner	253.00
Clerks' offices	4,381.00
Sundries	681.14

Total	\$21,093.14
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May 1—Ethan Allen retires, and Gist & Short take charge of the *Atlas*, as editors. W. C. Remington and H. C. Cockrill are proprietors.

May 3—Iatan is incorporated for school purposes.

May 7—Barry Cumberland Presbyterian Church buys a lot for a house of worship.

ALEX. WOODLAND.

May 14—Alex. Woodland having died, Louisa Woodland administered. Bond, \$5,000. Ch:

- I. ELIZA A. WOODLAND, m'd Jas. Hisel.
- II. ELIZABETH, m'd Jac. Armbruster.
- III. PAULINA F. WOODLAND, m'd W. H. Bramlett.
- IV. SARAH C. V. WILLIAM H. WOODLAND.
- VI. MELCENA. VII. MAHALA C.
- VIII. JOHN A. WOODLAND.

May 21—JAMES NICHOLS having died, Mary and James Boydston administered. Bond, \$35,000. Mr. Nichols left a large landed estate, on the Buchanan line, and many heirs to inherit it.

May 29—CAPT. ANDREW JOHNSON died at Louisville, Ky., from the effects of an operation for stone in the bladder. His remains were brought back and buried at his home on Bee Creek.

THE JOHNSON FAMILY.

Berwick Johnson was a brother of Vice-President Richard M. Johnson, the hero of the battle of the Thames. The family came at an early day to Bryant's Station, so celebrated in the early history of Kentucky. Berwick was the father of Capt. Andrew Johnson, and his mother's name was Phena. I have heard Capt. Johnson tell of the dangers that surrounded the early settlers of Kentucky, and of his mother molding bullets for the men when the Station was surrounded by Indians.

Capt. Andrew Johnson was born at Bryant's Station, in Kentucky, May 21, 1790. His education was limited, but his courage and patriotic zeal caused him, at the first call, to enlist in his uncle Richard M. Johnson's regiment of mounted rifles, for the War of 1812. His chivalrous nature brought him always to the front, and at the post of danger. He rose to the command of a company, which he led at the Raisin and the Thames.

December 5, 1821, Captain Johnson married, in Scott County, Ky., Jemima Suggett, born August 22, 1805; died in Platte City in 1852. She was, when I knew her, large and fleshy. Her heart overflowed with tenderness, and her generous nature spoke in charity. In 1837 Capt. Johnson was stationed at St. Louis, as an Indian agent. In 1838 he visited Platte, and selected the quarter-section of land on Pleasant Ridge afterwards owned by Jos. Nowler. In 1840 he united with the Old-school Baptist Church, and donated to Unity (Flint-lock) Baptist Church the ground upon which the church still stands.

In Kentucky, Capt. Johnson represented Scott County one term in the State Legislature. In Missouri, he was elected, in 1844, to the State Senate. His chivalrous temperament, his generous soul, his patriotism, and his eloquence, secured to him confidence and love, and made him a great favorite with the people. He came, about 1850, to Platte City, and spent a few years within a stone's throw of my home. Our relations were intimate and confidential—I attended to his legal business and administered on his estate. His noble nature and generous heart endeared him to me. Ch:

I. ELIZA JANE JOHNSON, b. in Scott Co., Ky., April 14, 1822; d. in Platte Oct. 1, 1862; m'd Christopher A. Skillman, b. Sept. 6, 1813, in Loudoun Co., Va.; d. in Kansas City Aug. 14, 1886; buried at Platte City. Isaac Skillman, father of Chris. A., removed in 1814 to Bourbon Co., Ky., and in 1839 the son came to Platte. He settled five miles north of Platte City, and opened a large farm. He m'd 2d. April 3, 1873, Miss Bettie Brown, and in 1883, divided his large estate among his children, retaining a share for himself and wife, and removed to Kansas City, where by judicious investments he secured a comfortable fortune. Mr. Skillman was a handsome and urbane gentleman, an experienced farmer, and a successful stock-raiser. Children by his first wife:

1. *Vienna E. Skillman*, b. May 17, 1842; m'd Sept. 13, 1860, John B. Slone, brother of the surveyor, Wm. V. Slone. They have reared a family in the West.
2. *Elvira J. Skillman*, b. Jan. 4, 1844; m'd Nov. 28, 1866, W. C. Wilhite. (See.) They live in Huntsville, Mo.; 4 children.
3. *Anna (Tissie) Skillman*, b. Sept. 30, 1848. She received a superior education at Camden Point and at Platte City. She m'd 1st, Feb. 23, 1870, John J. Raymond, who d. Feb. 17, 1881. Ch: [^a] John S. Raymond, b. in 1871; m'd in Sept., 1896, Carrie B. Wringer, [^b] Belle, b. April 5, 1873; m'd Dec. 5, 1895, S. M. Griffith; [^c] Lida Raymond, b. in 1877; [^d] Henry, b. in 1880. They settled near Barry. After the death of Mr. Raymond, his widow m'd May 3, 1887, Jas. H. Calvert. They live near Linkville, and have children: [^e] Claudine; [^f] Dallas Calvert.
4. *John I. Skillman*. (See.)
5. *Henry C. Skillman*, b. June 4, 1852; m'd Alice A. Conway, of Liberty, Mo. Mr. Skillman, in 1881, established a general store, at Settle's Station, but on Jan. 26, 1895, was burned out. He was postmaster at that station. By judicious management, he built up a large and lucrative business. Ch: [^a] John C. Skillman. The store was rebuilt.

By his second wife, who still lives in Kansas City, Mr. Skillman had one charming daughter:

6. *Mary E. Skillman*, b. Jan. 10, 1874; lives with her mother, in Kansas City.

- II. **ANNIE L. JOHNSON**, b. July 23, 1828; d. Nov. 29, 1852; m'd April 6, 1845, Dr. William Baldwin, b. in Washington, Ky., March 4, 1813; d. in St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 19, 1886. He was a son of James Baldwin and Sarah Harris, dr. of Edward Harris, first postmaster of Washington, Ky., appointed by President Washington. Dr. Baldwin m'd 2d, Miss Harriet Gage, of New Jersey, who still lives at St. Paul. Dr. Baldwin was a brother of the distinguished lawyer, Jas. H. Baldwin. (See.) After graduating at the University of Ohio, and taking his degree of medicine from the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Baldwin practiced three years at Wetumka, Ala. He then removed to Platte City, Mo. In November, 1868, he removed to St. Paul, where a sister, Mrs. Webb, had long resided. Dr. Baldwin was eminent in his profession, and received a second degree from the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati. His diligent reading and accuracy of information brought him reputation as a scholar; and his skill in medicine brought him patients and fortune. Social and genial in his disposition, his conversation was interesting and instructive. He was a student all his life, and laid by a vast fund of accurate information in history, philosophy, and science. A son of Dr. Baldwin's second wife died when four years old. By his first wife he had:

1. *James Andrew Baldwin*, b. in Platte City April 12, 1846; m'd Oct. 1, 1878, Minnie Redman, b. Dec. 8, 1856, dr. of the late Dr. E. C. Redman. (See.) He graduated at the Medical Department of the Louisville University. He resembles his father personally, intellectually, morally, and socially. He stands at the head of his profession, and enjoys a lucrative practice. An elder in the Presbyterian Church, he is active in moral and religious work. His wife is a lovely woman, and his children are intelligent, modest, and well-behaved. Ch: [*a*] Florence D. Baldwin, b. Dec. 26, 1879; [*b*] William R. Baldwin, b. May 28, 1883.

- III. **ELVIRA M. JOHNSON**, b. Feb. 8, 1830; m'd 1st, Samuel A. Jack (see), b. Oct. 7, 1818. He died childless, and she m'd 2d, Sept. 21, 1854, James H. Connelly, a lawyer and a forcible speaker. They made their home in Platte County until 1870, when they removed to Kansas City. He engaged in buying, improving, and selling real estate, and prospered until he was stricken with palsy. The family removed to Warrensburg and keep a hotel. Mr. Connelly died Feb. 11, 1897. Their children:

1. *Andrew J. (Bud) Connelly*, is a man of intelligence, and a chaste speaker. As a Democratic politician and orator, he is well known.

2. *Anna Connelly*, was a lovely girl, but a shadow rests upon her reason.

IV. SIMEON T. B. JOHNSON, b. July 23, 1832; m'd 1st, Feb. 14, 1856, Elizabeth McCart. Ch:

1. *Belle Johnson*. 2. *Lucy*. 3. *Fannie*.

Mr. Johnson married again, and, as an auctioneer, has made a living in Kansas City, Platte City, and elsewhere.

V. RICHARD MENTOR JOHNSON (ii), b. July 31, 1836; m'd Nov. 27, 1856, Sallie A. Calvert, b. Nov. 22, 1837; d. Nov. 22, 1892. Dick is a generous soul—pure, true, kind, and unselfish; and he has troops of friends. He was well-educated and had large experience as a merchant. With his brother, George, he engaged in merchandizing in Platte City. When George died, Richard retired to his farm on Bee Creek. This he sold, and removed to Belton, Mo., where he has twice been appointed postmaster. Ch:

1. *Jemima Johnson*, b. in 1857; m'd a Yocom; 3 children.

2. *Katharine B. Johnson*, b. in 1859; m'd a Harelson; 3 children.

3. *Benj. H. Johnson*, b. in 1861; m'd Dec. 21, 1892, Minnie Anes.

4. *Lyda E. Johnson*, b. in 1864; m'd a Calvert; 3 children.

5. *Cassandra*, b. in 1870. 6. *Richard M.* (iii), b. in 1872.

VI. GEO. W. JOHNSON, b. Feb. 10, 1838; d. Sept. 18, 1866; m'd April 29, 1861, Katharine Calvert. They had:

1. *George W. Johnson* (ii), b. Aug. 5, 1866; single.

Mrs. Kate Johnson m'd 2d, John Bales. They live in Belton.

VII. LAURA E. JOHNSON, b. March 10, 1846; m'd Jan. 28, 1864.

Richard N. Harrington, b. in Platte July 24, 1837. Laura was a beautiful girl, and is now a handsome and matronly lady. Mr. Harrington was a son of Miles Harrington. (See.) He practiced law in Platte City for some years, and then retired to his wife's Bee Creek farm and engaged in milling. April 8, 1873, he sold the mill and farm to Isaac C. Packer, and removed to Kansas City, where he engaged in several pursuits, unsuccessfully. In October, 1888, he came to Platte City, and erected a pleasant dwelling. This was sold, and at Dearborn he started the *Democrat*, which he published until his death. He was appointed postmaster at Dearborn in November, 1893, and his son succeeded him. Mr. Harrington was a superior rhetorician, but lacked in logic. He was a fine writer of sketches, and delighted in display; but surrendered all other principles to his Democratic politics. In society he was an urbane gentleman, and a generous and true friend. He died Nov. 22, 1896. Ch-

1. *Connelly Harrington*, b. Dec. 14, 1864; m'd April 28, 1892, Minnie Kemper, b. Feb. 9, 1864. Mr. Harrington received a finished education under the tuition of the late celebrated educator, Prof. F. G. Gaylord, and himself engaged in teaching. After several years' experience, he studied law, removed west, and practiced in Idaho. In 1887 he returned, and was admitted to our bar in August, 1888. In April, 1890, he purchased the *Plattsburg Jeffersonian*, which he made one of the leading Democratic papers of the State. In October, 1894, he sold out and went west.
2. *William P. Harrington*, is a chaste and forcible writer, and a large and handsome man. He helped his father on the *Dearborn Democrat*, and succeeded him as postmaster.

May 30—Thomas Simpson's estate administered by W. H. Bell. Bond, \$1,500.

JUNE.

GEO. W. MURPHY.

June 1—George W. Murphy having died May 1, 1859, his widow, Jane W., administered. Bond, \$6,000. Ch:

- I. JOHN C. MURPHY, m'd Feb. 18, 1862 Lucy F. Jackson. Live in Osage Co., Kansas.
- II. MARY E. MURPHY, dead.
- III. JAS. C. MURPHY, b. Feb. 26, 1842; m'd Nov. 13, 1873, Fannie Alvis; died Dec. 5, 1886. Ch:
 1. *Oscar*. 2. *Charles*. 3. *Edward*.
- IV. GEO. W. (ii), in Texas; m'd Dec. 26, 1877, Fannie Owens.
- V. LEAH MURPHY, m'd Geo. Endicott; 5 children.
- VI. NANCY J., d. in 1873; m'd March 4, 1866, Morgan Cockrael. Children:
 1. *Eugene Cockrael*.

THOMAS TUDER.

June 10—Thomas Tudor having died, his widow, Elizabeth, administered. Bond, \$16,000. Thomas Tudor married in Madison County, Ky., Elizabeth Titus, who died in 1870. They removed to Howard County, Mo., and thence came to Platte, about 1840, settling four miles southeast of Platte City. Mr. Tudor was an intelligent Christian gentleman, and highly esteemed for probity and honor. Ch:

- I. ELIZABETH TUDER, b. in Howard Oct. 6, 1835; m'd in Platte Nov. 22, 1850, Dabney Perkins, b. March 4, 1822, in Boone Co., Mo., son of Jessie Perkins, of Virginia, and Fannie Turner, of Madison Co., Ky. He was a grandson of Michael Perkins, of Virginia. Mr. Perkins came in 1844. He served eighteen months in Capt. Pres. Simpson's company of Enrolled Missouri Militia. Ch:

1. *Jesse T. Perkins*, b. Oct. 27, 1855; m'd his cousin, Eliza Perkins. Ch: [^a] Sarah; [^b] Maud.
2. *John F. Perkins*, b. Sept. 9, 1857.
3. *Joel T.*, b. March 23, 1859; m'd May Linendall.
4. *Squire T. Perkins*, b. June 23, 1860; m'd Hala Brewer.
5. *Arzela F. Perkins*, b. June 10, 1862; m'd Homer Linendall.
6. *Lizzie M. Perkins*, b. May 2, 1864; m'd Daniel Lewis. Ch: [^a] Fannie M. Lewis; [^b] Ella; [^c] Eugene; [^d] Bettie.
7. *Charles Perkins*, b. in Feb., 1869; dead.
8. *Paul*, b. in 1872; dead.
9. *Cynthia*, b. Feb. 9, 1872; m'd Oct. 15, 1890, Larkin E. Tinder. (See.)
10. *Albert*, b. in 1876. 11. *Ernest*.

II. SQUIRE W. TUDER. (See.)

III. SARAH ANN TUDER, m'd Dr. Kimsey. He was, about 1849, killed by his wife's father, Thomas Tudor, and her only son died. She now lives, childless, in Platte City.

IV. JOSEPH B. TUDER.

June 25—The Platte County Agricultural and Mechanical Association buy ground at Tracy.

THE PARKVILLE & G. R. RAILROAD CO.,

Having been organized, let out to Matton, Messer & Co., the contract to do the grading of their road from Parkville to Cameron. A large portion of the work was done, and in January, 1861, the contractors failed. The county court took \$200,000 stock in the company, and issued \$125,000 in 10 per cent bonds. Afterwards the other \$75,000 was issued by Judge Aller. These sums, with compound interest, when funded, constituted three-fourths of our county debt. Many farmers on the route of the road subscribed from \$100 to \$500, which they were afterwards compelled to pay.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—At a special election, Jas. S. Owens was chosen surveyor. The election at Weston resulted as follows: For judge of court of common pleas—James Doniphan, 383; H. J. Wolf, 254. For clerk—Jas. A. Price, 264; D. C. Dale, 118; R. W. Lasley, 159.

THE SONS OF MALTA.

This year will be remembered as the era of the Sons of Malta. At Platte City all the leading men were members of the order. Lodges were formed everywhere. The initiations and orgies called out crowds. The candidate was subjected to a severe examination, and a false and ludicrous interpretation was placed on

his answers. He was blindfolded, dressed as a harlequin, placed in ludicrous attitudes, of which he was unconscious, and made, by implication, to confess a thousand delinquencies and crimes, all of which he was told were "recorded" in the proceedings. Judge Norton was Holy Commander, R. N. Harrington secretary, and Wm. E. Oliver personated Death, lying in a coffin, with flour rubbed upon his face to produce pallor, and pokeberry stains to indicate blood. While all others were convulsed with laughter, the candidate was sternly reproved for levity. When brought to light, before a large looking-glass, the candidate was told to "see himself as others see him"; the shouts of merriment were unrestrained, while the candidate divested himself of his burlesque costume. The candidate was sure to attend the next meeting, to laugh at what he had lately unwittingly passed through, while blindfolded. The order of the Sons of Malta soon exhausted its material, and ran out.

THE GOLDEN ERA

Of Platte County was the year 1859. Large crops of hemp sold at round prices. Negro traders paid fabulous prices for slaves. Money was never more abundant. Western explorations had opened new avenues for enterprise. Mules, oxen, and wagons were in demand for the West. The trade upon the plains demanded provisions and supplies. California emigrants had returned, with full pockets; and the growing cities of western Missouri and eastern Kansas offered ready markets for stock and provisions.

Society had improved. Prof. Todd's female school, with open parlors, had daily receptions. Prof. Gaylord's male academy inspired the youth to higher attainments. Camden Point had both male and female academies, and Prof. Vineyard, at Pleasant Ridge, prided himself upon the thorough education he imparted. Examinations and exhibitions gathered vast crowds, and picnics occurred weekly. The assessment of the year, \$7,798,613.00 was the largest in our history. Lands were "rising rapidly."

Aug. 2—Wm. McGinnis is allowed \$400 for making a 20-foot pavement of stone in front of the clerks' offices.

Aug. 20—Geo. P. Dorriss advertises "cash for negroes to take south." He builds a dungeon on his farm to confine them.

An *Atlas* of this date is extant, published by W. H. Gist and N. D. Short, at Platte City, \$2, No. 22, Vol. 3.

Aug. 24—St. John's Episcopal Church, at Weston, is consecrated.

Aug. 29—Railroad meeting at the court-house, addressed by J. T. V. Thompson.

Thomas Thoroughman enrolled as an attorney.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 5—The county court orders an election to determine whether the county shall take \$150,000 of stock in the Platte County Railroad from Kansas City to St. Joseph. The second Monday in November is set for the election.

John H. Wilhite, president of the Weston and Platte City Turnpike Company, reports 2 miles of the road complete, and the county court grants him a warrant for \$150.

T. B. King enrolled as an attorney.

Sept. 9—Elizabeth Trewitt, of Marshall Township, having died, G. W. Hood administers. Bond, \$2,000.

Sept. 12—Lewis Burnes enrolled as an attorney.

Prof. Gaylord re-opens his Platte City Male Academy, with increased attendance.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—A party of Thos. Herndon's friends ask him to allow them to print, in pamphlet form, his poems. He gives consent, and the *Atlas* office sends forth the booklet of 16 pages, which is sold at 50 cents. The merits of Mr. Herndon's poems are the heroic violations of etymology, syntax, and prosody. It did one's heart good to hear him grandiloquently recite his verses, and satisfactorily show the drolleries and excellencies that no one else could discover.

Oct. 4—Henry Myers having died, Teter Myers administered. Bond, \$14,000.

Oct. 11—The Second County Fair near Tracy commenced. High and well-constructed seats, well covered, extended half way around the circle, capable of seating 7,000 people. Parallel with the highest seat, a five-foot promenade, the full length of the seats, was constructed. Twenty-five dollars paid for a share, admitted one and his family to the grounds forever. The attendance of 1859 was perhaps the largest in the history of the fair. No drinking nor gambling was permitted, and the fair was a glorious reunion of a prosperous and happy people.

JOEL GARGES.

Oct. 18—Joel Garges having died, E. W. Brink administered. Bond, \$2,500. Mr. Garges married Elizabeth Zachary, aunt of W. D. Zachary. They lived north of Parkville. Ch:

I. NATHAN GARGES, m'd in 1843, Margaret E. Cooper, b. Feb. 7, 1821; d. March 26, 1892. Their daughter,

1. *Eliza J. Garges*, m'd Henry H. Gray.

II. JAMES GARGES, b. May 1, 1822; m'd Jan. 31, 1854, Miriam Noland. Ch:

1. *Daniel Garges.* 2. *William.* 3. *Nathan* (ii).
4. *Arena*, m'd Nov. 8, 1883, W. T. Noland.
- III. CYNTHIA E. GARGES, m'd Dec. 30, 1852, William Brink, d. in Oct., 1893. They lived in Oklahoma.
- IV. MARTHA M. GARGES, b. June 28, 1827; m'd Sept. 27, 1847, Elijah W. Brink, b. May 5, 1823; d. Nov. 19, 1895. Ch:
 1. *Joel Brink.* 2. *Charles H.* 3. *John W.*
 4. *Martha*, m'd J. Noland.
 5. *James N.*, m'd Mahala E. Hopkins.
- V. ZILPAH GARGES, d. Oct. 13, 1872; m'd John Noland, b. in Jessamine Co., Ky., Feb. 22, 1817; d. March 13, 1892. Came to Lafayette Co., Mo., in 1831, and thence to Platte in 1837. Children:
 1. *Matthias F. Noland*, b. Aug. 18, 1844; m'd Jan. 10, 1864, Eliza Gray, b. July 11, 1842, dr. of Henry. Ch: [a] Zilpah Alice Noland, m'd Feb. 25, 1886, Henry S. Galbraith. Ch: [1] Arthur Galbraith; [2] Lottie; [3] Lena. [b] John Nic. Noland, b. Oct. 9, 1869; m'd Jan. 18, 1893, Minerva Fickle; [c] Cora Ellen Noland, b. Feb. 18, 1872; m'd Oct. 2, 1890, John W. Timberlake, b. Feb. 5, 1868. Ch: [1] Roy, b. Aug. 15, 1892. [d] Walter Noland.
 2. *James H. Noland*, b. in 1852; d. Jan. 7, 1895; m'd Oct. 15, 1876, Sidney Jane Dunagan, b. June 6, 1856, dr. of James.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 1—Farley Lodge, No. 177, Odd Fellows, instituted, with Israel Heath, N. G.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Barry, organized in 1826, entered their new house in 1859. They still continue a zealous and efficient congregation.

Nov. 22—Dr. Oscar F. Bowers, of Weston, having died, Dr. Ben Bonifant administered. Bond, \$5,000. Dr. Bowers was a partner of Dr. Bonifant, and left him all his property.

JOHN W. THOMAS.

Nov. 23—John W. Thomas having died, Pres. Simpson administered. Bond, \$2,000. Ch:

- I. R. M. THOMAS, is a venerable Baptist preacher, and as an evangelist traverses all parts of northwest Missouri.
- II. JAMES P. THOMAS.
- III. SARAH, m'd John W. Smith, b. in Lexington, Ky., May 26, 1827. Came to Platte in 1859, and settled five miles south of Platte City. He is an excellent citizen and a zealous Odd Fellow; and he served in Capt. P. Simpson's company of Enrolled Missouri Militia. Ch:

1. *Mary E. Smith*, m'd R. G. Crawford.
2. *Sarah C. Smith*, m'd W. P. Lanter, son of Davis.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—Abe Lincoln spoke at St. Joseph.

Dec. 2—We have had pleasant weather until to-day, but the mercury this morning was 31° below zero.

Dec. 3—The Missouri River is frozen over.

Dec. 9—John H. Wilhite, president, reports 2½ miles more of the Weston and Platte City Turnpike complete, and the county court grants him \$200.

1860.

OFFICERS.

Governor, R. M. Stewart; Representatives, S. McGuire and J. E. Pitt; Congressman, James Craig; Circuit Judge, E. H. Norton; Senator, J. T. V. Thompson; Circuit Attorney, J. M. Bassett; Probate Judge, H. C. Cockrell; Circuit Clerk, W. C. Remington; County Justices, J. F. Broadhurst, Pres. Dunlap, and S. M. Hays; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; Treasurer, H. J. Freeland; County Attorney, J. E. Merryman; Surveyor, J. S. Owens; Sheriff, W. K. Bryant; Public Administrator, W. M. Paxton; Coroner, B. S. Richards.

CENSUS OF 1860.

Population.

Missouri.	1,182,012
Platte County, white.	14,981
Platte County, slaves.	3,313
Platte County, free colored.	56
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Platte County, native born.	16,678
Platte County, foreign	1,672
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Platte City (242 colored).	875
Weston (188 colored).	1,810
Clay.	13,023
Clinton.	7,848
Liberty.	1,288
St. Joseph.	14,975
Plattsburg.	692
Leavenworth, Kansas.	14,849
Atchison, Kansas.	5,232
Kansas City, Mo.	4,418

Population of Platte County for a series of years: 1840, 8,913; 1850, 16,845; 1860, 18,350; 1870, 17,352; 1880, 17,366; 1890, 16,248.

Assessment of Platte for 1860: 3,069 slaves, \$1,414,010; money, \$911,203; personalty, \$689,622; real estate, \$4,339,054; total, \$7,253,929.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Baker, Clark, Harrington, Hern-
don, Merryman, Pitt, Ross, Smith, Spratt, Tebbs, Wilson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Brown, Eastman, Guthrie, Hale, Hol-
lingsworth, Marshall, Moore, Redman, Wallace.

Merchants, etc.—Addis (photographer), Almond, Paxton &
Owen (mills), Bryant, Waller & Co., Burge & Hogue, Cochran,
Doty, Ferrier, Fleshman, Freeland (postmaster), Fox, Gaylord,
Gordon & Todd, Hettish, Jenkins, Johnston, Johnson & Withers,
Knopf, Krause, Murray, Oswald, Richards, Swaney & Christison,
Throckmorton, Todd, Wilkinson, Woolfolk, Young, Zarn.

Lodges—No. 56, S. M. Hays, W. M.

Preachers—G. L. Moad, W. H. Thomas.

Newspapers—*Atlas*, H. C. Cockrell and W. C. Remington,
proprietors, and Gist and Short, editors.

At Weston: Attorneys—Branch, Bird, Burnes, Carroll, Doni-
phan, Heriot, King, Lawson, McCurdy & Gilbert, Wolf.

Physicians—Beaumont, Bonifant, Bowlby, Earickson, Hen-
son, Griswold, Humes, Phillips, Shortridge.

Merchants, etc.—Basye, Beechler, Bell, Branham & Norris,
Briggs, Collier & Rockwell, Colman & Belt, Conwell & Spencer,
Deitz, Doppler, Dye, Ellefrit, Gerner & Frank, Fulton, Goltstein,
Harper, Halvard, Johnson, Kaufman, Klingstein, Knudson,
Lasley & Algair, Mettier, Miller, Mitchell, Noble, Perrys & Young,
Rhoring, Raileys, Sachs, Shannon, Sloan & Nower, Shaw & New-
house, Snell, Trollman, Turner, Walker, Weber, Wood.

Mayor—G. W. Belt.

Court of Common Pleas—Doniphan, judge; Price, clerk;
Hood, marshal.

Lodges—No. 53, B. F. Newhouse, W. M.; Chapter No. 4, Belt,
H. P.; Com. No. 2, Burnes, E. C.; Odd Fellows, Lawson, N. G.

Weston Rifle Company—Beechler, captain.

Newspapers—*Argus*, Wiseleys editors; *Mail*, W. H. Bisbee
editor.

Preachers—Carney (Christian), Coffey (Baptist), Wright
(Presbyterian).

Union College—Kendall, principal.

At Parkville: Arnold, Ashby, Beeding, Campbell, Clough,
Dale & Roberts, Davis, McComas, McDonald, Miller, Ringo, Stod-
dart, Summers, Woodsmall.

Newspapers—*Courier*, McDonald editor.

At Camden Point: Coffey, Flack, Forbis, Hale (postmaster),
Thomas, Withers.

At Farley: Falkner, Johnson, Mason, Meads, Patton, Heath.
At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Cartwright, Ogden, Tufts, Wells.
At Ridgely: De Atley & Co., Ellington, Gustin, Sayle, Scott.

JANUARY.

Jan. 2—E. H. Norton nominated at St. Joseph, over J. N. Burnes, for Congress, by the Democratic Convention.

W. F. Perrin, president of the Weston and Plattsburg Turnpike Company, reports $5\frac{1}{4}$ miles of the road complete.

Jan. 4—E. N. O. Clough, agent, reports that he had subscribed for the county \$200,000 for stock in the Parkville & G. R. Railroad.

The subscription to the Platte County Railroad is reduced from \$150,000 to \$120,000.

The county court subscribes \$30,000 to the Weston & A. Railroad Company, and James G. Spratt is appointed agent to enter the same on the company's books.

The Platte County & Ft. Des Moines Railroad incorporated by the Legislature. The name was subsequently changed to the Leavenworth & Ft. Des Moines Railroad, and, still later, to the Chicago & S. W. Railway. After the road was finished, it became a part of the Chicago, R. I. & P. Railroad system.

A financial panic is brewing, in view of the expected war between the States. Gold is hoarded, bank bills are discounted, silver is going out of circulation.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 9—The county court increases the subscription to the W. & A. Railroad Company to \$50,000, and S. P. S. McCurdy is appointed to enter the subscription on the company's books.

A. J. Morrow having died, J. H. Nash administered. Bond, \$15,000.

MARCH.

March 3—The New Market Christian Church organized.

JUDGE WM. B. ALMOND.

March 4—Judge Wm. B. Almond died at Leavenworth and was buried at Platte City. He was born in Prince Edward's County, Va., October 25, 1808; graduated at Hampden-Sidney College in 1829; emigrated to Missouri, settled at Lexington, entered the store of Robert Aull as a clerk, visited the Rocky Mountains with William Sublette, in the employ of the Fur Company of St. Louis, and studied law with Judge Ryland. February 28, 1837, he married Bethenia Jack, the lovely and accomplished daughter of Capt. William Jack, who as early as 1821 kept the

ferry at Lexington. She was born March 12, 1814; was tall, handsome, well educated, refined, fascinating in her manners, a zealous Cumberland Presbyterian, and a devotee to music. The newly wedded pair came to Platte, when a wilderness, and settled on the Buchanan line, where I first met them in 1839. Though both were raised in affluence, they accommodated themselves to circumstances and lived as pioneers. After making their homes in various places in Platte and Buchanan, they finally settled, about 1846, in Platte City. In 1849 he was among the foremost emigrants across the plains and mountains to California. Here, through the influence of his friend, Gov. Peter H. Burnett (see), he was appointed a territorial judge, at San Francisco. His court did an immense business, and his name was on all lips. He returned from the Golden Gate with some \$15,000, and purchased a half interest in the mills and water-power at Platte City. In August, 1851, he was elected circuit judge, to succeed S. L. Leonard. In June, 1857, he removed to Topeka, and thence to Leavenworth, leaving his family in Platte City. He died, as stated, at Leavenworth March 4, 1860. His wife survived him, living at Platte City until the close of the war, and the marriage of most of her children, when she broke up housekeeping, and lived with her children. She died at St. Joseph August 15, 1885. She lies beside her husband, her father, and her mother, in the Platte City cemetery. A beautiful monument at the group of graves records the virtues of the dead. But not a living descendant of Judge Almond now resides in Platte.

I knew Judge Almond and his wife intimately. He was my partner in the Platte City Mills for years. His classical education, Western adventures, social temperament, and varied experience supplied him with a fund of useful information and anecdote that made him a charming companion. He possessed genius, rather than talent. He was a brilliant orator, understood mankind, was quick to discover the weak and strong points of his adversary, and ready to take advantage of every opportunity. His liberality was unbounded, and he left to his family nothing but native brilliance of intellect, accomplishments of education, and the galvanism of beauty, enhanced by the charms of music. His five daughters, four of whom yet live, formed a bevy of lovely women I have never seen surpassed. Ch:

I. LAVINIA (LALLIE) ESTHER ALMOND, b. Dec. 18, 1837; m'd May 3, 1855, H. Clay Cockrell, probate judge of Platte County from 1856 to 1860, and a lawyer of reputation. She died, leaving:

1. *Harry W. Cockrell*, b. March 10, 1856; d. in 1893; m'd Reb. Dunnica. He was associate editor of the *Globe-Democrat*; 1 child.
2. *Nellie Cockrell*, b. Jan. 16, 1858; m'd B. N. Woodson, a lawyer of Oklahoma.

3. *Almond B. Cockrell*, b. July 1, 1860; m'd Mary McIlhany. He is manager of the Kansas and Texas Coal Co., at Weir City, and of the zinc works; 5 children.

4. *Lallie Louise Cockrell*, b. Aug. 29, 1867; a lovely girl.

5. *R. Lee Cockrell*, b. Jan. 17, 1871.

6. *Carl Clay Cockrell*, b. June 12, 1872.

The last three are by the second wife.

II. W. SUBLETTE ALMOND, b. Nov. 27, 1839; m'd Mamie Maxwell, of Ohio. They live in Texas; 4 children.

III. VIRGINIA E. ALMOND, b. Dec. 19, 1841; m'd Dec. 19, 1859, Jas. E. Frost (see), from whom she parted. They had one child, Addison, who married, and lives in the West. Jennie lived with her mother until the latter died. She now makes her home with her sisters, when not engaged in teaching music. She is a small and beautiful woman, with auburn curls, a fairy in beauty and vivacity, who captivates all that approach her by the charms of her conversation and the magic of her song.

IV. KATE ALMOND, b. Oct. 25, 1845; m'd Maj. H. Clay Cockrell, Oct. 1, 1866, the former husband of her sister Lallie. She is full of zeal in the Master's cause, and is brilliant in conversation. She spent a week at my house in 1894, and left a fragrant memory that will long regale us. In the war, Mr. Cockrell took up arms for the Union, and reached the rank of major. Their three children, Lallie, Lee, and Carl, have been mentioned. They live in Glasgow, Mo., where Maj. Cockrell is practicing law successfully.

V. CLARA D. ALMOND, b. Nov. 24, 1851; m'd May 23, 1876, W. H. Armstrong, b. March 28, 1844. Theirs is a life of faith and prayer. Mr. Armstrong was a banker of Stanberry, Mo., removed to St. Joseph, where he and his wife issued a monthly paper, supporting the theory of holiness, or perfect sanctification. Clara possesses the beauty, loveliness, and song so remarkable in the family. She has formed an institution in St. Joseph, sustained by prayer, for the support of indigent females. Ch:

1. *Margarette B. Armstrong*, b. Aug. 29, 1884.

2. *Paul V.*, b. June 12, 1886.

3. *Esther Louise*, b. Aug. 15, 1888.

4. *Ruth Armstrong*, b. June 20, 1890.

5. *Clara H.*, b. Aug. 21, 1892.

6. *Charles Armstrong*, b. Feb. 21, 1877.

7. *Edith H.*, b. June 25, 1878.

8. *Bethine Armstrong*, b. June 5, 1880.

9. *William S.*, b. Feb. 23, 1882.

VI. BETHENIA (BIRDIE) J. ALMOND, b. Aug. 17, 1857; m'd Frank McCrillis. She is a large and uncommonly handsome woman. She studied elocution as her profession, and music as an art. Her public recitations were admirable, and afforded her a support before marriage.

WILLIAM W. PULLINS.

William W. Pullins died five miles east of Platte City. He was a son of Loftus Pullins and Delia Walker, of Madison Co., Ky. He married Julia King, born December 28, 1808; died January 10, 1879. She was a daughter of Capt. Henry King, of the Revolutionary army. They were well off, and highly esteemed. Children:

- I. JULIA C. PULLINS, b. March 15, 1828; m'd Dec. 15, 1848, Robert I. Robertson, b. March 4, 1818; d. Dec. 31, 1879. Mr. Robertson was a farmer, living four miles east of Platte City. He was a gentleman, educated and refined. Mrs. Robertson still lives at her old home, and is much beloved. Children:

1. *Sallie W. Robertson*, b. Feb. 15, 1850; d. Oct. 27, 1882; m'd June 9, 1869, Wm. W. Lampton. Ch: [^a] Minnie E. Lampton.
2. *Susan Robertson*, b. Oct. 8, 1857; m'd May 1, 1878, Jos. A. Corbin, b. March 28, 1856, son of Lewis. Ch: [^a] Mary Corbin, b. Dec. 12, 1881; [^b] Dora, b. Oct. 8, 1886.
3. *William P. Robertson*, b. Sept. 16, 1861; m'd Ella McClary, of Clay. Ch: [^a] Susan C. Robertson.
4. *Robert I. Robertson* (ii). 5. *John Arthur Robertson*.

- II. CHARLES W. PULLINS, b. May 8, 1830; d. in March, 1875; m'd Sallie Kirtley, dr. of Elliott B. Their children:

1. *Anna Pullins*. 2. *Lula*.

After Mr. Charles Pullins died, his widow m'd J. W. Bryant. He died, leaving one child, Kirtley Bryant. The widow lives in Camden Point.

- III. ELIZ. J. PULLINS (BETTIE), b. Nov. 14, 1837; m'd March 4, 1856, James W. Littlejohn, b. July 19, 1829, in Lewis Co., Ky. His father was Daniel Littlejohn, b. in 1808 in Loudoun County, Va.; d. in Illinois in 1857. His mother was Cynthia Thompson, of Scotland. The family removed to Mason County, Ky., where James grew up to manhood. He came to Platte in August, 1857. He went to the Mexican War as a private, in Company E, Capt. Metcalfe, of the 3d Kentucky, under Col. M. V. Thompson, in General Thos. Marshall's brigade. He is 6 feet 3 inches high in his socks; but when he tells of his military adventures, he rises to full 7 feet. For his services he is drawing a pension. In the war between the States he served on the side of the South, under Price, Cockrill, *et al.* He is a carpenter by trade, and his wife owns a fine farm on Todd's Creek. He is an Odd Fellow, and prides himself much in the principles of the order. Mrs. Littlejohn is an educated and accomplished lady. Ch:

1. *Dora Littlejohn*, b. Oct. 11, 1858; m'd Oct. 27, 1888, Robert Lewis, b. Nov. 11, 1857, son of Jas. G. Ch: [^a] Bessie Lewis, b. Oct. 13, 1891.

2. *James F. Littlejohn*, b. Aug. 19, 1868.

3. *Annie Littlejohn*, b. July 4, 1871.

4. *Elizabeth Littlejohn*, b. Dec. 28, 1876; m'd Oct. 4, 1896,
Joe Shelby Anders.

IV. WILLIAM S. PULLINS, b. Nov. 11, 1833; d. March 13, 1889;
m'd Dec. 9, 1863, Cynthia A. Barnes. Ch:

1. *Charles G. Pullins*, m'd April 9, 1887, Bettie Barbee.
Ch: [a] Opal Pullins; [b] Grace.

2. *Alonzo Pullins*, m'd Jan. 2, 1889, Jennie Foster; 2
children.

3. *Georgie Pullins*, m'd Erastus Wilson, son of M. S. Ch:
[a] Bessie Wilson; [b] Mabel.

4. *James Pullins*. 5. *John*. 6. *Richard*. 7. *Harriet*.

V. CORNELIA PULLINS, b. in 1850; d. April 28, 1882; m'd Sept.
1, 1869, A. N. (Thos.) Chinn. Ch:

1. *Chas. B. Chinn*, m'd May 28, 1893, Mag McClary.

2. *William D.* 3. *Cornelia (Neely)*.

After the death of Mrs. Chinn, A. N. Chinn married her
sister Georgia. He died March 4, 1893.

VI. GEORGIA PULLINS.

March 7—The Wiseleys commence issuing a daily *Argus*, but
soon cease.

DR. B. F. HOLLINGSWORTH.

March 20—Dr. B. F. Hollingsworth having died, Clark &
Callahan administered. Bond, \$9,000. He came west about
1850, and engaged in the practice of medicine at Platte City. He
married October 7, 1852, Mary A. Mimms, born February 10, 1828;
died April 4, 1884. He was a man much beloved as a citizen, and
trusted as a physician. Ch:

I. KATE HOLLINGSWORTH, m'd Oct. 3, 1876, Jas. McKee.

II. JEPHTHA G. HOLLINGSWORTH, b. Jan. 16, 1861; m'd Oct.
2, 1884, Elizá Bush Park, b. April 10, 1865. After prepar-
ing himself, he practiced dentistry for some ten years in
Platte City, and then removed to Kansas City to continue
his business, as well as to occupy a chair in the Kansas City
Dental College. Mrs. Hollingsworth is the daughter of
Mort. C. Park (see), and inherits the good sense of her
father and the beauty and loveliness of her mother. Ch:

1. *Kathleen Hollingsworth*, b. Oct. 20, 1888.

2. *Park Hollingsworth*, b. Aug. 5, 1892.

The Platte City Water Mills thoroughly repaired, and fur-
nished with new patent water-wheels, by E. W. Montague.

March 26—Fred Krause first appears in Platte City, and opens
a butcher shop.

APRIL.

April 2—Democratic meeting held at the court-house, to
select delegates to the State Convention. The call is signed by

the Democratic central committee, as follows: J. N. Burnes, Noah Beery, T. J. Eastman, Thos. Foster, Leon Oldham, and F. M. Tufts.

April 3—The first pony express starts from St. Joseph. It was in charge of Majors, Russell & Waddell. Their postmen started simultaneously from St. Joseph and from San Francisco. The trip of 1,982 miles was made in 10 days, and subsequently in 7 days and 17 hours. The pony express continued until 1861, when the telegraph was completed from Omaha to San Francisco. Ben Holliday then started his line of overland stage-coaches.

April 4—W. F. Perrin, president, reports that \$30,000 had been expended on the Weston and Plattsburg Turnpike, twelve miles completed, and bridges under contract.

THE DROUTH.

No rain. Flour is shipped from St. Louis to supply Platte County. Supplies are sent to starving Kansas, money at 20 per cent interest, no coin in circulation. Churches have prayer for rain; the *Atlas* ridicules them.

ALVA GRAVES.

April 5—Alva Graves having died, N. I. Alexander administered. Bond, \$2,000. He was a cousin of James L. Graves. His sister, Elizabeth Graves, married Andrew Lawson, and was mother of Nep. Lawson. After Lawson's death, his widow married Wash. Dyer (see), and still lives in Marshall Township. Alva Graves married, in Tennessee, Elizabeth ———, who survived him. Their children:

- I. MISSISSIPPI GRAVES, m'd Thos. Lipscomb.
- II. PAROZETTA GRAVES, m'd a Lipscomb.
- III. ADELAIDE GRAVES.

April 6—The county court subscribes \$100,000 to the Platte County & Ft. Des Moines Railroad Co., on condition that the road starts from Weston and comes within a half-mile of Platte City. The terms were accepted by the directors of the road, but never complied with.

April 13—The Platte County Railroad (Missouri Valley) is condemning rights of way on its route.

JOHN DEAN.

April 15—John Dean died near New Market. He was the progenitor of the Dean family of Platte, was born in Maine May 1, 1784, removed, successively, to Virginia, to Clay County, Mo., and to Platte. His father was Joshua Dean. John Dean married Susan Bartleson, who died in August, 1822. Ch:

- I. MALINDA DEAN, b. in 1805; m'd in 1822, John Hart, of Clay.
- II. ELIZABETH DEAN (NANCY), m'd a Yancy. She came to Platte, and entered land, near New Market, in her own name. I infer her husband was dead.

III. FRANK M. DEAN, d. in Nov., 1846; m'd Feb. 15, 1844, Margaret Swearingen. Ch:

1. *Lizzie J. Dean*, m'd March 10, 1864, Richard M. Farra, b. Oct. 26, 1841. Ch: [*a*] Martha Cassie Farra, m'd W. P. Skinner (see); [*b*] Eva Z. Farra; [*c*] Frankie Lee Farra; [*d*] Robert D.

2. *Andrew J. Dean*, of Andrew County.

IV. ABNER DEAN, m'd Malinda Holland. He d. in 1867. Ch:

1. *Mary Crabb*. 2. *Susan J. Dean*.
3. *Elizabeth P. Burgess*. 4. *Frank Dean*. 5. *Thos. Dean*.
6. *Emeline Dean*. 7. *John*. 8. *William Dean*.
9. *Susan Dean*. 10. *Catherine Dean*. 11. *Abner Dean* (ii).
12. *Fannie Dean*.

None of the family now reside in Platte.

V. JOHN BARTLESON DEAN, d. Oct. 3, 1877; m'd Elizabeth Gregg, dr. of David. (See.) Mr. Dean possessed sound judgment, and enjoyed the confidence of his neighbors. They resided near New Market. Ch:

1. *Sidney Huston Dean*, b. Jan. 7, 1842; m'd in March, 1866, Kate Leavel, b. in 1846, dr. of Arch. Ch: [*a*] Clarence; [*b*] Elizabeth J. Dean, m'd Oct. 10, 1887, John S. Williams, son of W. W. (Bud). Ch: [*1*] Wm. W. Williams; [*2*] Huston. [*c*] Arch. B. Dean; [*d*] Linn H. (girl); [*e*] Mary C.; [*f*] Sidney H. Dean; [*g*] Albert Dean; [*h*] Andrew; [*i*] Campbell Dean.

2. *Minerva A. Dean*, m'd John T. Owens. (See.)

3. *Elizabeth Dean*, m'd Maple P. Owens. (See.)

4. *James T. Dean*, b. March 15, 1852; d. Sept. 16, 1893; m'd March 10, 1880, Maggie E. Anderson. Ch: [*a*] Leopold D. Dean (a girl); [*b*] Annie C. Dean; [*c*] John B. Dean; [*d*] Mary E.

5. *Nancy Ellen Dean*, m'd Dec. 25, 1872, John T. Leavel, son of Arch. John was b. in Lincoln Co., Ky., June 1, 1849. Came with his father in 1853, and settled at New Market, where his father died in April, 1875. He was educated at Camden Point Male Academy, and is a man of wide influence. His wife was educated at Daughters' College, and is a lady of rare accomplishments. Ch: [*a*] Wm. Leavel; [*b*] Ara; [*c*] Dean.

6. *Susan E. Dean*, m'd Dec. 24, 1878, B. Frank Allison, son of James and a man of literary accomplishments. They live near New Market. Ch: [*a*] Minnie Allison; [*b*] Rachel; [*c*] a babe.

VI. ISAAC DEAN, b. Feb. 10, 1822, in Clay Co.; m'd Nov. 1, 1855, in Buchanan Co., Sally Ann Richardson, b. April 26, 1828, in Madison Co., Ky. They lived near New Market. Ch:

1. *Georgia Dean*, m'd Samuel Dysart; no children. She is now a widow.

2. *Susan Dean*, m'd Dec. 9, 1880, David C. Leavel. Ch: [a] Andrew D. Leavel; [b] Georgia Belle; [c] Arch. C. Leavel.
3. *Francis M. Dean* (ii), b. Aug. 20, 1860; m'd Sept. 15, 1886, Emma D. Hull, b. Feb. 18, 1869. Ch: [a] Davie C. Dean.
4. *Belle Dean*, m'd May 2, 1889, Galen B. Anderson (see), b. Nov. 2, 1857, son of Geo. W. He is a man of thought and judgment, and received a finished education. In 1890 he was elected surveyor of Platte County. Ch: [a] Temple Anderson, b. Jan. 19, 1892.

After the death of Mrs. Susan Dean, Mr. John Dean (i) married, and reared a second set of children:

VII. JOSHUA DEAN. VIII. MICHAEL DEAN.

IX. SUSAN DEAN.

April 24—Frank Engleke having died, J. A. Deister administered. Bond, \$2,500.

MAY.

COUNTY REVENUE.

Collected	\$19,947.61
Expended	17,509.91
Surplus	\$2,437.70

Expenses in Detail.

Bee Creek bridge	\$1,600.00
Bear Creek bridge	240.00
Chapman's Ford bridge	1,455.00
Short Creek bridge	150.00
Platte City bridge	362.00
Other bridges and repairs	585.00
Poor	2,601.00
County Court Justices	588.00
County Clerk (Lewis)	1,304.00
Sheriff (Bryant)	855.00
Circuit Clerk (Remington)	534.00
Assessors	305.00
County Attorney (Merryman)	100.00
Treasurer (Freeland)	714.00
School Commissioner (Baker)	150.00
Court-house	359.00
Jail	426.00
Wood	298.00
Stationery	241.00
Printing	240.00
Patrols	91.00

Swamp lands.	\$ 300.00
Weston and Platte City Turnpike.	600.00
Weston and Plattsburg Turnpike.	1,800.00
Improving Platte River.	300.00
Pavement, offices.	400.00
Other purposes.	911.91
Total.	<hr/> \$17,509.91

JAMES D. JONES.

May 1—James D. Jones came in March, 1860, from Owen County, Ky., and, in a few weeks died, leaving his widow, Sarah (Wood) Jones, and nine children. Of these, one was Thaddeus C. Jones, a farmer, near New Market. He was born August 6, 1840; married December 31, 1869, Amanda J. Scott, daughter of John C. Children: 1, Robert E. Jones; 2, Sarah J. Jones; 3, James D.; 4, John C. Jones.

New Market Christian Church organized.

John M. Lowe having died, Martin Vivion administered. Bond, \$2,500. Ch: 1, James Vivion Lowe.

May 9—County court issued to the P. & G. R. Railroad Co. county bonds, \$100,000, bearing 10 per cent interest. Justice Hays dissented, and Attorney Merryman opposed.

May 21—Marcus Lipscomb having died, W. L. Stephens administered. Bond, \$3,500.

Nancy Kay having died, W. H. Middleton administered. Bond, \$2,000.

May 23—Weston Commandery, No. 2, chartered.

JOHNSON CLAY.

May 24—Johnson Clay died. He was a son of Jeremiah Clay, and was born in Kentucky February 19, 1798. He married May 4, 1820, Rebecca Collett, in Moniteau County, Mo. She was a daughter of Abram and Nancy Collett, and was born in Tennessee January 6, 1805. He left Kentucky in his youth, and settled on a farm in Cole County, Mo. Thence he came to Platte in 1837, and settled near New Market. Ch:

I. SARAH T. CLAY, b. Dec. 13, 1822; m'd Dec. 12, 1839, A. J. Gilliam.

II. ABRAM C. CLAY, b. Dec. 13, 1824; d. Sept. 21, 1846.

III. ANN E. CLAY, b. May 12, 1827; m'd Feb. 16, 1843, Dr. S. W. Holland, of New Market. The doctor was an estimable man, and an interminable talker, notwithstanding his infirmity of stuttering. He spoke rapidly, and interlarded his phrases with oaths. But he became an enthusiastic Methodist, and often led in prayer. Yet, if excited or embarrassed, an innocent oath would slip out.

- IV. NANCY CLAY, b. Sept. 14, 1828; d. in 1869; m'd July 23, 1846, T. S. Osborne.
- V. FRANCES G. CLAY, b. Aug. 18, 1830; m'd A. H. Burgess. (See.)
- VI. WILLIAM H. CLAY, b. March 9, 1833; m'd Oct. 20, 1858, Nannie H. Montgomery. He died at Vicksburg May 13, 1863, in the Confederate service.
- VII. MARY G. CLAY, b. June 28, 1836; m'd March 26, 1855, Rev. J. C. C. Davis.

JUNE.

June 6—Charles Tureman having died, James Dodd administered. Bond, \$2,500.

County bonds issued. The county court issued to the Parkville & G. Railroad Co., at sundry times, as the work of grading progressed, bonds to the amount of \$125,000; and to the Weston & A. Railroad Co., \$30,000. Nothing was given to the Platte County Railroad, or to the Leavenworth & Des Moines Railroad.

There is drouth. No rain has fallen since April. The very early corn came up, and produced a half crop.

June 31—SAMUEL MILLER having died, his son, Marion Miller, administered. Bond, \$15,000. (See index.)

JULY.

July 4—The day was observed at the fair grounds, with ill-tempered speeches.

A half-inch of rain fell to-day, the first since April. It came too late to do good, and was not followed by other rains. Not one-fourth of the corn planted came up. It sold for \$1 per bushel. Wheat turned out almost a failure. But from the large crop of 1859 we had enough to send supplies to Kansas. This was the second famine year. To starvation was added a financial crisis, that broke up thousands. Two per cent per month was often paid for money.

MOSEBY NEELY OWEN.

Moseby Neely Owen died at Platte City. (See sketch.) The family, about 1866, removed to Jacksonville, Oregon, and none of them now reside in Platte. Ch:

- I. EDWIN R. OWEN, was lame from "white swelling." He wrote in the probate office several years.
- II. ALFRED OWEN. III. WILL AD. OWEN. Both went south in the war, and never returned.
- IV. ANN E. OWEN, was a beautiful and accomplished young lady. She m'd 1st, Oct. 19, 1855, P. J. Collins; and after his death, she m'd 2d, Feb. 7, 1860, N. D. Short. He edited the *Atlas* several years, and possessed sprightliness, but had no energy.
- V. MOLLIE OWEN.

July 12—The financial panic is increasing. New York exchange is 1 per cent premium. Financiers are assorting Missouri money, and presenting it for payment in gold. No coin in circulation. "Shin-plasters" are used for small change.

July 20—Mrs. Eliza Todd, born May 15, 1813, wife of Prof. H. B. Todd, died at Platte City. Prof. Todd was in the South, soliciting aid for his school. He returned, and made a feeble effort to sustain himself and the Academy; but executions were levied on his personal property, and he was sold out. Prof. A. B. Jones succeeded him as principal of the Academy.

July 23—J. H. Wilhite reports four more miles of the Weston and Platte City Turnpike complete.

July 24—James Kuykendall died at his home near Platte City.

THE KUYKENDALLS

Came from Holland. Richmond Kuykendall settled in York County, S. C. He was born in 1768, and was a son of the emigrant who died of a wound received at King's Mountain, while fighting for his adopted country. The Tories burned his widow's home and property, and she died of a broken heart. The orphan, Richmond, was adopted in a family that brought him with Boone to Kentucky. They settled in Barren County, Ky. Here Richmond married, and here James Kuykendall was born December 25, 1795, and married September 5, 1820, Celia Thompson, born December 6, 1803; died March 9, 1869. After residing for some years in Garrard County, Ky., James Kuykendall and family came, in 1832, to Clay County, Mo., and were among the earliest to cross over into Platte. In August, 1840, he was elected a county court justice. April 17, 1846, he purchased 160 acres of land near Tracy, at \$5 per acre. In 1844 he was elected sheriff. In 1849 he was county treasurer, and at the election in August, 1849, he was chosen our first probate judge. At the end of his term, in 1854, the family removed to Kansas, and settled near Topeka. He was a member of the second Legislative Assembly of Kansas, chairman of the board of commissioners for Jackson County, and a member of the first Constitutional Convention, that passed what was known as the Lecompton Constitution. Judge Kuykendall possessed an iron will, decision of character, moral courage, and self-reliance. He had no counsellor, but depended on his own sound judgment. He belonged to no society, never used flattery or fawning, and yet he was one of the most popular men of his day. Tall, brawny, and angular in his features, he commanded respect rather than love. He was no orator, and was blunt and arbitrary. His education was limited, but he derived his power from native common sense. Ch:

I. ELIZA ANN KUYKENDALL, b. Feb. 25, 1821; d. March 9, 1849; m'd Isaac G. Hyatt. She left two children that subsequently died. Mr. Hyatt m'd 2d, Sept. 11, 1850, Eliza J. Tipton.

II. JAMES MARION KUYKENDALL, b. in Garrard Co., Ky., Feb. 19, 1824; d. March 15, 1874; m'd Jan. 18, 1849, Sarah E. Link, b. March 7, 1833, in Bourbon County, Ky.; d. Aug. 14, 1893. She was a daughter of Israel Link. Mr. Kuykendall was a man of large frame and sound judgment. He engaged in the mercantile business for several years, at Parkville, and then settled for life on a farm seven miles east of Platte City. Ch:

1. *Elizabeth C. Kuykendall*, m'd James M. Clark, who was killed by the explosion of a saw-mill boiler. Ch: [a] Levi Clark; [b] James M.; [c] Annie; [d] Jeff. Elizabeth m'd 2d, W. Payne, and had: [e] Maud Payne; [f] William Payne; [g] Elizabeth; [h] Harry. She lives in Kansas City.
2. *Belle Kuykendall*, m'd Dec. 18, 1879, W. H. Taylor. She died, leaving two children to the care of her mother.
3. *Kate Kuykendall*, m'd July 6, 1876, Oscar Brown (see); 3 children.
4. *John T. Kuykendall*, b. March 4, 1864; m'd Feb. 25, 1890, Lee Kidwell, b. Nov. 20, 1869. Ch: [a] James M., b. Feb. 25, 1892.
5. *Laura Kuykendall*, m'd Jan. 12, 1891, Chas. S. Allen. Mrs. Sarah E. Kuykendall m'd 2d, P. N. Cumberford (see); no children.

III SARAH J. KUYKENDALL, b. July 4, 1828; m'd July 2, 1848, Wm. C. Remington. (See.)

IV. WILLIAM L. KUYKENDALL, b. Dec. 13, 1835; m'd July 14, 1857, Eliza A. Montgomery, of Buchanan, dr. of John. Wm. L. has the strong natural mind of his father, with more polish and cordiality. His education is liberal, and his letters show the scholar. As a scout, in the irregular service of the Confederacy, his courage was so tempered by discretion, and his heroism was so fruitful in resources, that he passed unscathed through thrilling adventures and terrific dangers. Saratoga, Wyoming, is now his home. Children:

1. *John M. Kuykendall*, m'd Anna Thomason. He lives in Denver.
2. *Harry L. Kuykendall*, m'd Blanche J. Moore. They live in Denver. Ch: [a] Irene.

V. ROBERT G. KUYKENDALL, m'd Elizabeth Montgomery, dead. He went to Mexico, and was murdered for his money. He left three girls, who live in California.

JOHN KUYKENDALL

Was a brother of Judge Jas. Kuykendall. He was a man of sound sense and clear judgment. He was assessor of Platte, and was constable of Carroll Township several terms. He married Elizabeth Gentry, daughter of Isom. Ch:

- I. CHARLOTTE T. KUYKENDALL, b. July 24, 1828; d. Dec. 12, 1874; m'd Jan. 18, 1852, G. F. Clemings, b. in Loudoun Co., Va., March 4, 1830, son of Alfred Clemings and Matilda Payne. He came to Platte City in 1851, and has since pursued the blacksmith's trade. Ch:
- 1. *Jennie*, m'd May 18, 1880, Jos. M. Kurtz, of Weston.
 - 2. *Frank L. Clemings*. 3. *Lillie A*.
- Mr. G. F. Clemings m'd 2d, Kate Callahan, née Chesnut. They live in Platte City.
- II. SARAH A. KUYKENDALL, b. March 13, 1835; m'd Lewis Dearing, b. in Fauquier County, Va., March 8, 1825. Lewis is a son of Lewis Dearing, Sr., and Margaret Rogers. They live in Platte City. Ch:
- 1. *William Dearing*, b. Sept. 1, 1854; m'd Sept. 29, 1877, Pauline Higgins; no children. Live in St. Joseph.
 - 2. *Burkett Dearing* (ii), b. June 21, 1856; m'd July 18, 1881, Dona Jacks, dr. of Sidney. Ch: [*a*] Quinney Dearing; [*b*] Luanna Dearing; [*c*] Pauline (Leeny).
 - 3. *Annie Dearing*, b. March 13, 1872, is now teaching school.
- Mr. L. Dearing's first wife was Nancy J. Flannery. (See.)
- III. ELIZABETH KUYKENDALL, m'd Robert Ross. Ch:
- 1. *May Ross*.
- IV. A DAUGHTER, m'd 1st, a Zimmerman; m'd 2d, James Townsend, who lives in Kansas.
- July 29—A meteor of immense magnitude passed from east to west.

AUGUST.

NATIONAL ELECTION.

	United States.	State.
Lincoln (Republican)	1,866,352	17,028
Douglas (Democrat)	1,375,157	58,801
Breckinridge (Independent Democrat)	845,763	31,317
Bell (Union)	589,581	58,372

COUNTY ELECTION.

Norton, for Congress (Democrat)	1,788
Scott, for Congress (Whig)	812
Lawson, for representative (Union)	1,960
Dorriss, for representative (Douglas Democrat)	988
W. H. Miller, for representative (Douglas Democrat)	620
Coffey, for representative (Douglas Democrat)	637
C. F. Jackson, for governor	1,056
Orr, for governor	1,005
Han. Jackson, for governor	338

W. K. Bryant was elected sheriff; W. C. Remington was elected circuit clerk; T. Thoroughman was elected circuit attorney; Silas Woodson was elected circuit judge.

In Weston, James Doniphan is elected judge of court of common pleas, Grame Hood marshal, and J. A. Price clerk. R. M. Johnston was chosen county treasurer.

Aug. 2—The *Argus* sustained the Breckinridge ticket. It contains charges by John Swaney, that W. K. Bryant, sheriff, had withheld county revenue. Bryant's answer also appears.

Aug. 4—George Copeland is killed. At the August election, a row occurred at Platte City. Martin McEnnery took refuge in his blacksmith shop, back of the Fleshman house. Geo. Copeland tried to force his way into the shop, and McEnnery blew his head off with a musket, and immediately ran away, passing over Atchison Hill. He was never apprehended.

THE COPELAND FAMILY.

Ezekiel Copeland was their ancestor. His children:

- I. ELIZA COPELAND, m'd W. T. Hancock. (See.)
- II. JOHN COPELAND, m'd Mary J. Olvis, daughter of John and sister of W. F. Olvis. Ch:
 1. *Elizabeth Copeland*, m'd a Pierson.
 2. *Fannie Copeland*. 3. *Charles R*.
- III. JOEL COPELAND, m'd Sarah Olvis, dr. of John. Ch:
 1. *John W. Copeland*, lives in Leavenworth.
 2. *Jennie Copeland*, b. June 19, 1866; m'd Aug. 24, 1884, Joseph A. Stalder. Ch: [^a] Jesse; [^b] Joseph; [^c] James.
 3. *Jeff Copeland*.
 4. *Ada*, m'd Geo. D. McClain; 2 children.
 5. *Charity Copeland*, m'd Fred Collins.
 6. *Frank Copeland*. 7. *Ezekiel*. 8. *Myrtle*.
- IV. LAVINIA COPELAND, m'd Jones Geyer.
- V. GEO. COPELAND, m'd Ann Fulk; killed as above stated.
- VI. JOSIAH COPELAND, d. in Feb., 1877; m'd Malinda Henderson, sister of K. B. Cecil's first wife. Ch:
 1. *Ruth*. 2. *Melvina*.

Aug. 5—Mary Hughes died, widow of M. M. Hughes. (See.) She left all her property to her daughters, Mrs. Rixey and Mrs. Hammond.

Aug. 13—Isaiah Reynolds having died, Enoch Porter administered. Bond, \$5,000. Ch: 1, Mary Porter; 2, John Reynolds; 3, Nancy Reynolds; 4, Lucinda; 5, Isaiah; 6, Susan Reynolds; 7, Henry C.

Aug. 20—A grand illumination and rejoicing at Weston over the lighting of the city with gas, and the subscription by the county court of \$30,000 for the Weston & A. Railroad. A splendid torch-light procession.

Aug. 23—Judge Norton spoke at Weston.

Aug. 29—Judge Woodson opens circuit court.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—James Osborn having died at Weston, M. Ellinger administered. Bond, \$10,000. He was a merchant of Weston. He m'd Nancy Lewis, dr. of John. (See.) Ch: 1, Mary Frances Osborn; 2, Amanda S.; 3, Robert.

JOHN H. DOWNING.

Sept. 3—John H. Downing having died at New Market, his sons, Ezekiel and And. A. Downing, qualify as his executors. He left a widow, Eliza, and children:

I. EZEKIEL DOWNING, d. in April, 1870. He was deputy collector for several terms; m'd ————. Ch:

1. *Eliza Downing*, m'd Feb. 7, 1874, John D. Maget, b. May 27, 1851; d. July 19, 1888. Ch: [a] Maud; [b] Geo. Maget; [c] Rufus (ii); [d] Mattie.

2. *Strother Downing*.

II. ANDREW A. DOWNING, m'd Nancy J. Collier. Went to Kansas.

III. JOHN C. DOWNING.

IV. WILLIAM H. DOWNING, m'd July 30, 1861. Jane Allison, dr. of James. She died, and he m'd 2d, Oct. 19, 1885, Sarah Maget, b. in Tennessee Jan. 1, 1846, dr. of Rufus. They separated; no children.

V. MARTHA P. DOWNING, m'd an English

Sept. 4—Iatan Lodge, No. 145, I. O. O. F., chartered.

Sept. 15—Ann Smith having died, E. P. Humphrey administered. Bond, \$10,000.

Sept. 17—This day is memorable as the time of a terrible mob in Leavenworth, to lynch a murderer of Denver, named Gordon. But through the firmness and nerve of Mayor McDowell, he was saved, only to die when he reached Denver.

Sept. 24—F. G. Mahony, of Parkville, having died, J. H. Nash administered. Bond, \$2,000. His wife was named Catherine, and their son, Chas. Ed. Mahony.

Sept. 25—The fair commenced. Though really the third, it is known as the second fair. Officers: Jeff. Williams, president; Geo. Robertson, secretary; W. M. Paxton, treasurer; and Cockrill, Dorris, Faulconer, Forbis, Fox, Hinkle, Johnson, Jones, Park, Pence, and Steele directors. Free admittance for stockholders and their families; footman, 20 cents; horseman, 30 cents; horse and buggy, 50 cents; carriage, \$1. Jaccard's bill for premiums was \$2,412.13. The Platte City band was paid \$175 for music. The directors paid \$13 for a barrel of cider.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—James H. Layton, under a new law, becomes sole judge of the county court.

Davis Chapel M. E. Church organized.

Oct. 5—Grand Union demonstration at St. Joseph. They sent to Platte City for a cannon. Tickets from Weston and back, \$3.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 5—The turnpike is complete from Weston to Bee Creek. The county has paid \$900.

DR. W. T. WESTERFIELD.

Nov. 13—Dr. W. T. Westerfield having died, J. M. Railey administered. Bond, \$8,000. Ch:

I. ELIZABETH WESTERFIELD, m'd May 19, 1850, John S. Woods, b. Feb. 7, 1824.

II. GEO. WESTERFIELD. III. MARTHA. IV. SUSAN.
V. FRANCES.

Nov. 26—Judge McFerran holds circuit court, by request of Judge Silas Woodson.

Nov. 28—J. M. Railey, cashier of the Weston branch of the Mechanics' Bank of Missouri, writes: "I have a dispatch dated St. Louis, November 27th, 10 p. m., saying: 'The banks have suspended; redeem no more of your currency.' It is signed by the president of the parent bank, and will be obeyed."

Nov. 29—E. G. Heriot enrolled as an attorney.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 3—W. O. Smith having died, R. N. Harrington administered. Bond, \$1,000.

Dec. 5—Patrick Shea having died, S. A. Gilbert administered. Bond, \$2,000.

Dec. 6—Geo. A. Beechler died at Weston; b. Feb. 18, 1809.

Dec. 10—Charles B. Wilson and S. D. Fulton enrolled as attorneys.

Dec. 17—The Green House in Platte City is sold by the sheriff as the property of Beauchamp, Moore and Clifford, and is bought by Jonathan Tipton, at \$2,031.

The bar adopts the first code of rules of practice.
South Carolina secedes.

Dec. 20—Maj. Anderson evacuates Fort Moultrie and goes to Fort Sumter.

Dec. 28—Maj. John Dougherty died in Clay, aged 69.

PREACHERS WHO OFFICIATED IN PLATTE FROM 1850 TO 1860.

Thos. Abbott, Thos. Alcorn, Thos. Allen, D. Bainbridge, Abner Barker, B. B. Bonham, Henry Bowers, Isaac Bowman, Wm. Bradford, D. G. Brooks, P. J. Burruss (Bap.), Tilburn Bush, John Callerman, W. G. Caples (M. E.), Jos. Cotton, J. W. Cox, J. J. Daniels, C. A. Davis (Cum. Pres.), J. C. C. Davis, Jos. Devlin (M. E.), Jno. G. Fackler (Pres.), Josiah Faubion (M. E.), Dr. J. M. Fulton (Pres.), R. C. Hatton, S. P. Heath (M. E.), H. Henderson, C. B. Hodges (Cum. Pres.), Thos. Hodges, I. H. Hopkins, Jno. T. Hudson, Thos. Hurst (M. E.), R. M. Jones (M. E.), J. P. Kern, Moses E. Lard (Chris.), Thos. F. Lockett, B. F. Love (M. E.), Ben McCray, Samuel McGuire, W. A. Mahew (M. E.), N. M. Narrimore, Wm. Patton, A. H. F. Payne, J. S. Pratt, Wm. Price, Z. N. Roberts, Nic. Roberts, Ed. Robinson, Robert Scott (Pres.), H. R. Smith (Cum. Pres.), B. H. Spencer (M. E.), Fred Starr (Pres.), O. C. Steele (Chris.), W. H. Thomas (Bap.), J. S. Todd, A. P. Williams (Bap.), I. T. Williams (Bap.), G. S. Woodward (Pres.), E. Wright (Pres.), J. B. Wright (Pres.), Jos. Zimmerman.

1861.

OFFICERS.

Governor, C. F. Jackson; Representatives, G. P. Dorris and L. M. Lawson; Congressman, E. H. Norton; Circuit Clerk, W. C. Remington; Senator, J. T. V. Thompson; Probate Judge, H. Clay Cockrill; Circuit Judge, Silas Woodson; County Judge, Jas. H. Layton; Treasurer, R. M. Johnston; Sheriff, W. K. Bryant; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; County Attorney, J. E. Merryman; Circuit Attorney, T. Thoroughman; Surveyor, Jas. S. Owens; Coroner, B. S. Richards; Public Administrator, W. M. Paxton; Superintendent Common Schools, R. N. Harrington.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Baker, Clark, Harrington, Merryman, Norton, Paxton, Pitt, Ross, Smith, Spratt, Robertson, Sayle, Tebbs, Wilsons.

Physicians—Baldwin, Brown, Eastman, Guthrie, Hale, Marshall, Moore, Redman, Wallace.

Merchants, *et al.*—Burge & Hogue, Cochran, Doty, Ferrier, Fleshman, Fox, Gaylord, Jenkins, Johnston, Prof. Jones, Murray & Freeland (postmaster), Swaney, Woolfolk, Young, Zarn.

Lodges—No. 56, R. P. Clark, W. M. G. T. Lodge 417, Sayle, W. C. T. Sons of Malta, Norton, Grand Tizerinkum. Neb. Lodge 12, Jas. Littlejohn, N. G.

Preachers—Holliday (M. E.), Thomas (Bap.), Jones (Chris.), Woodward (Pres.)

At Weston:—Attorneys—Burnes, Carroll, Doniphan, Fulton, Heriot, King, Lawson, McCurdy & Gilbert, Wolf.

Physicians—Beaumont, Bonifant, Bowlby, Shortridge.

Merchants, etc.—Basye, Bell, Bonnell, Branham, Briggs, Burnes Bros., Collier, Rockwell, Colman & Belt, Conwell & Spencer, Deitz, Doppler, Dye, Ellifrit, Gerner & Frank, Goldstein, Kaufman, Knudson, Lasley & Allgair, Mettier, Miller, Mitchell, Noble, Perrys & Young, Raileys, Rohring, Shaw & Newhouse, Snell, Walker, Warner, Wallingford, Weber, Wood.

Mayor—G. W. Belt.

Newspaper—*Argus*, Wiseleys editors.

Court of Common Pleas—Doniphan, judge; Price, clerk; Hood, marshal.

At Parkville: Arnold, Ashby, Beeding, Campbell, Cloughs, Dale & Roberts, Davis, McComas, McDonald, Miller, Stoddart, Summers, Woodward.

Newspaper—*Courier*, McDonald editor.

At Camden Point: Coffey, Flack, Forbis, Hale (postmaster), Thomas.

At Farley: Falkner, Dr. Johnson, Mason, Meads, Patton.

At Hampton: F. Burnes.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Cartwright, Ogden, Tufts, Wells.

At Ridgely: Ellington, Gustin, Chrisman, Sayle, Scott.

JANUARY.

Jan. 8—Ab. Van Vrankin having died, his widow, Deborah, administered. Bond, \$2,000. Ch: 1, Fernetta.

Jan. 28—The Legislature having appointed February 18th for an election of delegates to form a new State Constitution, a Union Convention for the 13th Senatorial District met at Barry, and, after approving the Crittenden Compromise resolutions, nominated A. W. Doniphan, James H. Moss, and E. H. Norton for delegates.

Jan. 29—Kansas admitted as a State.

Capt. James Carr, Maj. John McCluer, P. T. Abell, and others find Atchison too hot for their safety, and come to Platte City. Prof. Gaylord dismisses his school, and goes to Atchison.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 9—Jeff. Davis becomes President of the Confederacy, and Chas. Robinson governor of Kansas.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

(February 18, 1861.)

A. W. Doniphan	Clay, 1,578	Platte, 2,275
Jas. H. Moss	Clay, 1,468	Platte, 1,928
E. H. Norton	Clay, 1,480	Platte, 1,891
J. F. Forbis	Clay, 160	Platte, 503
K. M. Woods	Clay, 66	Platte, 134

Feb. 28—The Constitutional Convention met at Jefferson City, chose Sterling Price president, and adjourned to meet at St. Louis March 4th, where the convention continued in session until March 22d, when it adjourned until the third Monday in December.

Seven States have seceded.

MARCH.

March 11—The county jail having been burned, the county court appropriated \$10,000 to rebuild it in much better form. They made a contract with L. W. Dinsmore to do the work for \$8,700, but, on account of the troublous times, the matter was deferred. So we had no jail until 1867, and prisoners were sent to other counties.

March 25—County bonds issued to the W. & A. Railroad Co. The sum of \$30,000 had been subscribed, and \$15,000 had been issued. Col. Jas. N. Burnes, president of the railroad, makes application for the other \$15,000, and shows the railroad is now complete. Judge Jas. Layton, now sole judge of the county court, after receiving the advice of the circuit court, issues the bonds.

THE U. S. FLAG TORN DOWN.

March 26—Rebel flags were flying everywhere, and the national banner was discarded. On the Swaney building (now Wells' Bank), where the *Argus*, the *Tenth Legion*, and the *Conservator* were printed, a rebel flag floated all summer, much to the delight of Secessionists and the chagrin of Unionists. On one occasion Chas. B. Wilson hung from a window of the court-house a national flag, and Tom Dorris and others tore it down. It engendered some feeling against Dorris, and he left for St. Louis.

APRIL.

April 1—G. W. Belt elected mayor of Weston.

Trains are running between St. Joseph and Weston, and steamers connect with Leavenworth.

April 11—William Mitchell having died, D. N. Mitchell administered. Bond, \$600.

April 12—The first shot on Fort Sumter, and President Lincoln calls for 75,000 volunteers. The war is on us. On the 14th the Fort was evacuated. Congress is called for July 4th.

April 18—Gov. C. F. Jackson refuses to raise Missouri's quota of the 75,000 men, declaring: "Not one man will the State of Missouri furnish for such an unholy crusade."

The steamer *Sam Gaty*, at Leavenworth, hoisted a rebel flag, but was compelled to lower it, and raise the stars and stripes.

April 20—Henry L. Routt and 200 men capture Liberty Arsenal. Among them were Capt. McMurray and a company from Jackson. The arms were taken and distributed in north-western Missouri. A large share are taken to Jeff. Thompson at St. Joseph.

Under this date, Hon. Ed M. Samuel wrote to me: "The war is on us in earnest. Let Union men stand firm. Secession, in Missouri, is annihilation."

The *Atlas* having died out, E. S. Wilkinson issues a small Secession sheet at Platte City, called the *Tenth Legion*. Only a few numbers were printed. Wilkinson had to leave, and Clark and Bourne started the *Conservator*.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Revenue collected.....	\$22,231.18
Warrants drawn.....	18,369.32

Expenditures in Detail.

Parkville bridge.....	\$ 500.00
Lower Bee Creek bridge.....	48.00
Skinner's bridge.....	4,829.00
Davis' Branch bridge.....	106.00
Bridge on road to Sparta.....	110.00
Rialto bridge.....	68.00
Farley bridge.....	478.00
New Market bridge.....	1,041.00
Hughes' Mill bridge.....	65.00
Platte City bridge.....	67.00
Other bridges.....	187.00
Weston and Platte City Turnpike.....	300.00
Surveying.....	25.00
Weston Court of Common Pleas.....	1,133.00
Swamp-land.....	72.00
Poor.....	2,487.00
Court-house.....	93.00
Jail.....	173.00
Stationery.....	262.00
Printing.....	298.00
Commissioner of Schools (Harrington).....	67.00
Commissioner (Baker).....	200.00

County Judge (Layton).....	\$ 135.00
Other justices.....	396.00
County Clerk (Lewis).....	2,111.00
Sheriff (Bryant).....	1,269.00
County Attorney (Merryman).....	85.00
Treasurer (Freeland).....	961.00
Assessors.....	195.00
Other purposes.....	608.32

Total.....\$18,369.32

Assessment, \$6,549,661. Levy—State, 32 cents; county, 35 cents; poll, 37½ cents.

THE JOHNSON FAMILY.

William Johnson was born in Virginia, and died in Platte August 15, 1845. He married, in Virginia, Margaret Shadrack, who died in Platte September 20, 1844. He was a soldier of the War of 1812. They came to Clay, and settled near Barry in 1825. Children:

- I. DAVID JOHNSON, was b. in Woodford County, Ky., Sept. 6, 1814; d. in Platte March 1, 1887; m'd Feb. 9, 1837, Mary Ann Johnson, b. Oct. 11, 1819; d. May 4, 1875. She was a dr. of John D. Johnson, of Clay. David Johnson came from Clay to Platte in 1837, and settled on a farm near Parkville. He was a man of sound judgment and successful enterprise, and started in life a large and useful set of sons and daughters:
 1. *William T. Johnson*, b. in Platte May 30, 1838; d. Oct. 10, 1896; m'd Jan. 3, 1864, Catherine Morrow, dr. of A. J. He was a gentleman of thrift and enterprise, and had acquired a large body of excellent land six miles east of Platte City. Ch: [a] Geo. L.; [b] Jesse Johnson, m'd Dec. 19, 1894, Sallie C. Hoskins; [c] Laura V. Johnson, m'd Dec. 19, 1894, Chas. B. Hoskins; [d] Mattie Johnson; [e] Wm. Lee Johnson.
 2. *John L. Johnson*, m'd Sallie Brown. Ch: [a] William; [b] Mary; [c] Matthew Johnson; [d] Emma; [e] Arthur; [f] Joseph; [g] Maggie; [h] Charles; [i] Dora; [j] John.
 3. *George A. Johnson*, m'd Mary Calvert. Ch: [a] Mamie; [b] Fannie.
 4. *Nannie M. Johnson*, m'd April 9, 1872, Pleasant T. Ford. Ch: [a] May Ford; [b] Jackson; [c] Grace T.; [d] Eva Ford.
 5. *Maria Johnson*, m'd John Gregg, son of David. Ch: [a] Annie Gregg; [b] David; [c] Clarence.
 6. *David S. Johnson*, went to Oklahoma.
 7. *Samuel H. Johnson*, b. April 29, 1844; m'd Lura Brown, dr. of Adam. Ch: [a] Fannie, b. Jan. 1, 1881; [b] Mary, b. Jan. 29, 1883.

8. *Henry H. Johnson*, m'd Feb. 24, 1886, *Lizzie Jacks*, dr. of R. M. Ch: [a] *Myrtle Johnson*.
9. *Charles G. Johnson*, m'd March 6, 1884, *Eliza Higgins*, dr. of John. Ch: [a] *Ralph Johnson*.
10. *Frank L. Johnson*, m'd March 26, 1890, *Emma C. Anders*, dr. of J. K.

I do not know whether David Johnson had brothers and sisters, but his wife, Mary Ann Johnson, daughter of John D., had such as follows: 1, *Jane C. Johnson*, m'd N. B. Hopewell; 2, *Margaret*, m'd Ezra Knighton; 3, *Elizabeth Johnson*, m'd Wm. Moseby. Ch: [a] *Mary C. Moseby*, m'd Wm. Stone; [b] *Nancy Moseby*; [c] *Susan Moseby*, m'd Isaac Givens; [d] *Martha Moseby*, m'd Jos. Covert.

May 2—The Missouri Legislature convened, at the call of Gov. C. F. Jackson, to take the State out of the Union.

May 6—John M. Gray having died, his widow, Mary A., administered. Bond, \$500.

May 10—Capture of Camp Jackson at St. Louis.

May 16—Capt. Wallace Jackson and his company, raised in Platte, go to St. Joseph, and are sworn in as State militia. They join Gen. Price.

May 21—Grasshoppers invade Kansas.

May 25—Union men in Platte become alarmed, and many enlist in the Federal service.

JUNE.

June 1—Dr. Frederick Marshall died at Platte City. R. D. Johnson is appointed executor. Bond, \$100,000. (See.)

June 4—L. C. Jack having died, Ad. Burge administers. Bond, \$20,000. (See Wm. Jack.)

Rebel flag captured at Iatan.

June 12—Gov. Jackson call for 50,000 volunteers, to resist the Federal aggressions.

June 13—D. R. Anthony kills Satterlee at Leavenworth. Tried and acquitted.

Gen. Nathaniel Lyon leaves St. Louis for Jefferson City, on a steamer, with troops and munitions of war.

June 15—Jefferson City evacuated by Governor Jackson, and Gen. Lyon lands his troops. The 16th Gen. Lyon starts for Boonville, and the 17th issues a proclamation.

June 28—The Leavenworth *Herald*, a Secession paper, is destroyed by a mob.

JULY.

July 3—Gen. Lyon leaves Boonville for southwest Missouri.

July 8—Elijah Mogan having died, his widow, Permelia, administers. Bond, \$1,000. He married, in 1837, in Lafayette County, Mo., Permelia Tribble. (See Tribble Family.) She was born in 1816, and died in February, 1886. He was a justice of the peace of Lee Township for several terms, and a man of intelligence and honor. His wife was a woman of marked virtue and independence. In 1822 she went to Cedar County to reside with a daughter, and there died. Her sons, Origen and Alexander, gave their lives to the South. Another son, Thomas J. Morgan, was killed in a row, April 5, 1879, by Ben Fulcher. He married, January 5, 1879, Sue Todd, daughter of Oliver. S. D. Morgan and Susan J., wife of Albert Todd, live in Cedar County. (See Todd Family.)

July 9—Gen. John C. Frémont is placed in command of this department, with headquarters in St. Louis.

July 10—The first issue of the Platte County *Sentinel*, at Weston, by A. F. Cox.

July 18—The first overland coach arrives, 17 days from San Francisco.

July 21—The first Bull Run fight. Wilkerson issued an extra *Tenth Legion*, gloating in triumph over the result, with roosters and exclamation points.

July 22—The State Constitutional Convention meets at Jefferson City.

July 24—Gen. Pope, on the steamer *White Cloud*, destroys ferryboats at several points on the Missouri. He has 200 United States soldiers aboard. At Blue Mills Landing he is attacked by Jackson County Confederates, who are dispersed by artillery.

July 30—The Convention declares the offices of governor and lieutenant-governor vacant, and appoints Hamilton Gamble and W. P. Hall to those places.

July 31—Benjamin Fry, of Green Township, having been murdered in his orchard, Thos. McClain administers. Bond, \$50,000. Suspicion fell on one of his sons, Benjamin, who was apprehended and indicted; but, having escaped, was never brought to trial. His wife, Eliza, survived him. Ch: 1, Carter Fry; 2, Henry; 3, Mrs. Biggerstaff; 4, M. S. Fry; 5, Mrs. A. Anderson; 6, Mrs. I. N. Brockman; 7, Benj. Fry, Jr.; 8, John K.; 9, William; 10, Mrs. C. Jones.

AUGUST.

Aug. 3—Gov. Gamble issues a proclamation to the people of Missouri.

Aug. 5—Gov. Jackson responds with a declaration of the independence of Missouri.

Aug. 10—Battle of Wilson Creek. Death of Gen. Lyon.

CONDITION IN PLATTE.

Aug. 12—Rebel flags are flying; anarchy prevails; rebel camps are formed at Platte City, at Gooseneck, and at Cain's; a regiment is to be raised for the South. J. H. Winston is to be colonel. Brasfield, Chesnut, Chiles, Carr, Chrisman, Gordon, McKinnis, Miller, Synnamon, and others are enlisting companies. Arms are gathered and provisions collected. The Union men close their eyes in silence; business stands still; merchants dispose of their goods; valuable property disappears; horses are stolen or pressed, and crime goes unpunished.

Aug. 15—Platte City Academy is sold by the sheriff, for the liens of the contractors, and W. M. Paxton purchases at \$9,000, which was chiefly lost to him. He rents it to Elder A. B. Jones for \$100 per annum, but never receives a dollar of rent.

LEWIS McDANIEL.

Aug. 16—Lewis McDaniel having died, his widow, Rebecca, administers. Bond, \$8,000. He was a wealthy farmer at Hampton, and a high-minded and generous citizen. Ch:

I. REBECCA McDANIEL, m'd 1st, May 28, 1857 William Zabrisky (see); m'd 2d, Dr. Samuel Rixey. (See.)

II. MARY A. McDANIEL.

III. GRANVILLE McDANIEL, m'd June 13, 1848, Sarah A. Gregg.

IV. JAMES McDANIEL. V. JOSEPH. VI. JOHN W.

Aug. 20—Gen. Frémont arrives in St. Louis.

Aug. 28—W. T. Green having died, A. G. Naylor administers. His widow was Sarah T., and children: 1, Francis M., b. in 1856; 2, James H., b. in 1858.

SHELTON J. LOWE.

Shelton J. Lowe died at New Market. He was an elder of the Old-school Baptist Church, and a man of mind and education. For several years he was an enterprising merchant of Weston. He married in 1844, in Indiana, Mary D. Potter, b. May 9, 1814, died at New Market in February, 1893. Ch:

I. WILLIAM A. LOWE, for many years a business man of New Market, and now a druggist of St. Joseph. He was b. Aug. 26, 1843; came to New Market in 1854; m'd Dec. 26, 1860, Sarah A. Dodson. Ch:

1. *Caroline J. Lowe.*

2. *William D. Lowe*, m'd Sept. 28, 1886, Rachel Byrd

3. *John S. Lowe.* 4. *Joie A.* 5. *Pratt A.* 6. *Sadie M.*
7. *Jubal E. S. Lowe.*

II. SUSAN LOWE, m'd Dec. 27, 1867, W. S. Hull. (See.)

Aug. 31—Gen. Frémont issues his proclamation confiscating all property of rebels, and emancipating their slaves, in Missouri. This was qualified by the President, so as to apply only to such as thereafter might take up arms, or should give aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—The Mechanics' Bank at Weston, deeming it unsafe to keep their gold, amounting to \$125,000, sent it to the parent bank, at St. Louis, in charge of directors Thos. Beaumont, S. P. S. McCurdy and W. M. Paxton. We went by St. Joseph and Macon. McCurdy was "boozy" and gave no attention. While we were in St. Louis, Gen Frémont declared the city and State under martial law. The feeling on both sides was intense. Soldiers were posted in all parts of the city. We had much trouble to get passes to leave. Prior to this time secession was freely discussed; but from this day no one dared to declare his sentiments.

The Liberty bank also sent its gold, in charge of Adkins, Moss, and Field, directors.

From this time the banks not only refused to redeem their currency, but granted no more favors. Though the Weston bank had \$150,000 outstanding notes, and the Liberty bank had loaned \$17,000 to Platte County customers, yet neither bank lost one cent on a discounted note. I was agent for both banks at Platte City.

Sept. 3—Barclay, Coppac, and 18 others are killed by rebels at Platte River bridge, in Buchanan.

St. Joseph is occupied by rebels.

Sept. 11—Part of Col. J. H. Winston's command starts for Lexington.

COL. SMITH AND THE PLATTE CITY STAMPEDE.

Sept. 16—Col. R. P. Smith, of the 16th Illinois Infantry, leaves St. Joseph with a detachment of 300 men and one cannon, for Lexington, to support Mulligan. About 3 o'clock, the advance approached Platte City. Silas Gordon and his lieutenant, Black Triplett, went out to the steam saw-mill, on the turnpike, to meet them. From covert, they fired on the advance, when 400 yards distant, and a physician of St. Joseph fell with a ball in his fore head. The main force came up, and with their cannon fired three shots upon the town. Throughout the afternoon Capt. Carr was busy in the streets of Platte City, trying to organize a motley crowd to go to Hulett's Bottom, on the east side of the Platte, and from ambush fire upon the Federals as they passed on the opposite side. I stood in my office door, on Main Street, and

noted proceedings. About 70 men and boys, armed with shot-guns, muskets, rifles, and pistols, were in line to be supplied with ammunition. A horseman galloped up and announced: "The Federals are crossing the bridge!" This was untrue, but the stampede that followed was sublime. It was the most precipitate retreat known to history. In one minute the street was clear; and men, women, and children deserted their homes and hastened to the country. This occurred at 4 p. m. An hour later the Federals fired on the town. No damage was done, but the report of cannon hastened the stampede. The people snatched their valuable property and bore it away. Corn-shocks were the beds of many that night. About 5 p. m. I went home, and, after supper, went forth, and found every house vacant. A squad of Federal soldiers, in command of Capt. Wilson, took me prisoner. Only three men were found in town—Morrison, Zimmerman, and me. For our temerity we had to supply supper for the men. Capt. Wilson kindly went home with me, and I was glad to accept his protection for the night.

Sept. 17—Col. Smith and his men, after looting the town, departed east in the morning. The refugees returned, and loud were the lamentations, and fierce and profane were the denunciations, when each family found valuable articles missing. There were no others upon whom to wreak their vengeance, so we who had remained, and had preserved much property, were traduced.

DISFRANCHISEMENT.

From this date, all who had taken up arms against the United States were disfranchised.

THE GAMBLE OATH.

No one could vote without subscribing the following affidavit: "I do solemnly swear that I have not, since the 17th day of September, 1861, willfully taken up arms or levied war against the United States, nor against the provisional government of the State of Missouri." Subsequently the oath took an iron-clad form. (See "Oaths.")

The battles of Blue Mills and of Morristown.

FORAGING ON THE PEOPLE.

Sept. 20—From time to time Federal troops were sent to Weston and Platte City. The latter town was terribly disloyal, and suffered heavily. The soldiers foraged on the people. R. M. Gordon had 400 bushels of wheat, which was marketed for him. I was then the manager of the Platte City Water Mills, and was levied on by both parties. Silas Gordon took what he wanted. I find the following receipt among my worthless papers: "Nov. 20, 1861, received of W. M. Paxton 5,570 pounds of flour at 3 cents, \$167.00; 10 bushels meal at 40 cents, \$4.00. (Signed) A. C. Miller, Quartermaster 4th Div., Mo. Vols." On the 23d of November I

furnished under duress to the United States 2,000 pounds of hay, \$10; 10 bushels of corn at 25 cents, \$2.50; 8 cords of wood, at \$2.25, \$18. These accounts were only waste paper.

Troops, both Northern and Southern, are gathering at Lexington. Half of Winston's regiment are there.

Sept. 21—Col. Mulligan, at Lexington, surrenders, and his men are paroled. Ross, Jack, Link, Moore, and Todd, Southern men from Platte, are among the wounded. As the paroled Federal soldiers return to their homes, they are sometimes treated with indignity. At Platte City several were denied food; but they were speedily supplied by more humane citizens.

Sept. 25—General Ben M. Prentiss is in command at St. Joseph.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 8—D. R. Anthony is provost-marshal at Kansas City.

R P. Clark having been appointed probate judge, in the place of H. C. Cockrill, holds the October term. No probate court was held in January, 1862. Judge S. A. Gilbert holds the April term, 1862. I presume that Clark refused to take the oath, and his office was vacated, so that Gilbert could succeed.

Oct. 16—The Constitutional Convention passed the Ousting Ordinance, requiring the iron-clad oath of all officers, and vacating the offices of such as failed to comply.

Oct. 18—Baldwin Bane having died, R. D. Johnston administers. Bond, \$10,000.

THE BANE FAMILY.

Four brothers came to Platte in 1838, from Lewis County, Ky. They possessed wealth, enterprise, probity, and influence.

I. JOHN BANE, was full of energy, and accumulated wealth, which he left to his widow, Mary Bane. At her death, a large body of land was sold, and the proceeds were distributed to his and her collateral kindred. The will of John Bane gave his estate to his wife, for life, and remainder, half to his heirs, and half to hers. In 1833, when Mrs. Bane died, the beneficiaries constituted a host. Mr. Bane died in June, 1871. He had large experience as a mate on steam-boats, and when the *Haidee* was purchased by Platte City parties, he was employed as mate.

II. BALDWIN BANE, married in Kentucky. Ch:

1. *Edward Bane.*

2. *Martha S. Bane*, m'd Nov. 11, 1858, H. Clay Hatfield.

3. *Mary Bane*, m'd James Cole, and was mother of Pinkie Cole, first wife of Gabe Rice.

4. *Eupha Bane*, m'd E. J. Phillips.

Mr. Baldwin Bane m'd 2d, Nov. 23, 1841, Hulda Ann

Johnston, b. Sept. 3, 1813; d. Feb. 10, 1895 She was a sister of Capt. R. D. Johnston. Ch:

5. *Isabel Bane*, m'd — Hon. Ch: [*a*] Waller B. Hon; [*b*] Annie J. Hon; [*c*] James A. Hon.
6. *Lousia Bane*, m'd Nov. 9, 1876, Thos. K. Eskridge, b. in Fauquier Co., Va., Sept. 10, 1847; d. in Platte, near Hampton, March 10, 1889, son of Sidney. Ch: [*a*] Jas. Eskridge; [*b*] Ella; [*c*] Addison; [*d*] Thos.
7. *Thomas Bane*, lived with his mother until lately. He now lives in Kansas.

III. WILLIAM R. BANE, was a pushing, active, and lively man. He served several terms as constable of Carroll Township, and kept the Green House in Platte City some years.

IV. JAMES W. BANE, b. in Lewis Co., Ky., Feb. 16, 1816; d. in Platte, two miles south of Platte City. April 10, 1889; m'd April 6, 1853, Mrs. Permelia Little, d. in Sept., 1895. He was an intelligent and interesting talker, and displayed spirit and vivacity. But he became deranged, and in August, 1861, Dr. A. T. Guthrie was appointed his guardian. He was sent to the Lunatic Asylum, and on his return became quiet and silent. He came west in 1843, and settled on the farm where he died. Ch:

1. *Laura F. Bane*, m'd July 22, 1880, John E. Jones, son of Lewis Jones and Isabella McColum. Ch: [*a*] Jas. M. Jones; [*b*] Ida May Jones; [*c*] Carrie B. Jones. They live on the old Bane farm, two miles south of Platte City.
2. *John R. Bane*, was killed Aug. 12, 1881, by his brother-in-law, John E. Jones, in an affray over watering stock. Mr. Jones was tried for murder and acquitted. John R. m'd Dec. 16, 1880, Elizabeth Cole. She now lives in Platte City. Ch: [*a*] Maud Bane, the gayest and sweetest girl that trips the streets of our town.

V. CLAYTON BANE; of him I know nothing.

JAMES SYNNAMON'S COMPANY OF CONFEDERATES.

This month 82 enlisted. Confederates were sworn in by R. P. C. Wilson. Capt. Synnamon's company passed through 24 battles, besides many skirmishes. He himself is covered with wounds: 1st, at Corinth; 2d, at Port Gibson; 3d, at Vicksburg; 4th, at Franklin, where he was captured and held prisoner until the dawn of peace. Of the 82 men, 40 fell in battle, or by disease, before the war ended, and 34 others were wounded in battle. We will give, in alphabetical order, a few of the names and their fates:

1. Dallas Calvert, son of Henry, a brother of Smith, killed at Milliken's Bend.
2. D. H. Calvert, son of Lewis, wounded and captured.

3. Biddle Clark (Capt.), killed at Baker's Creek.
4. John Crobarger, wounded and captured and died at Port Gibson.
5. Will H. Clay, wounded at Port Gibson, and killed at Vicksburg.
6. Oscar Cooper, killed at Vicksburg.
7. Thomas Cooper, wounded and captured at Vicksburg.
8. Turner Jeter, killed at Vicksburg.
9. Wm. Gladden, wounded and captured at Corinth; died.
10. Dr. Jas. A. Herndon, wounded and captured at Franklin.
11. Corp. Will Harrington, son of Miles, killed at Port Gibson.
12. Bennett Herndon, wounded at Corinth and killed at New Hope, Georgia.
13. Henry Herndon, died in the war.
14. B. F. Murdock, wounded at Latimer Farm, and at Franklin; captured at Camp Morton, and imprisoned to the end.
15. James Marsh, captured at Vicksburg and died in prison.
16. Mat J. Moore, wounded three times—at Vicksburg, at Altoona, and Port Gibson; and brevetted for gallantry.
17. Searg. Frank H. Owen, wounded at Kenesaw Mountain, brevetted for gallantry at Vicksburg, and killed at Franklin.
18. Geo. Offutt, wounded at Port Gibson, captured at Vicksburg, and imprisoned to the end.
19. John Oldham, son of Lon, wounded at Corinth; captured at Port Gibson.
20. Leonidas Oldham, died in hospital at Port Gibson.
21. John B. Slone, wounded at Corinth, captured at Vicksburg, and imprisoned to the end.

Oct. 22—Battle of the Blue.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 1—Parties are growing rabid. M. L. Young, Elias Barbee and other Southern men seize Judge Birch and S. A. Gilbert and other Union men, and post them off under guard, to Gen. Price's army. They are sent back unharmed.

Federal soldiers are stationed at Weston and Platte City. The toll-gate books show that this month 460 cavalry soldiers passed between Weston and Platte City. A. C. Miller was quartermaster of the 4th Division, with headquarters at Weston.

The State and county officers, generally, refuse to take the oath, and new ones are appointed.

Nov. 11—Gen. Halleck succeeds Gen. Frémont, in command at St. Louis.

Gov. Jackson's Legislature, in session in southwestern Missouri, passes an ordinance of Secession.

Nov. 12—The Department of Kansas is created, and Gen.

Hunter is placed in command at Fort Leavenworth. He arrived at his post the 25th.

Nov. 17—The Liberty bank has been discounting liberally, but now will take no paper.

Nov. 18—Mrs. Sarah H. Callahan died.

DR. H. B. CALLAHAN

Was born in Fleming County, Ky., July 16, 1821. After receiving his diploma from the Cincinnati Medical College, he located in Platte City, about 1843. A year later, he married Sarah H. Metcalfe, born May 14, 1825, and died November 18, 1861, buried in Platte City. She was a beautiful and lovely woman. Her parents were Alfred and Mary Metcalfe, a name honored and revered throughout the West. Dr. Callahan and I became partners, first in the mercantile line in Platte City, in 1850, and in 1853 we bought, for \$15,000, a half interest in the Platte City Water Mills. January 1, 1858, Dr. Callahan withdrew from the firm, and took dry goods as his share. He settled at Leavenworth, but his Southern blood would not permit him to remain there, and he removed, temporarily, to Cincinnati; but found no rest until the war ended. After spending several years in Platte City, he returned to Leavenworth, and while he lived, stood at the head of his profession. He was a man of truth and integrity. His greatest failing was that he would not collect his dues. He died in 1896 and was buried at Platte City.

- I. HENRY T. CALLAHAN (TOBE), b. May 7, 1845; m'd March 6, 1866, Kate Chesnut, b. Aug. 27, 1853. He was a man of courage, nerve, and chivalry. He was killed, perhaps murdered, Jan. 18, 1874. The culprit escaped. In a poem dedicated to his honor, I wrote:

I knew him when a sprightly child,
And met him daily in his youth.
He proved impulsive, bold, and wild,
But strict in friendship, love, and truth.
A bitter foe and genial friend,
He gave no insult, brooked no slight—
Would readily his wrongs amend,
And sought to know and do the right.

1. *Lora Callahan*, b. June 24, 1867.

2. *Mittie H. Callahan*, b. Sept. 16, 1869; m'd Nov. 11, 1891, H. Cam. Wells. Ch: [a] Katharine Wells.

Mrs. Kate Callahan m'd 2d, Oct. 19, 1875, G. F. Clemings. Ch: 1, H. Smith Clemings, b. April 23, 1878.

- II. PICKETT CALLAHAN, b. Aug. 18, 1849.

- III. ELIZABETH CALLAHAN, b. Oct. 12, 1851.

- IV. ALFRED M. CALLAHAN, b. May 5, 1854. He is a merchant in Leavenworth, and has a family.

V. MARY, b. May 7, 1857; m'd G. W. Early.

VI WM. PAXTON CALLAHAN, b. March 2, 1859 (my 40th birthday).

Nov. 25—Circuit court met, and Judge Woodson continued all the cases, and adjourned. The prior March and June terms were likewise adjourned, with little business done.

Nov. 30—Gen. Hunter sent a squad of soldiers from Fort Leavenworth to apprehend Dr. Thos. Beaumont, Jacob Cox, Jos. Nower, Thos. Stockwell, and others, residing near New Market, on account of their Southern sympathies. With the soldiers came a lot of "Red-legs" and thieves, who helped themselves to horses, carriages, and every valuable they could find. The military permitted the outlaws to steal without hindrance. The prisoners were kept on parole for two weeks, and then discharged.

J. P. Grubb succeeds Thoroughman as circuit attorney.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—Gen. Hunter issued an order to J. R. Burckhardt, R. P. Clark, Clinton Cockrill, W. M. Paxton, and two others, not remembered, to deliver Silas Gordon to him, or to drive him from the country, within a limited time, or he would lay waste Platte County, burn every house, and liberate every slave. This order produced consternation, and Gordon and part of his company were prevailed on to leave for the South. Mr. Burckhardt, Mr. Cockrill, and I went to the Fort to make our report. We found Gen. Hunter a large, dark, frowning man, with bulldog features, profane and ungentlemanly. He made threats to remove all slaves from our county. I suggested that he had no power, under the Constitution, to do so. His reply was: "Damn the Constitution!"

MAJ. JOSEPH,

With some two hundred soldiers, was stationed at Platte City, early in November. The county was infested with small bands of bushwhackers, and danger threatened the Federals at all times. They foraged on the people, who were granted quartermaster receipts, which proved of little value. After a few weeks, Maj. Joseph left with his cannon and camp-equipage for Weston. The bushwhackers learned of his movements, and gathered, under Capt. Carr, in ambush on the south side of the road, east of Bee Creek. As the Federals approached, they were fired on, and two were killed, and others wounded. Maj. Joseph retired a hundred yards, and, with his cannon, opened on the bushwhackers, who withdrew with little damage. For years the marks of the grape-shot could be seen on the trees. There is a sequel to this stratagem, in the tragedy that soon followed, in the death, at the same place, of Triplett and Close.

THE RECORDS.

Silas Gordon was still at Platte City with a few of his men, who camped on the public square. He took the records of the circuit and county courts, and subsequently of the probate court, and hid them some four miles west of Platte City. The purpose was to prevent all further legal proceedings and collections of debt. They were afterwards restored by Col. Morgan.

Judge Silas Woodson comes to Platte City to hold court, but is warned by Si Gordon that if he attempts it, it will be at the risk of his life. The judge returns home.

OBED BROWN (ii).

Dec. 3—Obed Brown (ii) and Silas Gordon were friends, but Brown was drunk. In the middle of Main Street, Gordon was standing with the breech of his musket resting on the ground. Brown worried Gordon with his drunken talk, and Gordon pushed the barrel of the musket against Brown's head. The latter staggered and went off to a shed and lay down. A fire was built for his comfort, but in the morning he was unconscious, and died the 6th inst.

Obed Brown (ii) was a son of Obed Brown (i), and was a man of sound judgment and an industrious, honest, and successful farmer. He married, in Indiana, in 1832, Eliza Grover, daughter of the Indian missionary, Joel Grover. She was a sister of Levina Whittock and of the distinguished D. A. N. Grover, of Kansas. She was born September 13, 1815, and died at Kansas City May 10, 1893. Ch:

- I. LORINDA BROWN, m'd Robert Robinson and died in Mississippi; 4 children.
- II. MARIA BROWN, m'd Richard Dunlap. Live in Texas; 5 children.
- III. MISSOURI BROWN, b. Nov. 25, 1842; m'd July 4, 1867, Thos. C. Jacks, b. in 1842, son of Sidney. Ch:
 1. *Garnet*, b. Dec. 19, 1877.
- IV. OSCAR BROWN, m'd July 6, 1866, Kate Kuykendall. (See.)
- V. AMANDA, b. Sept. 20, 1847; d. April 24, 1880; m'd Oct. 6, 1868, Robert Nunnely, b. Jan. 8, 1846. He m'd 2d, Sept. 15, 1881, Laura Johnson, of Clay. They live in Oklahoma.
- VI. LAURA BROWN, b. July 27, —; m'd April 4, 1872. David Bullock. (See.)
- VII. ALICE BROWN, m'd Eli J. Arnold. Live in Oklahoma; 3 children.
- VIII. BELLE BROWN, m'd Dan T. Stafford. Live in Kansas City.
- IX. DAN BROWN, m'd June 13, 1883, Sallie Crain. Live at the old Brown homestead, on Wildcat Creek; 3 children.

Dec. 15—Dr. E. W. Brown, oculist, of Platte City, and an outspoken Secessionist, refused to take the required oath; and

after months of imprisonment, his property was confiscated. He was released and went to St. Joseph, where he died. He left a son, Warren Brown.

PLATTE CITY BURNED.

Dec. 16—Col. Morgan, now stationed at Weston, came to Platte City about 4 p. m. with 75 men. A squad was sent to the house of Mrs. Celia Kuykendall, two miles north of Platte City, where they captured William L. Kuykendall, Black Triplett, and Gabriel Close, who were bound and brought to Platte City.

After supper, apprehending some calamity, I went to Col. Morgan's headquarters, at the Fleshman House. Col. Morgan was excited, and ordered a soldier to summon forthwith the officers of his command. The meeting was in secret, but I presume the death of two of the prisoners was determined on in retaliation for the two Federals killed at Bee Creek, and also the burning of Platte City was ordered. As I returned home, I observed the soldiers had built a large fire in the rear of the Baptist Church, near the center of block 29. I could not sleep for apprehensions of danger, and about 12 o'clock I discovered the town was afire. It had started in a store on Lot 3, Block 29. No alarm had been given, and not a dozen citizens were on hand. Col. Morgan's men were drawn up east of the crossing of Main and Third streets. The only brick house on the south side of Block 29 was that of Howell Jenkins. He had a solid brick wall, firewalls and tin roof to his house, and by the free use of water he was saved. I organized a small lot of negroes, and gave my attention to the clerk's offices and the store-houses west of them. The latter were often on fire, but the flames were extinguished. We thought the fire had run its course, when a small flame appeared on the apex of the cupola, where the iron spire left it. I ran to Col. Morgan, who was excited. He denounced his men for burning the court-house, and exclaimed, "I told you the court-house must not be burned. Go and put it out." A half-dozen left. I suggested to Col. Morgan that he turn his cannon on the fire, and blow off the top of the cupola. The men laughed at my ignorance of military affairs. The men procured a ladder, and several of them went up into the cupola with buckets of water. A bucket thrown from the cupola struck my arm, and the pain was so intense that I went home. Col. Morgan's talk showed plainly that it was his intention to burn the town, but not the court-house. At least he so pretended.

In the morning Col. Morgan went with his men on a scouting expedition through the eastern part of the county, and returned about 3 p. m. Capt. Wm. Triplett, father of the prisoner, was in town, and asked the privilege of speaking to his son, who, with Kuykendall and Close, stood bound on the street. When I asked this privilege, the reply of Col. Morgan was: "Yes, God damn him! let him say now what he pleases, for he will never see him alive again."

TRIPLETT AND CLOSE SHOT.

Dec. 17—Col. Morgan, at 4 p. m., went with his men and prisoners to the Remington farm, on the road to Weston, and stayed until morning. The prisoners had their supper, and, as they sat on a log, an officer came and selected from the three Triplett and Close, and told them to go with him and several men in his charge. They were taken to the spot where two of Maj. Joseph's men had been killed. On the south side of the road, a hundred feet east of Bee Creek bridge, they were ordered to stand forth and be shot. Triplett stood and was shot, but Close ran into Bee Creek. His hands were bound, and he floundered in the mud. Just as he was rising on the opposite side of the creek, he was met by a soldier, who had crossed by the bridge, who plunged his bayonet through him several times, and left him dead in the mud.

Two days later I passed the scene of this tragedy, and saw the pool of Triplett's life-blood. Some one had, from his blood, written the letters "U. S." on the southwest corner of the bridge. This grim memento of the war was there for many years.

Dec. 20—Capt. Havens, of the 18th Missouri, came to Platte City, and remained a few weeks. He required national flags on all houses, and every man had to take the oath of allegiance to the United States.

THE RECORDS OF COURTS.

The removal and secretion of the records by Gordon and others was ground for the scheme of removing the county seat to Weston; and in furtherance of the plan I was served with a written order, from Col. Morgan, to send the remaining books and papers to Weston. No wagon could be found, as every conveyance had been hid or removed. Thereupon, Col. Morgan sent me two Government wagons, which I filled with cases and old worthless papers. Part of these were returned.

1862.

OFFICERS.

Governor, Ham. Gamble; Congressman, E. H. Norton; Senator, J. T. V. Thompson; Circuit Attorney, J. P. Grubb; Circuit Judge, Silas Woodson; Sheriff, vacant; Coroner, G. W. Hood; Surveyor, vacant; Public Administrator, W. M. Paxton; Probate Judge, S. A. Gilbert; Circuit Clerk, G. W. Belt; County Judge, Jas. H. Layton; County Attorney, R. P. Clark; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; Treasurer, R. M. Johnston; School Commissioner, R. N. Harrington.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Baker, Clark, Harrington, Mer-
ryman, Paxton, Pitt, Smith, Spratt, Wilsons.

Physicians—Baldwin, Guthrie, Redman, Wallace.

Merchants, etc.—Burge, Jenkins, Johnson & Son, A. B. Jones,
Murray & Freeland, Woolfolk, Young.

At Weston: Attorneys—Burnes, Carroll, Doniphan, Fulton,
King, Lawson, Gilbert, McCurdy, Wolf.

Physicians—Beaumont, Bonifant, Shortridge.

Merchants—Basye, Bell, Briggs, Belt & Colman, Deitz, Dop-
pler, Dye, Ellifrit, Kaufman, Lasley & Allgair, Mettier, Miller &
Steele, Mitchell, Noble, Perrys, Raileys, Rhoring, Ringo (post-
master), Walker, Warner, Weber, Wood.

At Parkville: Ashby, Beeding, Campbell, McDonald, Ringo,
Bueneman, Summers, Wilson.

At Camden Point: Flack, Dr. Thomas, Hale (postmaster).

At Farley: Faulconer, Dr. Johnson, Mason, Meads, Swain.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Allen, Ogden, Single-
ton, Wells.

At Ridgely: Gustin, Sayle.

Markets—Bacon, 6 cents; beef, 3 cents; flour, \$2.50; lard,
7 cents; meal, 30 cents; pork, 3 cents; salt, \$1; rent, \$2.50 per
acre; wages, per day, 75 cents.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—No silver or gold in circulation. The notes of the
Missouri banks are all, except the Union Bank, at par. The lat-
ter is discounted 15 per cent.

SILAS GORDON'S COMPANY.

Jan. 16—Silas Gordon's company was this day sworn in at
Springfield, Mo., and is known as the 9th Company, Col. Gates' Reg-
iment, 1st Brigade Missouri Volunteers, under Gov. Jackson's call.
Names: J. Anderson, Isaac and J. N. Archer, Steve Baker, Chas.
and Wm. Barbee, J. W. Barclay, Thos. Barnes, M. R. Bell, Ed Bow-
man, Cal. Blankenship, John Blanton, John Bradley, Thos. E. Bur-
ton, Wm. Callahan, Frank Carsley, Alex. Carson, Martin B.
Carter, Reuben Cassel, Joshua Copeland, Frank Cleed, E. McD.
Coffey, Thos. B. Cole, Ben S. Cooper, Silas Elliston, Thad. Farley,
B. G. Frazier, Jas. G. Gardiner, Silas M. Gordon, Will Hadley,
J. Halpin, Mit. Hartman, Del. Harris, Mat Hudson, John James,
Thos. Jenkins, F. Kennedy, Peyton Long, R. A. Locke, Sid. Lanter,
R. W. Mitchell, M. B. Minnear, T. L. Moore, Alex. Morgan, J. W.
Olvis, Wm. Palmer, Ben S. Powell, Harvey Rector, E. and J. B.
Redman, Geo. Reed, John Rowley, D. R. Shoemaker, Dr. W. F.
Stark, C. H. Steele, Aug. Spratt, Henry Sutton, J. W., W. D., and
W. P. Taylor, Albert H. and Jarret Todd, Jas. B. and John W.
Todd, W. H., Wm. L., and H. L. Todd, Ben Talbott, John P. Tribble,
Elijah Whitton, H. B. Williams.

This list is found in the *Border Times* of March 16, 1866, and it is said Si. Gordon was captured and paroled at Vicksburg. The list had been found but a few days prior to its publication.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—Col. Doubleday, of an Ohio cavalry regiment, with six companies of his men, came to Platte City in December, and left in March, 1862. He was himself a polished gentleman, and his officers and men were well-behaved. They made their quarters in the Dorris and the Tebbs residences. Perfect quiet reigned during their stay, but many deaths from disease among the soldiers produced uneasiness. I have the names of ten that died, with the date of death, and the company to which each belonged. They were buried in our cemetery, but some were removed.

MARCH.

March 6—The battle of Pea Ridge commenced.

March 7—S. A. Gilbert is appointed probate judge, to hold until August, 1865. The county court appointed S. P. S. McCurdy judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas in place of James Doniphan, ousted.

JAMES A. PRICE.

March 15—James A. Price, clerk of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, resigns, and raises a company for the war. It participated in many campaigns, and was cut to pieces at Shiloh.

THE GUERRILLA PARKER AT LIBERTY.

March 20—Greenup Bird, cashier of the bank at Liberty, under this date, writes to me:

"Some time since, Lieut. Lankford, of Cameron, established a recruiting office here, and, after enlisting some 15 men, left for Cameron to bring more troops. On Friday last, in Lieut. Lankford's absence, about 1 p. m., our town was surprised by the entry of 25 or 30 guerrillas, with Parker, of Jackson County notoriety, at their head. Three of them reined up on horseback before the bank door, and questioned me about the whereabouts of the Federals, and how many there were, at the same time presenting pistols at me. Grimshaw, one of the recruits, surrendered; but they shot him through the neck, and left him as dead. But he has revived, and may live. We then closed the bank, and the guerrillas commenced firing in the street. This was kept up some two hours. I supposed they were shooting down every Union man in town, but I now think they were after the recruits only. Ten of the recruits took refuge in an old frame, near the livery stable, with only nine guns. Parker, after firing at the shed for some time from behind houses, sent the recruits a flag of truce, threatening to burn the shed unless they surrendered. They surrendered, and

were marched out of town with the United States flag from the court-house trailing in the mud. Col. Catherwood, with part of his command, reached here the next morning, at daybreak; but Parker and his prisoners were gone."

March 22—Defense warrants are worth 75 cents.

APRIL.

April 1—Slaves are daily escaping—being enticed away and helped by the soldiers. A State law allows a \$100 reward to be paid by the master, for returning a runaway. Organized parties entice a slave away, and confederates capture him and claim the reward.

OFFICERS OUSTED.

April 7—All State officers that refuse to take the oath are displaced. Bryant, sheriff, refused to swear allegiance, and Grame W. Hood, coroner, succeeded. Remington, circuit clerk, likewise refused, and G. W. Belt was appointed to his place. R. P. Clark, for like reasons, was superseded by S. A. Gilbert, as probate judge.

Battle of Shiloh.

April 23—Merryman & Paxton form a law partnership.

April 24—Robert Ross having died, Wm. Turner administers. Ch: 1, Elizabeth Ann Cook; 2, Maria B. Myers; 3, Samuel Ross; 4, David Ross; 5, James; 6, Robert; 7, Mary; 8, William.

April 6—BENJ. F. KIMSEY having died, Thos. Kimsey administers. Bond, \$1,200. He married May 13, 1858, Frances Brown, daughter of Samuel. Their only child was Mary A. Kimsey.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Warrants drawn.....	\$11,831.03
Revenue collected.....	4,441.51
Deficit.....	\$7,389.52

Expenditures in Detail.

Skinner's bridge.....	\$ 5,013.00
Parkville bridge.....	130.00
Roads.....	85.00
Court-house.....	5.00
Jail.....	109.00
Stationery.....	42.00
Printing.....	51.00
Patrol.....	2,769.00
Wood.....	82.00

County Judge (Layton)	\$ 130.00
County Clerk (Lewis)	602.00
Assessor (Stone)	182.00
Sheriff (Bryant)	256.00
County Attorney (Clark)	62.00
School Superintendent (Harrington)	62.00
Circuit Clerk (Remington)	254.00
Treasurer (Johnston)	400.00
Sundries	1,597.03

Total \$11,831.03

May 1—Slaves assessed, 2,318; value, \$319,770.

May 6—Wm. B. Smith is appointed county attorney.

May 7—Maj. Douglas Dale and his lieutenant, W. B. Davis, are at Platte City, keeping order in the county. They belong to the 4th Cavalry, Missouri State Militia. Confederates are haunting Gooseneck, and find aid and comfort at Bradley's, Brown's, and other houses. They give Lieut. Davis much trouble. On one occasion, he was pursuing a guerrilla, at a breakneck speed, when the pursued leaned back in his saddle, and with his revolver shot back overhead at the pursuer. The ball struck the horse Davis was riding in the forehead, and he immediately died. Davis had a dangerous plunge, but was not hurt. I heard him tell the story, in an excited manner, immediately on his return.

May 9—ELI HOGSETT having died April 28, 1862, William Connaway administers. Bond, \$4,000. His widow was Cynthia Ann, and their children: 1, Virginia, b. in Oct., 1851; 2, Perry, b. in Feb., 1854; 3, James W., b. in Feb., 1856; 4, Thos. Hogsett, b. in March, 1859.

May 26—J. M. Carpenter enrolled as an attorney.

Col. Geo. H. Hall, 4th Cavalry, Missouri State Militia, is in command, with headquarters at St. Joseph. He is interested in our condition, and, under his protection, all is quiet in Platte.

HUGH WILSON died in Weston. His widow was Ann, and his children: 1, Andrew D. Wilson; 2, William J. Wilson; 3, John M.; 4, Medora; 5, Edwin; 6, Sarah Wilson.

JUNE.

June 1—Geo. T. Hulse, cashier of the Weston branch of the Mechanics' Bank, resigns, and his assistant, John M. Railey, takes his place.

June 2—W. W. Dale having died, Chas. A. Liggett administers. Bond, \$10,000.

June 3—Joseph Mooneyham having died, his widow, Eliza, administers. Bond, \$3,000. Ch: 1, John D.; 2, Jacob C.; 3, Letitia.

HILAMAN HURLBUT.

June 9—Hilaman Hurlbut died. He was born in Connecticut November 5, 1799. He married Barbara Chisamore, born in Greenbrier County, Va., and died in Platte November 5, 1892. He was a son of Gen. Hurlbut of the Revolutionary War. He removed to Virginia, where he married, and the family came to Platte in 1841, settling four miles east of Platte City. Mr. Hurlbut was a peculiar man. He was 6 feet 2 inches high, and stood erect in soldier-like dignity. He had nothing to say socially, and his sentences seldom exceeded three words. He made no effort to secure friends. His wife was like him, and no company ever entered their house. Cheese was their staple product, and Mr. Hurlbut often brought to market wild pigeons, when no one else thought there was a pigeon in the State. He caught them in some way in a large net. His cheese was tough and poor, but he supplied Platte City for years, with small cakes, at ten cents a pound, until we all got to like "Hurlbut's cheese." Their only child was:

I. CHESTER HURLBUT, who m'd Nov. 13, 1864, Laura A. Swaney, dr. of John. She is a lady of culture, and has published in the papers several continued stories, which were much admired. They live in Kansas; 7 children.

June 18—Columbus Spencer having died, J. W. Martin administered. Bond, \$20,000. He was said to have been murdered.

"THE CONSERVATOR."

June 21—E. S. Wilkerson, editor of the *Tenth Legion*, having advocated secession openly, found himself in danger, and sells the press and type upon which his paper was printed to Clark & Bourne. The latter also buy the material of the *Argus* and start a new Democratic paper, called the *Platte County Conservator*—24 columns, 20 inches long, at \$1.50. It was at war with A. F. Cox, of the *Weston Sentinel*, a Union paper. The *Conservator* was suppressed by Federal authority, after it had been published a few months, and the editors were banished to Iowa.

ISHAM BABER.

June 28—Isham Baber having died, B. L. Lampton administered. Bond, \$15,000. His widow was Elizabeth. Ch:

I. MAHALA BABER, m'd Benj. L. Lampton, d. Feb. 1, 1866. Their daughter:

1. *Matilda E. Lampton*, m'd D. J. Link. (See.)

II. RANDALL G. BABER, a highly honored business man and justice of the peace, at New Market.

III. MARY BABER, m'd Nicholas Owens, dr. of John, of Clay. He died, leaving:

1. *Sarah Owens*, who m'd a Williams, and died in Jackson County, Mo.

2. *John Owens*.

IV. LUCY ANN BABER, m'd 1st, a Blake; m'd 2d, J. H. Williams.

V. ELIZABETH BABER, m'd Geo. Moon.

VI. THOMAS G. BABER, died leaving an only child:
1. *Marietta*.

JULY.

July 1—The Union Pacific Railroad chartered by Congress, to be finished by July 1, 1876.

July 2—The oath of allegiance required by Congress of all officers.

COL. JAMES A. PRICE

Raised Company K, 18th Missouri Volunteer Infantry. It was sworn into the Federal service in 1861. Capt. Price was promoted major June 19, 1862. At the battle of Shiloh one-third of Company K were killed or wounded. Capt. Price himself was one of the latter. With a view of raising a new regiment, Maj. Price resigned and proceeded to enlist men in Weston. In July, 1862, he had 800 men; and on organization he was made colonel, John Doniphan lieutenant-colonel, and John M. Clark major. The regiment was raised under the call of Governor Gamble for home protection, and consisted of Company A, Capt. W. T. Woods; Company B, Capt. Jas. M. Noland; Company C, Capt. W. J. Fitzgerald; Company D, Capt. Chas. G. Peacock; Company E, Capt. John H. Burt; Company F, Capt. Morton P. Moore; Company G, Capt. Charles Guenther; Company H, Capt. Samuel J. Miller. This regiment was known as the 39th, and kept good order in the county until disbanded, November 1, 1863. Thenceforth, until the organization of the "Pawpaws," we were the prey of predatory bands of outlaws, who robbed and hung our people at their pleasure.

July 16—Three Federal soldiers, apprehended for crime, are brought to Platte City for examination. A squad of "Red-legs" appear, and order the prisoners to leave. One goes with them, and the other two remain. Col. J. A. Price sends a troop of his soldiers to see that there is no interference with the course of justice.

AUGUST.

Aug. 4—Elias Barbee having died, T. F. Warner administers. Bond, \$5,000.

THE BARBEE FAMILY.

Elias Barbee (i), a Revolutionary soldier, was born in Virginia, June 14, 1763. He married Elizabeth Slaughter, born July 12, 1763, in Virginia. Near the close of the eighteenth century, they removed to Green County, Ky. Here Elias Barbee (ii) was

born in 1804, and died June 19, 1862. He was twice married: first, in August, 1825, to Mary Durham, daughter of James. She was born in 1808, and died. He married, in Kentucky, second, August 29, 1841, Sarepta Graham, born January 17, 1811, and died March 25, 1896. She lived with her dutiful children after her husband's death. She read much, and kept informed of the religious and political news of the day. Some years ago, her hip was dislocated by a fall from a wagon, and she had to use crutches. The Barbees are a distinguished family in Virginia and Kentucky. In my youth, I was well acquainted with Joshua Barbee and his family, of Danville, Ky. Joshua was an uncle of Elias Barbee (ii). The latter was a Southern gentleman of independence, energy, and enterprise. He and all his family espoused the cause of the South, and lost property and blood in the struggle. They came to Pleasant Ridge in 1847, and in its churchyard all the name expect to be buried. The first wife's children were:

- I. JAMES D. BARBEE, b. in Jan., 1827; m'd Amanda Miller, dr. of Lewis (see); 10 children.
- II. MARY W. BARBEE, b. in March, 1828; m'd April 29, 1849, John Mentor.
- III. OSCAR H. BARBEE, b. in March, 1830; m'd in 1856, Eliza J. Sloan, b. April 22, 1839, dr. of Allen. They live in Andrew County.
- IV. WM. T. BARBEE, b. in Dec., 1831; d. in Utah March 24, 1896, aged 65 years; m'd in 1881, Alice Moseby.
By second wife:
- V. NANNIE O. BARBEE, b. in June, 1842; m'd Feb. 18, 1873. James J. Gabbert, b. Oct. 23, 1840; d. March 1, 1897. Ch:
1. *Barbee Gabbert*. 2. *John E. D.* 3. *Hope Gabbert*.
- VI. JOHNSON BARBEE, b. in Jan., 1844; m'd in 1884, Kittie Appleby.
- VII. LAURA BARBEE, b. in June, 1847; m'd Dec. 2, 1868, D. O. Darnall. (See.)
- VIII. GRAHAM BARBEE, b. in June, 1849; m'd Jan. 18, 1887, Ella Nora Wyatt.
- IX. EMMET BARBEE, b. Oct. 25, 1847; d. Aug. 21, 1896; m'd Dec. 13, 1866, Fannie B. Waggoner Ch:
1. *Alice*. 2. *Daisie*. 3. *Laura*. 4. *Peyton*.
Daisie graduated in June, 1896, from the Law Department of Washington University, taking the prize over 38 competitors.

Aug. 5—James M. Murray and C. M. Boyd enrolled as attorneys.

Maj. Harsel's house, at Liberty, burned at 3 p. m., by incendiaries. Harsel was in command of the new militia, in the absence of Col. Penick. Gen. Loan is in command at St. Joseph.

MAJ. DRUMHILLER is in command at Platte City, with part of Col. Penick's 5th Cavalry, Missouri State Militia. Wagons and teams are pressed for transportation to Richmond, Mo. J. H.

Berry, A. Tribble, R. J. Robertson, and others send teams on the trip of six days.

Aug. 6—F. G. Gaylord appointed by the county court to examine and license teachers for Platte.

Aug. 9—Greenup Bird, cashier of the bank at Liberty, writes to me: "A man named Thatcher, who had given bond and taken the iron-clad oath, was charged with violating the same, by stating he had killed Union soldiers, and would do so again, and who had made other treasonable utterances, was hung, about two miles south of Liberty, by order of Col. Penick. The stable of Henry Foley (a strong Union man), near where Thatcher was hung, was burned this morning. The people are to-day enrolling pretty fast."

Aug. 13—Mr. Bird again writes to me: "Independence was taken on Monday by a band of guerrillas under John T. Hughes. The Federals were driven into the bank and threatened with fire. An adjacent house already burning, they surrendered. Thirty or forty Federals were killed, and eight or ten guerrillas, and among the latter, John T. Hughes. Some forty Federals escaped, and others were paroled.

Aug. 15—Quantrell and Hays issue orders to kill all Federal recruits.

Aug. 16—Henry M. Woodsmall, of Parkville, crossed the Missouri with 128 Southern recruits. Oscar Beery was second lieutenant of the company.

Aug. 25—Thomas Foster having died, A. T. Foster administered. Bond, \$12,000. His widow was Margaret, and children: 1, Hannah Combs; 2, Mary Judy; 3, Martha Galbraith; 4, Elgiva Foster; 5, Ammon Foster; 6, Rebecca; 7, Carey Foster.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 9—A. G. Beller enrolled as an attorney.

Sept. 11—Battle of Bloomfield.

Sept. 22—President Lincoln's first Emancipation Proclamation.

Sept. 30—Lieut. D. Bonham, of the 4th Regiment (Col. Hall's), Missouri State Militia, stationed at Platte City.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—The Stamp Law went into effect.

Oct. 6—Waller R. Brady having died, his widow, Eliza, administered. Ch: 1, Josephine Brady; 2, Georgeann; 3, Elizabeth Brady.

S. P. S. McCurdy reports to the county court that he had

delivered \$50,000, in county bonds to Jas. N. Burnes, president of the W. & A. Railroad Company.

Silas Gordon, Boaz Roberts, Quantrell, "Red-legs," "jay-hawkers," "bushwhackers," guerrillas, press-gangs, outlaws, robbers, thieves, murderers, etc., etc., are topics.

Oct. 10—Richard Shackelford having died, his widow administered. Bond, \$10,000. Ch: 1, Jas. Shackelford; 2, William; 3, Richard; 4, George; 5, Arch.; 6, Thomas; 7, Philip; 8, Mary E., m'd a Mayo; 9, Celia.

JOHN F BROADHURST.

Oct. 14—Ex-Judge John F. Broadhurst having died near Parkville, his widow, Z. G. Broadhurst, administered. Bond, \$4,000. He was a man of sprightliness, and possessed good business qualifications. He served a term as county judge, and voted for the subscription of \$200,000 in bonds to the P. & G. Railroad, which, with as much more, in interest, the county had to pay, without receiving any consideration. Ch:

I. MARGARET E. BROADHURST, m'd Nov. 22, 1859, Jas. H. Prather. Their daughter, Alta B. Prather, m'd Jan. 1, 1896, Holland Boydston.

II. COLUMBUS W. BROADHURST, b. in 1842; m'd Dec. 8, 1875, A. B. Prather.

III. JAMES T. BROADHURST, b. in 1844; m'd Feb. 12, 1873, Sarah J. Mitchell.

IV. WILLIAM S. BROADHURST, b. in 1846.

Oct. 23—Fire at Plattsburg destroyed the office of the *Northwestern Reporter* and the stores of McMichael & Funkhouser, and of Townsend & Ireland. The heirs of John T. Hughes were damaged \$15,000.

NOVEMBER.

THE ELECTION.

Congressman—A. A. King, 583; J. H. Birch, 877; E. M. Samuel, 94.

State Senator—John Doniphan (no opposition), 1,157.

Representatives—H. J. Wolf, 1,002; John Wilson, 881; Briggs, 611; Brown, 434.

Sheriff—W. T. Woods, 928; G. W. Hood, 595.

Treasurer—R. Mat. Johnston, 1,319.

Coroner—J. M. Mulkey, 766; L. R. Ringo, 524.

Assessor—J. A. Stone.

Attorneys now have to take the iron-clad oath.

Nov. 3—James M. Bell, commissioner, reports 10 inmates in the poor-house.

JAMES DAVIS.

James Davis having died, Noah Beery administered. Ch:

I. MILTON DAVIS. II. EPHRAIM DAVIS.

III. JAMES S., in Oregon.

IV. EMELINE DAVIS, m'd Allen Goodwin.

V. HARRIET DAVIS, m'd James P. Denny, son of Robert and brother of Jeff. Denny. James P. died near Edgerton in Nov., 1891. He bore a good name, and possessed influence. Children:

1. *Artemesia Denny*, b. in 1845; m'd Feb. 24, 1864, Benj. F. Clark, b. Feb. 15, 1845, son of Jos. Clark, of Edgerton, b. in 1812. Mr. B. F. Clark is a merchant of Edgerton, an elder in the Christian Church, and a man of pure life and of truth and justice. He came to Edgerton in 1882. Ch: [a] Saraetta Clark, b. Feb. 14, 1866; [b] Ida M. Clark, b. May 1, 1868; m'd Aug. 27, 1883, A. J. Jennings, son of William; [c] James P., b. Nov. 24, 1874; [d] John P. Clark.
2. *Sarah Denny*, m'd 1st, Robert Lizer, son of Peter; 5 children; m'd 2d, Richard Harrington. Ch. by Lizer: [a] Effie; [b] Adelia; [c] Wilson Lizer; [d] Louisa; [e] Robert Lizer. Also 4 by Harrington.
3. *Susan Denny*, m'd 1st, Henry Edwards, dead. Ch: [a] Henry Edwards. She m'd 2d, Thos. Kennedy. Ch: [b] Hattie.
4. *Mary J. Denny*, m'd Frank Edwards; 6 children.
5. *F. M. Denny*, b. March 9, 1852; m'd Sept. 1, 1874, Annie Harsha, dr. of Andrew. Ch: [a] Ernest Denny; [b] Lizzie Denny; [c] Dallas; [d] Frank; [e] Fred Denny.
6. *James R. Denny*, m'd Sept. 5, 1880, Maud E. Porter, dr. of Nic. Ch: [a] Claud; [b] Jessie; [c] Gertie; [d] May Denny.
7. *William S. Denny*, m'd Aug. 22, 1880, Luella Jennings, dr. of Joseph. Ch: [a] Myrtle; [b] Alvis; [c] Cleland; [d] John; [e] William.
8. *George R. Denny*, m'd Aug. 23, 1885, Emily Jennings, dr. of Joseph. She d. March 14, 1894, leaving: [a] Stella.
9. *Charles Denny*, m'd Hettie Stone. Ch: [a] Perry.
10. *John M. Denny*, m'd 1st, Hannah Ewell, b. in 1870; d. May 11, 1890, leaving: [a] Hattie; [b] Kittie. John M. m'd 2d, Rosa Vermillion, dr. of Marcus.

VI. ARTEMESIA DAVIS, m'd C. C. Robbins, of Kentucky.

JEPHTHAH MONTGOMERY.

Nov. 5—Jephthah Montgomery having died, James S. Owens administers. Bond, \$6,000. He married December 21, 1841, Miranda Adams, born February 4, 1823, and died March 11, 1895, aged 72 years. They came to Platte in 1854. Ch:

- I. HENRIETTA DANIEL. II. JOHN A. MONTGOMERY.
 III. WILLIAM MONTGOMERY, dead. IV. JAMES F.
 V. NANCY MONTGOMERY, m'd Nov. 2, 1871, Meritt S. Wilson,
 b. Jan. 29, 1849, son of Mat. B.
 VI. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, dead.

Nov. 24—Judge Silas Woodson rommenced a term of circuit court that lasted long, and an immense amount of business was transacted. Many defendants were in the Southern army, and jurisdiction was obtained by attachment or publication. This term was held in the Baptist church, the county court having rented it for the purpose. The preceding term was held in the Male Academy, but very little was done.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 6—Gov. C. F. Jackson died at Little Rock, Arkansas.

ELDER HIRAM WALLER.

Dec. 9—Elder Hiram Waller died. He was born in Fauquier County, Virginia, June 8, 1802. His father, Lewis Waller, was born in the same county June 1, 1772, and died in July, 1842. Lewis married Elizabeth W. Woodruff, born October 19, 1775, daughter of Owen Woodruff, an emigrant from Scotland. Their son, Hiram Waller, married January 13, 1829, Eliza J. Gaines, born October 11, 1813, and died July 10, 1895, daughter of Richard H. Gaines, of Fauquier County, Virginia. Hiram and his family came west in 1837, and settled in Clay County, Mo. In 1838 they crossed the line into Platte. He was well educated, and kept well informed upon the topics of the day. He was an elder in the Christian Church, and often led his brethren in their devotions. He labored ardently and zealously for the success of the Church, and all his family have followed him in their religious tenets. Few farmers in the county had wider or better influence. Ch:

I. RICHARD LEWIS WALLER (i). b. in Fauquier Co., Va., Jan. 30, 1830. After receiving an academic education, he engaged, in 1855, in the mercantile business at Platte City with James E. Frost. When the war broke out, he joined Capt. W. P. Chiles' company of the Missouri State Guard, and was at the battles of Lexington, Springfield, *et al.* When the State Guard entered the Confederate service, he became lieutenant in Col. Elhart's battalion of Shelby's brigade, and served to the end of the war. In 1872 he was elected collector of Platte County, and in 1874 circuit clerk, and was reelected in 1878. In 1884 he was appointed county judge, to fill a vacancy, and at the end of his term was elected to the same office. He now lives on his large farm, four miles east of Platte City. He owns the old Waller homestead, and his two sisters live with him. He never married, and yet he possesses intelligence, thrift, and business qualifications.

- II. ELBERT OSBORN WALLER, b. Aug. 23, 1831, in Virginia; m'd Dec. 2, 1855, Nannie A. Christy (see), b. Jan. 7, 1835. Mr. Waller is one of the solid men of the county, and wields influence in the Christian Church and the Democratic party. He has never offered for office, but his name has been frequently suggested for places of honor and profit. Mrs. Waller possesses the beauty and amiability of her parents. Ch:
1. *Richard L. Waller* (ii), m'd Nov. 24, 1891, the lovely Lou Tatman, dr. of James.
- III. ELMIRA WALLER, b. Aug. 1, 1833; m'd March 30, 1858, Joel W. Moore. (See.)
- IV. FOUNTAIN L. WALLER, b. Oct. 7, 1838, in Platte. He entered the Southern army, and fought at Lexington and at Pea Ridge. He is an intelligent and kind-hearted Christian gentleman, and has managed his affairs with discretion and success. He m'd 1st, Feb. 11, 1875, Minnie Johnston, dr. of Stephen. She d. Jan. 30, 1883, leaving:
1. *George Hiram Waller*. 2. *Le Verda*. 3. *Elbert Waller*.
- Mr. Waller m'd 2d, April 23, 1890, Orvilla George, dr. of Thornton George, of Clinton County. The family live on a farm four miles east of Platte City, and there is their graveyard.
- V. MARY E. WALLER, b. Nov. 22, 1850; m'd Dec. 25, 1872, Marion P. Collins. (See.)

PEYTON MURPHY.

Dec. 11—Peyton Murphy having died, W. H. Kimsey administered. Bond, \$6,000. He lived in Preston Township. Ch:

- I. ELIZABETH, m'd Dec. 5, 1839, Jonathan Owens. They live in Texas.
- II. MINERVA MURPHY. III. JOSEPH, lives in Texas.
- IV. NANCY F. V. GEO. W. MURPHY. (See.)
- VI. JOHN C. MURPHY, m'd Feb. 11, 1862, Lucy F. Jackson.

Dec. 20—Eugene Stochr having died, Frank Stochr administers. Bond, \$3,000.

JACOB PITTS.

Jacob Pitts having died, his widow, Hannah Pitts, administers. Bond, \$5,000. He married March 22, 1846, Hannah Burt, daughter of John (i) and sister of Capt. J. H. Burt. Mrs. Hannah Pitts married, second, Jack Doyle; and married, third, C. S. Bruce. She is now a widow, living opposite Leavenworth. Her children by her first husband:

- I. JOSEPH R. PITTS, b. June 2, 1855; d. Oct. 8, 1892; m'd Mattie Pew. Ch:
1. *Mattie Pitts*. 2. *Joseph*.

- II. CHARLES H. PITTS, b. June 1, 1858; m'd Aug. 2, 1882, Sunie Oliver, dr. of Lem. T. Ch:
 1. *Claire*. 2. *Della*. 3. *Edna*. 4. *Minnie*.
- III. FRANKLIN PITTS, b. July 16, 1862; m'd Feb. 24, 1897, Jennie Olvis. (For the Pitts family, see William Pitts.)

1863.

OFFICERS.

Governor, Ham. R. Gamble; Congressman, A. A. King; Senator, John Doniphan; Circuit Judge, Silas Woodson; Circuit Attorney, J. P. Grubb; Assessor, Jas. A. Stone, Surveyor, vacant; Treasurer, R. Mat. Johnston; Examiner of Teachers, F. G. Gaylord; Representatives, John Wilson and H. J. Wolf; Circuit Clerk, Geo. W. Belt; Sheriff, W. T. Woods; Probate Judge, S. A. Gilbert; County Judge, Jas. H. Layton; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; County Attorney, W. B. Smith; Public Administrator, W. M. Paxton; Coroner, J. M. Mulkey.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Baker, Clark, Boyd, Harrington, Herndon, Hollingsworth, Merryman & Paxton, Norton, Smith, Wilson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Guthrie, Redman, Wallace.

Merchants, etc.—Burge, Cochran (postmaster), Jenkins, Johnston & Son; S. Johnston, Richard M. Johnson, Jones, Likins, Murray & Freeland, Lutes, Young.

Lodges—No. 56, R. P. Clark, W. M.; Neb. 12, G. L. Moad, N. G. Newspaper, *Conservator*, Clark & Bourne, editors.

At Weston: Attorneys—Burnes, Carroll, Doniphan, Fulton, King, Lawson, McCurdy, Wolf.

Physicians—Beaumont, Bonifant, Boyd (dentist), Shortridge.

Merchants, etc.—Bell, Belt, Briggs, Conwell & Spencer, Doppler, Dye, Ellifrit, Goldstein, Kaufman, Matheny, Mettier, Mitchell, Noble, Perrys, Raileys, Rohring, Ringo (postmaster), Roney, Walker, Warner, Wood.

Newspaper—*Platte County Sentinel*, A. F. Cox, editor.

Mayor—W. F. Yocom.

Court of Common Pleas—McCurdy, judge; Hood, marshal; Heriot, clerk.

At Camden Point: Hale (postmaster), Gaylord (president).

At Farley: Johnson, Mason, Meads, Smith, Swain.

At Parkville: Bueneman (postmaster), Campbell, McDonald, Ringo, Summers, Wilson.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Cartwright, Tufts, Wells.

At Ridgely: Gustin, Sayle.

JANUARY.

THE SITUATION.

Jan. 1—The year 1863 was shadowed by clouds without a shaft of sunshine. The bloody banner of internecine strife waved angrily over the land. Every available soldier had gone to the front, or was skulking in Northern States. At home we were disarmed, and left a prey to marauding outlaws. Prowling murderers, by day, dressed in Federal uniform and bearing forged military orders, searched houses, barns, and stables for arms; and at night returned as "Red-legs" to rob and hang the people. The militia were active in suppressing "bushwhackers," but gave themselves no concern about thieves and murderers. I administered on three persons who were murdered by "Red-legs." In September the "Pawpaws" were organized by Col. James H. Moss. No "Red-legs" thenceforth troubled us. For a time we had peace and security. But Calhoun Thornton commenced recruiting for the South, corrupted the militia, and "bushwhackers" became as dangerous as the "Red-legs" had been. The sequel will show the disastrous end of Thornton's work. Courts did little or nothing. Hog cholera prevailed, but the season was propitious.

EMANCIPATION.

President Lincoln issued his second proclamation liberating slaves in all parts of the United States in open rebellion. The State of Missouri was not included, but in a short time the fourteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution was ratified, and it put an end to slavery throughout the Union.

The first snow of the winter fell to-day.

Prof. F. G. Gaylord takes the Camden Point Academy.

Ebenezer N. O. Clough and Wm. McN. Clough remove from Parkville to Leavenworth.

THOMAS J. WILSON.

Jan. 2—Thomas J. Wilson having died at Parkville, Chas. S. Wilson administers. Bond, \$6,000. Thomas J. was a business man, and a partner of C. P. Summers in the mercantile line. His widow was Eliza. Ch:

- I. ADELINE WILSON, m'd Thomas E. Mills.
- II. THOMAS J. WILSON (ii), m'd March 19, 1863, Elizabeth Faubion. After she died, he m'd Tillie J. Wysong.
- III. W. W. WILSON, was a business man of high standing in Parkville. His urbane manners and cordial address were the outgoings of a kind heart. After marriage, he went to

Kansas City, and engaged in the real estate and loan business with success. I had much correspondence with him, and can testify to his strict integrity. He d. Nov. 25, 1888.

IV. L. BRUCE WILSON.

- V. CHARLES P. WILSON, m'd Fannie Campbell, dr. of Rev. W. C. Campbell, who had charge of this circuit in 1878-80. Mr. Wilson is traveling for several mercantile houses. Ch:
1. *Fred Wilson.* 2. *Logan.*

THE VINEYARDS.

Jan. 7—Jesse Vineyard having died, Mary S. Vineyard, his widow, administered. Bond, \$20,000. Three of the Vineyards came to Platte, and settled on Pleasant Ridge. Their intelligence, wealth, and enterprise gave them a high position in civil and religious life.

- I. JESSE VINEYARD, m'd Mary S. Owens, dr. of Nathaniel Owens, and a half-sister of the celebrated Sam Owens, of Independence. Her sister Nancy married John W. Vineyard, and her sister Ella M. Owens married A. G. Williams. (See.) Mrs. Jesse Vineyard spent her later years in Weston, where she died July 4, 1877. Ch:

1. *John N. Vineyard*, m'd Dec. 13, 1866, Emma Pence, dr. of Lewis. Sept. 30, 1872, he killed himself, taking poison.
2. *Benj. R. Vineyard*, m'd Emma Hogan. He is a successful attorney at Kansas City.
3. *Mary Catherine (Kate) Vineyard*, m'd Sept. 28, 1877, H. Clay Cunningham, b. in Kentucky Jan. 20, 1848, a son of Judge William E. Cunningham and Sarah Owens. They live on the old Vineyard estate, between Platte City and Weston, and are engaged in rearing blooded stock. They have no children, but have adopted Miss Bettie Thorp, a lovely girl.

- II. JOHN W. VINEYARD, m'd Nancy Owens, sister of the wife of his brother Jesse. They had children, but all are gone.
- III. BRICE W. VINEYARD, was a man of finished education, and built up Pleasant Ridge College, which afterwards continued under the presidency of Aller, Himrod, Bruner, and others, and was finally burned down.

Jan. 10—Col. James A. Price, now at Weston, requires Clark & Bourne, editors of the *Conservator*, to give bond in the sum of \$3,000, for their loyalty. The paper changes its tone, and compliments Col. Price in equivocal terms.

Jan. 31—Col. Jas. A. Price passed from Weston to Parkville, arresting 25 disloyal men, requiring bonds of them, and seized guns and ammunition secreted in the houses of George Roberts and others.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—The Missouri River is frozen over, and many slaves

secure freedom by crossing on the ice and enlisting in the Federal army.

SHELBY DANIEL.

Feb. 9—Shelby Daniel having died, Cynthia, his widow, administers. Bond, \$6,000. He came from Kentucky in 1854, and settled four miles west of Platte City. He married in Kentucky, Cynthia A. Gordon, died in September, 1886. She was an aunt of Si. Gordon, and suffered severely during the war. Mr. Daniel was a social gentleman, and highly respected. Ch:

I. WILLIAM E. DANIEL, b. in April, 1834; m'd in Kentucky July 23, 1853, Allie J. Wright, dr. of Meredith, b. June 22, 1837. Ch:

1. *Cynthia Daniel*, b. March 14, 1857; m'd March 22, 1876, Chas. Marshall. Ch: [a] Edward H.; [b] Jesse B.; [c] Lewis; [d] Connie Marshall.

2. *Mamie B. Daniel*, b. Feb. 27, 1859; m'd Dec. 18, 1877, Hiram McComas. Ch: [a] Claude McComas, b. Nov. 29, 1880.

3. *Armilda Daniel*, b. Sept. 7, 1862; m'd March 1, 1882, Luther M. Rinehart. Ch: [a] Myrtle.

4. *Fannie Daniel*, b. Oct. 8, 1864; m'd Nov. 26, 1884, John W. Moore (see); 4 children.

5. *Willie Daniel*, b. Feb. 22, 1864.

William E. married second, January 1, 1889, Senie Fox (See.)

II. JAMES H. DANIEL, b. in Kentucky Dec. 7, 1835; m'd May 10, 1866, Missouri Ann Flannery. (See.)

III. RANDALL G. (BOSS) DANIEL, m'd March 22, 1866, Sue E. Coons (see), dr. of Joseph.

IV. ARMILDA J. DANIEL, m'd Almanza Hon, a worthy Christian and highly honored citizen. Ch:

1. *Shelby*.

2. *Quincy Hon*, m'd Nov. 13, 1878, Elizabeth Kimsey, dr. of W. H.

3. *Inez Hon*. 4. *Lee Hon*.

V. MARY L. DANIEL, m'd Edwin O. Wren. He d. in Feb., 1872. Ch:

1. *Lillie Wren*, m'd Oct. 13, 1890, Davis Ramey, of Kentucky. Ch: [a] Edwin O. Ramey (ii).

2. *Mary E.*, m'd Oct. 13, 1890, Richard Oldham. Ch: [a] Olive M. Oldham.

WILLIAM T. DARNALL.

Feb. 10—William T. Darnall died at his home, three miles southeast of Platte City. He was a son of Daniel Darnell and Nancy Turpin, and was born November 25, 1800. He married, in Kentucky, Phoebe Tatman, born in 1813 and died July 13, 1858.

a sister of William Tatman. In the fall of 1853 W. T. Darnall, with his brother, Milton, and his brother-in-law, William Tatman, the Elgins, and others, came to Platte. He purchased a splendid farm, and was rapidly rising in wealth and influence, when his wife died. After a few years, he followed. He was a large and handsome man, of commanding presence and sound judgment. Children:

- I. THOMAS RYLAND DARNALL, m'd July 14, 1863, Jane H. Miller, b. Feb. 25, 1842, dr. or Capt. W. J. Miller. (See.) He is in Colorado, and she in Platte City. He is a constant reader, and well informed in philosophy and science, interesting in conversation, and social in his habits. Ch:
 1. *Morse Darnall*, b. April 23, 1864.
 2. *Floy Darnall*, was lovely, and even fascinating, in her prime of womanhood; b. Jan. 19, 1867; m'd June 10, 1890, Rev. Claude Kelly, who was b. in Ohio in 1867, graduated at William Jewell College, entered the Baptist ministry, was remarkably successful in building up the Baptist Church at Leavenworth, and has established an honored name among his people.
- II. JAMES T. DARNALL, b. in Kentucky Jan. 16, 1830; m'd, about 1857, Anna Simmons, sister to the wife of Dr. J. H. Stringfellow. They live in Independence, Mo.; no children.
- III. LEE M. DARNALL, m'd March 18, 1875, Nannie Hon, dr. of Isaac. Ch:
 1. *Frank*. 2. *William I*. 3. *Herminia Darnall*.
- IV. AB. B. DARNALL, b. Jan. 23, 1846; m'd Nov. 15, 1868, Fannie Sisk, dr. of Robert. Ch:
 1. *William*, b. Feb. 19, 1872.

THOMAS SMITH.

Feb. 14—Thomas Smith having died near Farley, Capt. Pres. Simpson administered. Bond, \$20,000. He was born about 1798; married in 1820, Mary Manning, born February 28, 1803; died January 15, 1892, leaving 3 living children, 59 grandchildren, and 122 great-grandchildren. Mr. Smith was a merchant in Farley, and left a large landed estate, which was partitioned among his descendants. He was an urbane and well-educated gentleman. Children:

- I. JOSEPH SMITH, d. in central Missouri, leaving children:
 1. *Mary E. Hunt*. 2. *Henrietta Stephens*.
- II. WILLIAM SMITH, m'd Elizabeth Tucker (both dead); children all dead.
- III. THOMAS N. SMITH, b. Jan. 15, 1834; d. Oct. 8, 1895; m'd 1st, in 1858, Mary Pitts, dr. of Sam. Ch:
 1. *James Smith*. 2. *Serilda J.*, m'd Watson Winn. Thomas N. m'd 2d, Jane Narramore. Ch:
 3. *Lawrence L. Smith*. 4. *Jane*. 5. *Thomas T*.
 6. *William M*. 7. *Pertie R*.

IV. EMALINE SMITH, m'd Capt. Pres. Simpson, d. in Sept., 1870.
Children:

1. *Letitia L. Simpson*, m'd Capt. Thorning, of Weston.
2. *Berry K. Simpson*, m'd a Kinneman.
3. *Elsie A. Simpson*, m'd April 20, 1872, Dr. Alonzo T. Holt. (See.)
4. *Jane Simpson*, m'd Jan. 19, 1876, David A. Sloan, b. April 6, 1853. Ch: [a] William; [b] Annie; [c] Berry; [d] Stella.
5. *Serilda Simpson*, m'd Wm. Winn.
6. *Victoria Simpson*, m'd April 13, 1887, Ed. T. Stephens. Capt. Simpson possessed superior intelligence and good business qualifications. He was a merchant in Farley, and was a partner of Swain & Mason, in their Platte City store. He raised Company B, 81st Regiment, Enrolled Missouri Militia, and did much home service. He was genial in his disposition, and was beloved and trusted. He was a faithful elder in the Baptist Church, and sometimes preached.

V. SARAH SMITH, b. in 1828; m'd Enoch Porter. (See.)

VI. MARY (POLLY) SMITH, m'd Feb. 26, 1857. David R. Denton.
Children:

1. *Laura Denton*, m'd Feb. 10, 1886, John R. Deal.
2. *Sarah E. Denton*, m'd May 8, 1881, Homer Cresap, b. Aug. 15, 1851. He was a successful teacher, but now has retired to a farm. Ch: [a] Edgar P. Cresap; [b] Joseph O. Cresap; [c] Mabel; [d] Robt. D. [e] Nina.
4. *Kate Denton*, m'd Sept. 8, 1888, Frank D. Downing; 3 children.
5. *Lizzie Denton*, m'd July 3, 1881, Francis Luther Harrington. Ch: [a] Mattie; [b] Gaylord; [c] Walter; [d] Lizzie.

VII. ALSYE SMITH, b. Nov. 30, 1831; d. Oct. 27, 1879; m'd March 7, 1855, Zachariah Mills, b. Nov. 2, 1832, in Tennessee. His father, Henry Mills, was b. Feb. 14, 1805; d. Feb. 4, 1875. His mother was Martha Smith, b. Jan. 30, 1808. Ch:

1. *William D. Mills*, b. May 16, 1855; m'd Susan Babcock. (See.)
2. *Frank N. Mills*, b. April 17, 1858; m'd in Oct., 1891, in California.
3. *David M. Mills*, b. Aug. 18, 1860; m'd in 1878, Julia Babcock.
4. *Henry T. Mills*, b. in 1868; m'd in 1890, a Beard.
5. *John C. Mills*, b. in 1871. 6. *Marcella*, b. Dec. 19, 1873. Mr. Z. Mills m'd 2d, April 9, 1882, Olivia Waller, dr. of William and sister of Elder Byram Waller. She is a lady of superior intelligence and accomplishments. Mr. Mills is a solid farmer, residing eight miles southeast of Platte City, and is highly esteemed for his truth and virtue. He

was in the Missouri State Guard five months, under Gen. Price, and served in southern Missouri and in Arkansas. He is a Knight Templar and delights in Masonry.

VIII. MARY ELLEN SMITH, m'd March 11, 1860, Howard Mills, the only brother of Zachariah Mills, just noticed. He was b. Jan. 5, 1835; d. Feb. 25, 1871. Ch:

1. *Charles B. Mills*, m'd Martha Cole, dr. of John R.
2. *David J. Mills*, m'd a Cannon.
3. *Ida A. Mills*, m'd March 4, 1885, Wm. T. Minnear, son of Garret.

IX. NANCY SMITH, m'd Jasper Kimsey, son of Berry. He died, and she m'd 2d, Elijah Powell. He died and she m'd 3d, — Gibson, and went to Texas.

X. SERILDA SMITH, m'd Oct. 20, 1867, Elijah Whitton, b. Oct. 22, 1836; she was his second wife. Ch:

1. *Edward*, m'd a dr. of Jos. Mulkey.
2. *Robert Whitton*. Mr. E. Whitton m'd 1st, Mary Fanker, who died, leaving:
3. *Ursula Whitton*.

WILLIAM G. BERRY.

Feb. 16—William G. Berry having died, D. B. McMillan administered. Bond, \$16,000. Mr. Berry was a social and intelligent farmer. He was a brother of Capt. James H. Berry. The two came from Madison County, Ky., and settled on the headwaters of Second Creek. I cannot learn the maiden name of William's wife. He had no son. His daughters were remarkably lovely. Ch:

I. SARAH W. BERRY, dead.

II. SUSANNA BERRY, b. in 1833; m'd in 1853, John T. Arnold, a farmer near Barry. Ch:

1. *Elizabeth*, m'd Ben Spicer.
2. *Charles*, m'd Minnie Higby.
3. *Waller W.*, m'd Annie Jackson.
4. *Maggie*, m'd William Frazier.
5. *Dora*.

III. MARY E. BERRY, m'd Hon. Erastus Smith, son of Yankee Smith, of Smithville, and now a distinguished lawyer and politician of Kansas City.

IV. JULIA ANN BERRY, m'd Wilson Everett, and died, leaving:

1. *Margaret L. Everett*.
2. *William H*.
3. *James C. Everett*.

V. MARGARET A. BERRY, m'd Wm. M. Couch. (See.)

PETER KLAMM.

Feb. 24—Peter Klamm having died, his widow, Margaret, administers. Bond, \$5,000. Ch:

I. MARY CATH. KLAMM, b. in 1850. II. SUSAN, b. in 1852.

III. PHILIP, b. in 1854. IV. JOHN KLAMM, b. in 1856.

MARCH.

March 1—Judge Birch is gathering evidence to contest the election of Judge King to Congress.

J. M. Basset, of St. Joseph, provost marshal of this district, writes to Col. Jas. A. Price, of Weston, to give protection to the people of Platte against thieves and murderers.

March 10—William Morin, son of Jesse Morin, is dangerously, but not fatally, shot while assisting his father, a deputy sheriff under W. T. Woods, to arrest a man named Basom.

March 11—Col. James H. Moss, of Liberty, in reply to the request of J. E. Merryman for protection while a justice is holding court at Barry, writes: "I will send some of my men to Barry to act as a guard during the trial, and I will furnish arms to citizens to aid in enforcing the laws. There will be no rescue at Barry."

March 16—Ben. Bowlin having died, his widow, Nancy, administers. Bond, \$700.

March 17—A military draft, threatened, causes much alarm. Robbers loot the store of Tufts & Miller, at New Market. Col. E. N. O. Clough, from Leavenworth, with a military guard, passes through Platte City on his way to Liberty, to procure the discharge of certain prisoners. On his return, Deputy Sheriff Morin tries to arrest him for crime.

March 21—An extant *Conservator* contains Judge Norton's speech on the Conscription Bill in Congress.

March 22—Capt. W. T. Carrington and his company of militia are stationed at Platte City. They occupy the Presbyterian church as quarters.

March 28—Guerrillas, at Sibley Landing, capture the steamer *Sam Gaty*, confiscate the goods aboard, and shoot two of Col. Penick's men. Dan Carpenter, of Barry, was a loser of goods.

APRIL.

April 1—W. F. Yocom is elected mayor of Weston, and D. R. Anthony of Leavenworth.

April 4—Col. James A. Price, having been tried by a military commission on charges preferred, is honorably acquitted.

April 14—John McDaniel having died, Wm. Boydston administers. Bond, \$1,400. His widow was Elizabeth, and his child: 1, Nancy Jane McDonald, m'd Dan'l G. Lutes. (See.)

A. G. SMITH.

April 16—Sarah, first wife of A. G. Smith, died. Mr. Smith was born June 17, 1820, and died December 30, 1894. He was a son of James Smith and Mary E. Burke, of Nelson County, Va.

Mr. A. G. Smith settled at Iatan, in 1854, and was engaged in farming, milling, and merchandising, at that place and vicinity, to the day of his death, and was postmaster at Iatan from 1861. He was possessed of superior mind, and justice, virtue, and honor were his characteristics. He was extensively known, revered, and trusted. He married first, in Virginia, March 10, 1841, Sarah Hill. She died, as stated, April 16, 1863, leaving children:

I. CAROLINE SMITH, m'd D. F. Risk. (See.)

II. JAMES A. SMITH, was for many years the partner of his father in his various enterprises, and since his death is postmaster, and is carrying on the work at Iatan. He m'd 1st, a Brown, who died childless. He m'd 2d, a Calvert, who bore him:

1. A. G. Smith (ii).

He m'd 3d, Margaret Hord, dr. of Anderson Hord.

Mr. A. G. Smith married second, October 22, 1863, Mrs. Melissa Dixon, who had:

III. SARAH L. SMITH, m'd Crittenden Winburn.

MAY.

COUNTY REVENUE.

Collected	\$5,376.54
Warrants drawn	2,911.79

Surplus	\$2,464.75
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County levy, 32 cents; poll, \$1.00.

Expenditures in Detail.

Roads	\$ 2.00
Poor	420.00
Rent of Baptist church	109.00
Jail	19.00
Stationery	473.00
Wood	31.00
Criminal costs	74.00
County Justice (Layton)	130.00
County Clerk (Lewis)	578.00
Sheriff (Hood)	521.00
Circuit Clerk	130.00
County Attorney (Smith)	100.00
Treasurer (Johnston)	200.00
Printing (Clark & Bourne)	21.00
Sundry purposes	103.79

Total	\$2,911.79
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May 1—Nothing paid assessor. Courts were idle. No business of a civil nature transacted. A military tax of \$30 on each disloyal person, and 1 per cent on his assessment, was levied, and,

in many cases, paid; but little of it ever accounted for. The result of the war is still uncertain. Gold is worth \$1.60.

May 3—The battle of Chancellorsville.

JOHN M. CANNON.

May 7—John M. Cannon died. He was born about 1830; m'd August 2, 1848, Susan Tomlin, born January 31, 1831, and died April 13, 1892. She was a daughter of James and Lucy C. Tomlin. Ch:

I. JAMES W. CANNON.

II. LUCY CANNON, m'd in 1875, Alonzo Estes, b. Oct. 15, 1854; d. Sept. 27, 1893.

ITEMS FROM THE "CONSERVATOR" OF THE 16TH.

May 16—The *Conservator* defends Judge Layton against the charge of disloyalty brought by A. F. Cox, of the *Weston Sentinel*. It announces the pardon of Jas. N. Burnes, convicted of treason. It describes Judge Birch's efforts at Fort Leavenworth to reclaim certain runaway slaves, and the neglect and contempt shown him by the military officers. It contains the notice of Capt. Chas. G. Peacock, commander of exemptions at Weston, commanding all to report for duty, under the penalty of \$30 poll tax, and 1 per cent on assessment. It states that pretended Federal soldiers ransacked the house of the widow Permelia Morgan, and then went to the house of the widow Daniel, shot Miss Lucinda Wymer and Mr. G. McCaffrey, leaving them, as they supposed, dead; and, after burning the house, went to the house of Mrs. Gordon, and robbed it of all they fancied. The *Conservator* records the story that Lycurgus Shepard had been taken up in Leavenworth as a vagrant, and ordered to be sold, but he was permitted to redeem himself, by paying \$26.40. W. H. Ewing was treated in like manner.

JAMES GARVIN.

May 21—James Garvin having died, his widow, Susanna, qualifies as executrix. Bond, \$3,600. They lived in Fancy Bottom. Ch:

I. JOHN W. GARVIN.

The will of James refers to other children, but does not name them. The widow, Susanna, married December 31, 1865, Ed. C. Ohlhausen; she was his second wife; no children.

JOSEPH MINOR.

May 23—Joseph Minor having died, A. M. Sharp administers. Bond, \$2,400. Ch:

I. FRANK MINOR. II. GEORGE. III. SYLVESTER.

IV. CATHERINE, wife of William Caldwell. V. T. C. MINOR. VI. LUCINDA JANE, wife of A. M. Sharp.

JUNE.

WILLIAM WALKER.

June 1—William Walker having died, his widow, Luvicy, administered. Bond, \$4,000. They lived south of Platte City. Children:

- I. MARTHA WALKER, m'd Wm. Rector; both dead.
- II. WILEY WALKER, m'd 1st, Ellen Kern. Ch:
 - 1. *Lizzie.* 2. *Susan.*
 He m'd 2d, Aug. 12, 1875, Emma L. Crosby; 5 children.
- III. LUCINDA WALKER, m'd James Alexander, son of Samuel. Children:
 - 1. *Samuel Alexander* (i). 2. *Walker.* 3. *Monroe.*
 - 4. *John.* 5. *Wilcy.* 6. *Tal.* 7. *Leslie.*
- IV. LOUISA WALKER, m'd Geo. Oliver; no children.
- V. MARY ANN WALKER, m'd Allen Button.
- VI. WILLIAM WALKER (ii), b. July 30, 1850; m'd Aug. 13, 1876. M. J. Bowman. Ch:
 - 1. *Oscar Walker.* 2. *Gussie.*

ELDER AUG. H. F. PAYNE.

June 14—Elder Aug. H. F. Payne died by the hand of an assassin. He often peached in Platte City to the Christian Church, and was greatly beloved. We will give his lineage:

- I. EDWARD PAYNE, of Virginia. His son,
- II. WILLIAM PAYNE, born near Lexington, Ky., March 21, 1775; married Millie Harrison. He was a minister of the Baptist Church, and was known as "Parson Payne." He removed to Mason County, Ky., where, in my childhood, I often visited his family. His son,
- III. AUGUSTUS H. F. PAYNE, was born in Mason Co., Ky., April 4, 1807. He married May 20, 1825, Mary Morris, born December 25, 1805, daughter of Joseph and Nancy Morris. He was ordained an elder at Mayslick, and after preaching in Kentucky, came, in 1836, to Clay, and thence to Clinton, where he was killed. His Southern blood was the excuse for his murder. Children of A. H. F. Payne:
 - I. JOS. H. PAYNE, b. March 13, 1835.
 - II. ANNIE PAYNE, b. Dec. 11, 1834. She is now the wife of Hon. William Bland, of Clinton County.
 - III. M. LUELLA PAYNE, b. March 26, 1839; d. in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 27, 1892. She was a laborious deaconess among the Christian churches of western Missouri. For fourteen years she was secretary of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, and her earnestness in the Master's cause called forth the commendations of God's people. With pen, as well as tongue, she led in every Christian enterprise. When her father was murdered, she published an exposure of the crime.

IV. MARY E. PAYNE, b. May 30, 1841.

V. JOHN W. PAYNE, b. Oct. 17, 1844.

VI. VIRGINIA W. PAYNE, b. Oct. 5, 1846; m'd Lendas Duval, of Richmond, Mo. I have lately been in correspondence with Mrs. Duval. Her letters show a noble Christian woman. She and her sisters were educated at Prof. H. B. Todd's Academy, in Platte City.

JULY.

July 3—The final battle of Gettysburg and the surrender of Vicksburg.

CHARLES HAMILTON.

Charles Hamilton, of New Market, having died, I. P. Cartwright administered. Bond, \$8,000. His widow was Sarah, born in May, 1820, living. Ch:

I. JOHN HAMILTON. II. MARY C. III. GLENN.

IV. JAMES W. V. MARGARET E. HAMILTON, m'd a Wilson. VI. RICHARD.

VII. ANN E. HAMILTON, b. in Scott County, Ky.; m'd Nov. 25, 1862, Isaac Pinkston Cartwright. (See.)

VIII. CHAS. F. HAMILTON, m'd in 1897, Lou Brown.

IX. BURNETT F.

July 12—Col. John Morgan's raid into Indiana and Ohio.

July 19—Martial law declared in Leavenworth by Gen. Ewing.

AUGUST.

Aug. 21—The sack of Lawrence by Quantrell. It is said 150 persons were killed.

Aug. 25—Gen. Ewing issues his famous Order No. 11.

Aug 26—The indignation in Kansas over the Quantrell raid is intense, and we are charged as accessory to the crimes committed. The "Red-leg" dogs-of-murder are turned loose. The border is infested with prowling thieves and assassins. The alarm in Platte is universal. We inquire every morning into the outrages committed the previous night. On one occasion a large force was orginzed at Leavenworth to come over and burn Platte City, but the military authorities at Fort Leavenworth interfered. It had been reported that Platte City had indorsed Quantrell.

JOHN BRYANT.

Aug. 31—John Bryant having died, his widow, Mary, administered. Bond, \$1,200. He was born in Fauquier County, Va., in 1790, and died in Platte August 8, 1863; he removed to Pennsylvania, where, in 1812, he married Sarah McCalister, who was born in 1795, daughter of James McCalister, a wealthy Scotchman.

Mr. Bryant removed to Ohio in 1827, to Illinois in 1835, and to Platte in 1837. He made the first settlement in the prairie west of Todd's Creek. He erected a public house for the entertainment of travelers, at the junction of the roads from Barry and from Liberty on the direct route to Martinsville. He was a son of William Bryant, an emigrant from Ireland, and of Sarah McGill, daughter of John, of Virginia. John Bryant's second wife was Mary, the divorced wife of Samuel C. Bowers, and her father was Michael Dougherty. Both of Mr. Bryant's wives were women of remarkable intelligence, vivacity, and beauty. Mr. Bryant was a man of large experience and general information. He was a blacksmith by trade, and kept a shop at his home. He was an agreeable gentleman and an entertaining conversationalist. He possessed moderate wealth; but, being one of the sureties on the sheriff's bond of W. H. Spratt, he was broken up. Children by his first wife:

- I. MARY ANN BRYANT, m'd Judge Geo. Bennett, of Ohio; living.
- II. CARO. BRYANT, m'd a Kelsey, of Ohio; living.
- III. WM. K. BRYANT, b. in 1820, in Pennsylvania; came with his father to Platte in 1837; was in Government employment at Council Bluffs for several years. He went with Gen. Dorris, in 1850, to California, in command of a train of wagons laden with merchandise. From 1856 to 1859 he was the head of the mercantile firm of Bryant, Waller & Co., of Platte City. In 1856, and again in 1858, he was elected sheriff of Platte, but was deposed by the Ousting Ordinance. He then went to Mississippi and engaged in buying and selling cotton; but in 1866 he died, as was supposed, by poison, administered by assassins, to secure his money. Little or nothing was recovered from his estate. Mr. Bryant was a perfect gentleman in his manners, and true and honorable in his deportment. His kind heart and genial temperament made him exceedingly popular. He never married.
- IV. ELIZA BRYANT, a lovely woman, b. May 15, 1827; m'd May 11, 1847, Wm. A. White, b. Sept. 7, 1825, in Estill Co., Ky.; d. in Kansas City Jan. 23, 1895. His father was Joel White, b. in Virginia in 1789, and came to Platte in 1843. His mother was Elizabeth Stites, b. in 1799. In 1879 Mr. White removed to Kansas City, where he died in 1895. Ch:
 1. *Mary J. White*, b. April 4, 1848; d. Jan. 30, 1894; m'd Oct. 18, 1866, Robert P. Tribble, b. Sept. 10, 1845. They went to Kansas City, and thence to Chicago, where Mrs. Tribble died. Ch: [*a*] William Tribble; [*b*] Thomas; [*c*] Robert; [*d*] Bessie.
 2. *Laura White*, b. Feb. 26, 1850; m'd Dec. 4, 1866, Thos. D. Tribble, b. Dec. 8, 1847; d. May 13, 1890. Ch: [*a*] Andrew Tribble(ii); [*b*] Bertie.

3. *Ella White*, b. Feb. 24, 1852; m'd June 9, 1874, Ware S. Carey, b. Feb. 1, 1842. Ch: [a] Ethel; [b] Kate.

A party of "Red-legs" robbed the house of W. J. Norris, near Weston.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—Gen. S. R. Curtis is in command at Fort Leavenworth.

Sept. 5—The *Argus* went south, and was occasionally printed in camp, by the Wiseleys. There has been no paper in Weston, except the *Sentinel*. Harry Hutchinson resumes the publication of the *Atlas*, at Platte City. It is a small 5-column paper, and its tone is discreet—yet it is Democratic in politics, and leans to the South.

Howell Jenkins opens a drug store in Platte City.

Sept. 7—A public meeting at the court-house denounces Quantrell and secession.

JOSEPH KURTZ, SR.

Joseph Kurtz, Sr., was born January 24, 1813, in Würtemberg, Germany, and died in Weston December 19, 1896. He was a son of Carl Kurtz, born January 28, 1774, and of Marie Kessler, born December 6, 1778, dr. of Joseph. Jos. Kurtz, Sr., married April 27, 1841, in Germany, Victoria Grace Noll, born December 21, 1819, and died July 9, 1889. He was a cooper by trade, and came to America in 1847, landing at New Orleans. In 1848 he came to Weston. Ch:

- I. GEBHART, b. in 1842; single; was a Federal soldier throughout the war, lost an arm in the service, and was in many noted battles. After his return, he kept a bookstore in Weston, but is now at Kansas City.
 - II. CHARLES B. KURTZ, b. in 1844, is a handsome, intelligent and chivalrous gentleman, fond of music and the society of ladies. He was postmaster at Platte City for a number of years. He now resides in Kansas City, engaged in the real estate business.
 - III. ANDREW KURTZ, b. Nov. 28, 1846; m'd March 3, 1874, Mattie A. Howard, d. in July, 1895, dr. of Dr. J. B. Howard, late of St. Joseph. He is proprietor of the Kansas City Carriage and Wagon Works. Ch:
 1. *Leighon Kurtz*, b. Dec. 18, 1875.
 2. *Marie*, b. April 8, 1878.
 3. *Paul M.*, b. May 26, 1885.
 4. *Louise*, b. Jan. 31, 1892.
 - IV. JOSEPH M. KURTZ, m'd May 18, 1880, Jennie Clemings, dr. of G. F. They live in Garrison, Kansas.
 - V. ROSA KURTZ, m'd Wm. Alders.
 - VI. LOUISA KURTZ.
 - VII. MARY KURTZ, is a sister in the convent of St. Louis.
- The family, except Andrew, are Catholics.

Sept. 13—Gen. Ewing arrests D. R. Anthony, mayor of Leavenworth.

Sept. 18—Toney Tinsley, having shown undue interest in behalf of the South, was hung by Federal soldiers near Barry.

Sept. 19—The great battle of Chickamauga commences.

THE "PAWPAWS."

Sept. 24—Col. Jas. H. Moss, of the 48th Enrolled Missouri Militia, by authority of the governor, proceeds to organize the 81st and 82d Enrolled Missouri Militia. The former, under Col. Scott, and the latter, under Col. Moss, are known as the "Paw-paws." John Doniphan was lieutenant-colonel of the 82d, and J. M. Clark was major. The several captains were as follows: Company "A," R. D. Johnson; Company "B," Isaac Simpson; Company "C," L. A. Ford; Company "D," W. T. Woods; Company "E," Thos. J. Wilson; Company "F," R. H. Bywaters; Company "G," Aaron F. Osborn; Company "H," C. B. Hodges; Company "I," John S. Thomason; Company "K," Geo. S. Story; Company "L," R. P. Clark; Company "M," Pres. Simpson.

THE SITUATION IN PLATTE.

Thieves and murderers were organized at Farley and Leavenworth, and excursions in Platte were made about three nights in the week. No arms nor ammunition were allowed the people. The law was powerless and the military were disinclined to give protection. In our extremity, it was thought advisable to ingratiate the authorities at Leavenworth. We supposed that they could stop the predatory bands organized on the west bank of the Missouri. Accordingly, G. W. Belt got up a petition, or invitation, to Mayor Anthony and other Union men of Leavenworth, to visit us, that they might form a personal acquaintance with us, and see our defenceless situation. They would learn our peaceful disposition, and put a stop to marauding bands. The invitation was signed by some fifty leading citizens. The 26th day of September was the date fixed for the visit, and the Christian church was thrown open for their reception.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1863, AT PLATTE CITY.

Sept. 26—The day was auspicious. The country people came to town in crowds. Our invited guests were expected at 10 a. m. G. W. Belt, R. D. Johnson, and I were selected to meet and welcome them. About 10 o'clock a company was seen approaching. Johnson and Belt could not procure horses, and I went alone. The company proved to be 19 men of Capt. Burt's militia. We rode through town and dismounted.

COL. J. H. MOSS APPEARS.

A little later Col. Moss, with Capt. Thomason's company of militia, arrived from Liberty. This was wholly unexpected.

They had brought arms and ammunition with them, and proceeded to enlist a new company for the 82d Regiment, Missouri State Militia. They made their headquarters opposite the Virginia Hotel, now the Central. The arms were at the east end of town, and there a company of men was hastily formed.

AT THE VIRGINIA HOTEL (CENTRAL).

In the meantime our guests arrived, and stopped at the Virginia, as had been arranged. Many of Col. J. A. Price's old soldiers were there, with Colonels Anthony and Clough. They were indignant at their reception, and had they been armed, trouble would have ensued. As it was, they contented themselves with cursing Col. Moss. A messenger was sent to the new recruits, at the east end of town, to join Col. Moss, opposite the Virginia Hotel, and the recruits marched down Main Street to the quarters of Col. Moss. Here they remained for the day. This parade incensed our guests the more, and an unsuccessful effort was made to get a military force from Leavenworth to drive off the intruders. But Moss showed his authority from the governor, and assured them he would not interfere with their proposed meeting.

THE MEETING AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

All preparations had been made to hold the meeting at the Christian church, and accordingly about 400 attended, as in duty bound, to hear the speakers invited for the occasion. Col. Anthony spoke of the evils of slavery, and advocated emancipation. It was kind in spirit, but the words of Colonels Burnes, Clough, and McCahon were full of gall. Col. Burnes had just been pardoned by the President for treason, of which he was convicted, and gratefully spoke to his new friends. The day passed off quietly, but much ill feeling was engendered. The new militia were said to be disloyal men, who had been hiding among the "pawpaws," and hence their name.

THE HANGING OF GREEN AND RAPP.

On the night of that memorable 26th of September a company of cut-throats met at the house of Jacob Fulcher, and hung him until he was unconscious. After robbing his house, they went to the house of John Rapp, robbed him, and hung him on a leaning tree. They then went to Tip Green's, and, after robbing his house, brought him to Rapp's, and hung him beside the dead body of Rapp. Two days later I was ordered, as public administrator, to take charge of Rapp's estate. The only valuable I found in his house was a twenty-dollar bill of Confederate money, lying on the floor. It was said that the possession of this money was the excuse for hanging him. I did not inventory the \$20.

CAPT. JOHNSTON'S COMPANY.

This company was organized and equipped, and continued in active service until July 10, 1864, when one-half of them went over to Calhoun Thornton and followed him into the Confederate service. Yet, under their protection, we slept safely for ten months. Throughout the following winter and spring the emissaries of the South mingled freely with the men, and in some measure controlled the counsels of the officers.

R. P. CLARK'S COMPANY.

I was a member of this company. The rolls show that we were on duty 101 days. We were called out occasionally to guard Platte City. Thomason's company was in Clay, the others in Platte. But Johnston's company was the only one that was constantly on duty.

Major J. M. Clark, who yet lives in Clay, is a good man, and was a true officer. If Lieutenant-Colonel John Doniphan did anything, nobody knew it.

"RED-LEGS" DISPERSED.

Sept. 27—We have already seen the grim work of "Red-legs" on the night of the 26th, when Rapp and Green were hung. The next night they appeared in the vicinity of Hampton. They hung W. L. Brightwell into insensibility, to make him reveal where his money was hidden, robbed his house, went to L. Shepard's home, robbed it, and proceeded to Martin Baldwin's. After robbing him, they went to John Timberlake's. Here they were overtaken by Sergeants May and Park, with a squad of scouts sent out by Capt. Johnston, from Platte City, who fired on them and dispersed them so precipitately that they left their booty, including a number of horses. The *Atlas* of October 5th says: "Ten horses were brought into Platte City, the most of which have been proved and taken. Two of Fitzgerald's old company of militia came forward and proved their horses. Scouts have been sent out every night since, yet nothing further has been heard of 'Jayhawkers.' They have left to seek safety in Leavenworth."

JAMES REESE.

Sept. 28—James Reese having died July 1, 1863, his widow, Nancy, née Reed, administered. Bond, \$6,000. The widow died May 12, 1873. Their only surviving child is:

L ANN E. REESE, who m'd 1st, William Moore. He died, leaving:

1. *William Moore.* 2. *U. P. Moore.* 3. *W. J. D. Moore.*
Mrs. Moore m'd 2d, Aug. 12, 1869, Thos. A. Throckmorton. He died, leaving:
4. *Annie Throckmorton*, m'd March 21, 1891, Sam'l M. Miller (ii), who d. in 1895.
5. *Chas. B.*, m'd Aug. 28, 1882, Laura Dean.

Mr. T. A. Throckmorton's first wife, whom he married February 13, 1860, was Mad. R. Redman.

TIP GREEN.

He was hung, as stated, September 26, 1863. Ch: 1, John; 2, William; 3, Mary, m'd Jas. Cannon; 4, Nicholas R.; 5, Martin B.; 6, Stonewall T. Green. Tip was a nephew of Elisha Green.

ENROLLMENT.

Sept. 30—Col. Moss, by E. H. Norton, acting adjutant, gives notice to "all able-bodied male citizens of Platte over 18 years and under 45," to report their names for enrollment to Maj. John M. Clark, at Platte City, Mo., on or before the 7th day of October, 1863.

OCTOBER.

THE SITUATION.

Oct. 1—The Radicals are intensely indignant at the reign of the "Pawpaws" in Platte, and charge them with disloyalty. Col. Moss, in a letter to Lieutenant-Governor Hall, defends them, and vouches for their fidelity to the Union cause. The *Sentinel* and the *Atlas* commend the new militia. The thieves of Leavenworth are disappointed, and submit with a growl. Their loyalty aside, there can be no doubt the "Pawpaws" saved Platte County from thieves and murderers, who would soon have depopulated it. Hundreds of families had left, and many more were preparing to go. Many went to the Southern Army for safety.

Oct. 5—Col. Jennison spoke in Weston, and was followed by Col. J. N. Burnes, in a speech so radical that Jennison discarded it.

BUSINESS REVIVES IN PLATTE CITY.

Oct. 30—The "Pawpaws" have possession of the county, and the "Jayhawkers" and "Red-legs" find their occupation gone. Stephen Johnston (ii), John Zarn, Perry Keith, and Fred Krause resume business, and Howell Jenkins adds a dry goods department to his drug store.

The *Atlas* advertises 25 sheriff sales.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 1—This was an off year, yet a full Supreme Court was elected. It was the first voting done by ballot in Missouri. The Radicals secured their first victory, by the election of Bates, Bay, and Dryden to the supreme bench. State elections henceforth are held in November.

Nov. 4—Jesse Williamson having died, C. Widener administers.

Nov. 13—Henry Vennemmen having died below Weston, A. Tribble administers. He married July 20, 1854, Charlotte Yocom. (See.)

Nov. 14—Leonidas Oldham having died in the South, his widow, Mary E. Oldham, administered. Bond, \$10,000. I believe Mr. Oldham had no relatives in the county, except a sister, Mrs. W. S. Hughes. He married Mary E. Hughes, daughter of

JOHN HUGHES,

Who was born in Maryland July 18, 1786, and died in Kentucky September 7, 1817; married, September 18, 1809, Sallie Williams, born November 8, 1791, and died in Platte in 1851. After her husband's death, Mrs. Sallie Hughes brought her family to Howard County, Mo., and thence came to Platte, in 1837. They settled five miles north of Platte City. Ch:

- I. WILLIAM SWAN HUGHES, b. in Jessamine County, Ky., Nov. 18, 1810. He m'd Matilda Oldham. Ch:
 1. *George Hughes*, lives in Jackson County.
 2. *Robert*, lives in Bates County. He m'd a Pemberton, and their daughter, Ola Hughes, m'd R. E. Williams. (See.)
- II. ALFRED W. HUGHES, b. Aug. 8, 1812; m'd Mary Wallace. He d. January 11, 1875. They had no children, but raised Miss Mollie Nash.
- III. ZERELDA V. HUGHES, b. July 31, 1814; d. July 13, 1875; m'd Aug. 18, 1831, Jesse Morin, b. Nov. 21, 1808, in Bourbon County, Ky.; d. in Platte City Aug. 30, 1884. He was a son of John Morin and Sarah Fishback, of Culpeper County, Va. Maj. Jesse Morin was a man of native intellect and superior education. Essentially military in his nature, he was stern and imperative. He was born to command and lead. After residing for some years in Howard County, he came with a large colony to Platte, in 1837, and settled on the quarter-section lying east of that on which Martinsville was situated, and now the home farm of Judge Norton. This he sold, and then bought a farm near Settle. After the war, he came to Platte City. He was our first representative, elected when Platte was attached to Clay. He became the first circuit clerk, upon the organization of the county, in 1839; and was elected for a second term. He was register of the land office at Fort Scott; was a straight-out Democrat and hostile to all opponents. He raised a company for the Mexican War, and became major of Col. A. W. Doniphan's regiment. His personal courage and moral firmness gave him power and influence. He was not an orator, but his arguments were pointed, and his words were generally obeyed. He had many enemies, whom he allowed no quarter. He opposed secession until war was inevitable. Gov. Jackson appointed him a brigadier gen-

eral. He at first accepted the office, but, on due reflection, declined it. In 1862 he was deputy sheriff under W. T. Woods, and did all the business east of Platte River. Mrs. Morin was a mild and complacent woman, the very opposite of her husband in disposition. Ch:

1. *Martha Swan Morin*, b. July 2, 1839; m'd Nov. 14, 1865, Thomas Moran, b. Aug. 30, 1868, in Madison County, Ky., son of James B. Moran and Matilda Moore. He graduated at Center College, Kentucky, in 1859, came to Missouri in 1863, settled in 1867 near Ridgley, sold out and came to Platte City, and thence went to southern Missouri, where he died Jan. 16, 1896. Ch: [a] William Lee Moran, b. Aug. 25, 1866; [b] Jesse Moran, b. Oct. 2, 1868; [c] Matilda, b. Feb. 12, 1872.
2. *Matilda Morin*, b. Jan. 11, 1844; d. May 22, 1877; m'd May 30, 1853, Nic. R. Grèen. (See.)
3. *John Morin*, b. March 16, 1843; m'd Oct. 15, 1878, Maud Bayne, b. Oct. 25, 1857. John is genial, generous, and gallant. He held several minor offices in Platte City. The family live in Kansas, but have not forgotten us. Ch: [a] Zerelda Sue, b. Nov. 23, 1883; [b] Mary Morin, b. Feb. 23, 1889.
4. *William Morin*, b. July 7, 1845; m'd Dec. 3, 1879, Anna Duncan, b. Oct. 26, 1856, dr. of Col. John S. Duncan, late of Camden Point. William is a farmer, and lives at the Duncan mansion, near Camden Point. Social, intelligent, and amiable, he is much esteemed. Ch: [a] Vallie Morin, b. Feb. 23, 1883; [b] John D., b. Nov. 25, 1888; [c] Joseph M., b. Jan. 3, 1891.

IV. **MARY E. HUGHES**, b. Oct. 18, 1816; d. in Colorado March 8, 1885; m'd Leonidas Oldham. He was a man of sprightliness and business qualifications. He joined his fortunes to the South, and died in the army. Ch:

1. *Belle Oldham*, m'd Joseph Macey, a son of Dr. William M. Macey. (See.) Joe was in the irregular service of the Confederacy, and his adventures would read like fiction. He went to Colorado, where he now resides.
2. *Josephine Oldham*, m'd McVey. 3. *John*. 4. *William*.
5. *Moses Oldham*.
6. *Zerelda*, m'd Wm. E. Sydener, son of John A.

There is none of the Oldham family left in Platte.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 8—President Lincoln offers, by proclamation, amnesty to all who will take the oath of allegiance.

Dec. 19—Sixty negroes recruited for the Federal army, at Liberty, go to the front.

Dec. 31—A blizzard.

1864.

OFFICERS.

Governor, H. Gamble died January 31st, and W. P. Hall succeeded him; Congressman, Austin A. King; State Senator, John Doniphan; Circuit Judge, William Heren; Circuit Attorney, J. P. Grubb; Sheriff, W. T. Woods; Assessor, James A. Stone; Public Administrator, W. M. Paxton; Representatives, J. Wilson and H. J. Wolf; Circuit Clerk, G. W. Belt; Probate Judge, S. A. Gilbert; County Judge, J. H. Layton; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; Treasurer, R. Mat. Johnston; Surveyor, L. E. Bradley; Coroner, J. M. Mulkey.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Baker, Boyd, Clark, Harrington, Herndon, Hollingsworth, Norton, Paxton, Spratt, Wilson, Woodson, Merryman, Sayle.

Physicians—Baldwin, Guthrie, Moad, Redman.

Merchants, etc.—Burge, Jenkins, S. Johnston, R. D. Johnson & Son; Prof. Jones, P. Keith (postmaster), Likins, Lutes, Mason & Swain, Murray & Freeland, Mulkey, Young, Zarn & Oswald.

Preachers—S. W. Cope, G. L. Moad, W. H. Thomas.

Newspapers—*Conservator*, Clarke & Bourne editors; *Atlas*, Hutchinson editor.

Lodge—Neb. 12, J. Beery, N. G.

At Weston: Attorneys—Burnes, Carroll, Doniphan, Fulton, King, Lawson, McCurdy, Beller, Heriot, Wolf.

Physicians—Beaumont, Bonifant, Boyd, Shortridge.

Merchants, etc.—Bell, Briggs, Calvert (hotel), Carpenter, Conwell & Spencer, Deckelman, Deitz, Doppler, Ellifrit, Gerner & Frank, Hall, Kaufman, Keller & Ellis, Matheny, Mettier, Mitchell, Noble, Oliphant, Ogden, Perrys, Raileys, Rhoring, Ringo (postmaster), Roney, Schindler, Steubenbraugh, Walker, Warner, Winzer, Yocom.

Court of Common Pleas—Wolf, judge; Mitchell, clerk; Roney, marshal.

Lodges—Odd Fellows, No. 30, Geo. Weber, N. G.; Frontier Encampment, No. 2, Price, C. P.

Bank, Mechanics', J. M. Railey cashier.

High School—B. W. Vineyard principal.

Pleasant Ridge Academy—Aller principal.

Preacher—W. M. Kain (Presbyterian).

Newspaper—*Sentinel*, A. F. Cox editor.

Population estimated at 2,500.

At Camden Point: Hale (postmaster), Gaylord (academy).

At Parkville: Bueneman (postmaster), Campbell, McDonald, Summers.

Markets—Corn, 40 cents; flour, per sack, \$4.00; hemp, \$100; lard, 9 cents; wheat, \$1.25.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Temperature 23° below zero. Missouri frozen over. Clear and still.

Northcut Jones having died, D. Fleming administers. Bond, \$2,000.

DAVID BRUTON (i).

Jan. 4—David Bruton (i) having died, his widow, Mary E. Bruton, administered. Bond, \$10,000. They resided west of Barry. Oh:

I. ADDINGTON BRUTON, went to Kansas. Ch:

1. *David A. Bruton*, m'd Rachel J. —. He d. in Oct., 1871, leaving: [a] Dorinda; [b] Tonadda.

2. *Qualls Bruton*. 3. *Leander A*.

4. *Jas. A. Bruton*, d. in Jan., 1868. 5. *John Bruton*.

II. DAVID BRUTON (ii). Children:

1. *Sherrod Bruton*. 2. *W. J. Bruton*.

3. *Addington Bruton* (ii), m'd Sept. 18, 1856, Lucinda Rogers.

4. *James Bruton*. 5. *Rosannah*. 6. *Rebecca Bruton*.

JUDGE HENRY B. MAYO.

Jan. 18—Judge Henry B. Mayo having died, his son, H. J. Mayo, administered. Bond, \$10,000. He lived near Ridgely. He came, about 1841, from Kentucky. He was an enthusiastic Methodist, and a pillar of the church at Ridgely. He was a noble specimen of a generous, kind-hearted Southern gentleman. In August, 1844, he was elected county judge, and served a term, with Lewis and Freeland as his associates. His children were well educated and highly esteemed. He married Margaret McGuire. Ch:

I. LOUISA MAYO, m'd Jeremiah V. Cockrell. (See.)

II. HENRY JEFF. MAYO, m'd 1st, Jan. 3, 1850, Mary E. Shackelford, who died, and he m'd Sept. 20, 1854, Ruth J. Phelps, who survived him, and m'd 2d, Amos Carpenter. Mr. Mayo was a man of good education and, in some respects, remarkable brilliance. He wrote and published some excellent poems. But he was addicted to the cup. Yet he threw his whole soul into the cause of temperance, and labored faithfully for the Good Templars. He went west and died, leaving:

1. *Richard Mayo*, m'd Laura Mason. (See.)

III. GEO. W. MAYO, b. in Prestonsburg, Ky., March 2, 1818; d. in Platte City Jan. 22, 1883; m'd 1st, March 8, 1838, Mattie A. Smith, b. Feb. 21, 1821; d. May 1, 1843, in Prestonsburg;

and he m'd 2d, Nov. 5, 1845, Carrie May, b. Jan. 18, 1827 (living). He was a man of intelligence and amiability, but lacking in energy. He acted as justice of the peace in Platte City for a number of years, and was highly esteemed. Children:

1. *Georgia Ann Mayo*, b. Oct. 9, 1849; d. Nov. 16, 1879; m'd 1st, April 1, 1865, Arche Shackelford. He died, leaving: [a] May W. C. Shackelford, b. April 7, 1866. Mrs. Shackelford m'd 2d, Nov. 26, 1874, Wm. Fleshman. Ch: [b] Ethel Fleshman, now a lovely woman, b. Nov. 26, 1875; m'd Sept. 6, 1891, S. P. Maddox; [c] Georgia Fleshman, b. Oct. 9, 1877; [d] Geo. W. Fleshman, b. Nov. 5, 1879. I knew Mrs. Georgia A. Fleshman well, and dedicated a poem to her memory, from which I copy a stanza:

Ah! here, you say, was snatched away
 A mother sorely needed:
 Her children's cries, you think, will rise,
 And tears will fall unheeded:
 But winds are mild that fan the child
 Bereft of loving mother;
 And orphans find the world as kind
 To them as any other.

IV. MRS. BAKER, died leaving only:

1. *Henry M. Baker*, of Kansas.

V. JACKSON J. MAYO, went west, and died. He m'd Rebecca McComas. Ch:

1. *Theresa Mayo*, m'd Ant. Palmer.
2. *Susan Mayo*, m'd Oct. 15, 1857, James Price Haydon, of Jackson County, Mo.
3. *Sophonra Mayo*, m'd March 1, 1860, E. P. Lutes. She died, leaving: [a] Rebecca; [b] Lizzie; both m'd Holloways.
4. *Henry J. Mayo* (ii).
5. *Monroe Mayo*, whose son, James Mayo, m'd Aug. 2, 1889, Addie Young.

VI. EMELINE MAYO, m'd W. H. Davis. Ch:

1. *Sarah M. Davis*, m'd Charles Riley, and died. Ch: [a] Julia Riley, m'd W. McMillan; [b] Maud Riley; [c] Anna Riley.
2. *Cornelius Davis*. 3. *Julianna Davis*.
4. *Henry B. Davis*.

Moses Langley robbed by a gang of prowling thieves

The Missouri River is hard frozen, and loaded wagons cross in safety. Trespassers from Leavenworth cross into Platte, and take wood with impunity—the owners being afraid to interfere.

Jan. 25—John Oliver was accidentally shot and seriously wounded by Neely Lutes.

Jan. 28—A. F. Cox, of the Weston *Sentinel*, buys of Remington & Cockrell the press and type of the *Atlas* and removes to Platte City, where the *Sentinel* is issued. In the next number of the *Atlas*, Harry Hutchinson delivers his valedictory.

Jan. 31—Governor Gamble dies, and is succeeded by lieutenant-governor W. P. Hall.

FEBRUARY.

G. S. PARK'S SUIT FOR DESTROYING HIS PRESS.

Feb. 2—The following notice, served on Jos. E. Merryman, will explain a matter of history:

"*Joseph E. Merryman*: In the Geo. S. Park matter, we wish to know if you hold yourself responsible to us for Mr. Shepard's and Mr. Swaney's parts of the compromise money which we have paid. If so, we think your note, or some written acknowledgment, with interest, is due us, after deducting our part of your fee. If not, then we expect you to proceed, forthwith, to collect the same, including their part of your fee, and, by no means, to allow the approaching term of court to pass without action.

(Signed)

"*Jesse Miller.*

"*W. J. Miller.*

"*Joseph Walker.*"

Feb. 6—The Missouri River ice breaks up.

THE GORDONS.

Feb. 10—Lucretia Gordon having died, And. Tribble administers. Bond, \$800. She was the widow of William Gordon. (See.) They lived two miles west of Platte City. Ch:

I. ELIZA A. GORDON, m'd Oct. 8, 1840, John Alexander. Ch:

1. *Dudley F. Alexander*, lived west of Platte City. He m'd Oct. 26, 1869, Mary Alice Russell. He d. in April, 1887, and his widow died 18 months later. Ch: [a] Perry Alexander; [b] Golden Alexander; [c] Mary.

2. *John Alexander* (ii), d. in Oct., 1880; m'd Dec. 10, 1876, Jennie Stewart (see), dr. of Thomas. She was b. in 1853. After her first husband's death, she m'd 2d, in 1885, William King, and went to Kansas.

II. CYNTHIA A. GORDON, m'd Shelby Daniel. (See.)

III. LUCRETIA GORDON, m'd 1st, April 4, 1844, Frank B. Martin. (See.) They went to Oregon, where Mr. Martin died, and she m'd 2d, J. W. Cows, president of the Bank of McMinnville. She is dead.

IV. MARY JANE GORDON, m'd a Wills.

V. RACHEL GORDON, m'd Dr. Jos. M. Holt. (See.)

VI. RANDALL M. GORDON. His personal property was confiscated early in the war, and he removed to Kentucky.

VII. SILAS GORDON, was the notorious guerrilla who brought upon us so much trouble in the war. His acts of daring made him a terror to Federal soldiers, and every scheme to capture him failed. He now lives in Texas.

The steamer *Magers* is making regular trips between Kansas City and Weston, laden chiefly with railroad iron.
Abundant rain.

THE "BORDER TIMES."

Feb. 13—The first number appears at \$1.50. It is edited by a committee of Union men, and published by Harry Howard. It advocates union, liberty, and equality, opposes secession and rebellion, sustains the war for the Union, and approves of the emancipation of slaves. A. G. Beller is the active and responsible editor, and, by his courage and independence in sustaining the cause of freedom, displayed marked ability. While Mr. Beller conscientiously believed in the negro's equality with the white man under the law, he recognized their disparity in society; while he insisted upon the prosecution of the war for the Union, he deprecated extreme measures and condemned inhumanity.

WESTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Judge McCurdy having been compelled to take this property at \$12,000, for debt, now offers it at \$3,500.

Feb. 18—Judge H. J. Wolf returns from Jefferson City to Weston, to hold a term of the court of common pleas.

Feb. 20—Big fire in Leavenworth.

Feb. 23—The Legislature calls a Constitutional Convention.

Feb. 29—A large public sale of W. T. Darnall's personal property by his administrator.

MARCH.

March 1—Heretofore our data has been collected from many sources; but now I have full files of the *Border Times*, and many numbers of the *Sentinel*, but the latter in a few months is burned out.

March 3—A. F. Cox issues the first number of the *Platte County Sentinel* at Platte City. It contains 63 sheriff sales.

March 4—William C. Wells leaves New Market, and makes his permanent home at Platte City.

March 7—A military order is issued, requiring every member of an ecclesiastical convention, or any one participating in such a convention, to take a prescribed oath of allegiance. Some ministers declared that they could not, in conscience, take such an oath, and in many places much trouble followed.

Alexander McAlexander having died, F. M. McAlexander administered. Bond, \$1,600.

March 8—The county court (Layton) refuses to issue the remaining bonds subscribed to the Parkville & G. R. Railroad Company.

March 21—General Guitar and Colonels Williams and Jacobson, of General Rosecrans' staff, pass through Platte City.

The store of F. M. Tufts and F. L. Miller having been robbed, as was charged, by bushwhackers, the loss was taxed on the disloyal farmers residing near New Market, and J. L. Dodson, J. B. Dean, G. W. Anderson, I. T. Lewis, and Rufus Maget were required to pay the damage.

CALHOUN THORNTON.

March 22—It is becoming daily more evident that emissaries from the South are recruiting in Platte County, and that the "Pawpaws" are disloyal. Small bands of bushwhackers manifest themselves at one place to-day and at another to-morrow. They operate where they are known, and some offense against Union men compromises them, so that they have to enlist in the Southern army for safety. The "Pawpaws" generally fell into the snare, and when danger threatened, they had to go south. Thornton was the active spirit in tempting the youth of our county.

JOHN AND SAMUEL WINSTON.

Early in March Capt. Lewis A. Ford, commanding at Parkville, sent a squad of soldiers into the Winston neighborhood, and Capt. Samuel Winston was arrested. He was an officer of the Southern army, and was placed under a \$25,000 bond for his good conduct. Inquiry and search were made, without avail, for his brother, Col. John H. Winston, and it was given out that he was not in the county; but in truth Col. Winston was at home, under orders from Gen. S. Price, to recruit a regiment from north-western Missouri. His policy was to foment discontent in the militia, and to get them to manifest disloyalty, so that they would have to find safety by going South. Col. Winston, fearing arrest and the summary justice dealt out to spies, dressed in the uniform of a Confederate colonel.

On the 22d of March a squad of United States troops passed through Platte City, going east, and in an hour returned with Col. Winston as their prisoner. They had found him at his home, in his uniform, covered by a bed. He was confined in military prisons until the close of the war. His brother Samuel shared his fate. They were in constant apprehension of death, until the return of peace.

APRIL.

April 1—A. G. Beller elected mayor of Weston, James McDowell mayor of Leavenworth, and Col. Penick mayor of St. Joseph.

April 2—D. P. Lewis, county clerk, advertises for bids to rebuild the court-house and the jail.

W. S. Forman, appointed to enlist colored troops, announces that they are allowed \$300 bounty.

April 7—Presbytery of the Cumberland Church meets at Iatan.

April 8—General C. B. Fisk removes his headquarters from Macon to St. Joseph.

April 14—Bushwhackers attempted to make a raid upon Parkville, but Capt. Luthy held them at bay.

Leavenworth wagons still cross and take back wood; but St. Gordon appears, and takes from John Jordan his wagon and team. There was no more stealing.

April 16—The business part of Plattsburg is burned. Loss, \$100,000.

J. B. V. McCall having died, Clint. Tillery administers. Bond, \$3,000.

REMOVAL OF THE COUNTY SEAT TO WESTON.

April 23—A writer in the *Border Times* advocates the removal, and Beller, the editor, comes out strongly in favor of it. The time is propitious: the court-house and jail have been burned, Platte City is in ashes, and, from disloyalty, is almost deserted. This is the beginning of a long controversy.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

May 1—Tax Books 1864: Land, \$2,358,585; money, etc., \$508,259; personal property, \$385,088; town lots, \$275,395; total, \$3,527,327.

State tax assessed, \$13,630; military tax, \$11,740; county tax, \$19,979; total, \$45,349.

Levy, State, 32 cents; county, 48 cents.

The annual exhibit for 1864 is not now of file, nor of record.

Judge S. P. S. McCurdy is appointed a territorial judge for Utah, and goes west.

May 10—Maj. J. W. Hardesty started with a train of 42 wagons, laden with merchandise, valued at \$200,000, expecting to arrive in California by July 15th. The average cost of his horses and mules was \$250.

Ben. Holliday is figuring largely in various enterprises, by which he acquires great wealth.

Slavery is not entirely extinct. It dies slowly.

The *Sentinel* has three pages of sheriff sales.

Robert H. Drennon having died, his widow, Eddie, administers. Bond, \$4,000. Ch:

I. MARY E. DRENNON, went to Texas, and married there James Munn. Ch:

1. *William Munn*, lives in Topeka.

II. JOHN DRENNON, went to Texas, and married there.

III. MARGARET C. DRENNON, m'd John A. Liggon, of Kansas.

IV. SARAH F. DRENNON, m'd James W. Williams. (See.)

V. ALEX. M. DRENNON, single.

VI. FLORENCE DRENNON, m'd Feb. 25, 1886, Samuel Hudson, of Clay.

VII. ELLA P. DRENNON, m'd S. W. Witt; 10 children.

VIII. ROBERT E. DRENNON, m'd June 11, 1889, Ettie Witt. Children:

1. *Charles*.

May 20—Coal in working quantities and qualities discovered on John Harris' farm.

May 25—The State Radical Convention nominated—for governor, Thos. Fletcher; for lieutenant-governor, Geo. Smith; and for secretary of State, Francis Rodman.

May 27—Thomas Hale's store at Camden Point robbed.

The *Border Times*, A. G. Beller editor, gives alarm that Confederates are among us, stating, that Union men have been shot from the brush; that Judge Heren, on account of the distracted state of the county, had adjourned the May term of court; that the *Sentinel* is not to be trusted; and warns A. F. Cox to be careful and notice the disloyalty of the "Pawpaws." Beller proceeds to raise a company of 90 men for the protection of Weston.

A company of soldiers from abroad surprised a party of Confederates at the house of Maj. James Bradley, three miles north of Platte City, and killed Geo. Fielding, John Thomas, and Isaac Shafer.

JUNE.

June 1—Bushwhackers attack Capt. Snyder's company, near Arnoldsville, and kill several men. They then attack New Market, and the soldiers surrender and deliver up their arms. N. P. Ogden's store is looted. Capt. W. T. Woods' company left Weston for New Market, but accomplished nothing.

June 6—The estates of J. H. McHolland and A. J. Moore are ordered into the charge of W. M. Paxton, public administrator.

Lemuel Hudson's house is burned by an incendiary.

CAPT. WILLIAM JACK.

June 8—Capt. William Jack died at Platte City. He was born March 19, 1778, in Tennessee; married, in 1801, Esther Harris, born September 5, 1780, and died in 1863. They were living in Kentucky when agitated by the great revival out of which the Cumberland Presbyterian Church grew, and he became one of the founders of that denomination. They came west about 1820, and settled at Lexington Landing, where Capt. Jack kept a ferry for many years. In 1837 the family removed to Platte, and, after a few years, settled at Platte City. They were a father and mother in Israel, and enjoyed the esteem and veneration of all men. I knew him only in his hoary age, when his whole soul was absorbed in holy contemplations. I procured for him a large-print Testament, and every pleasant day, with the sacred volume under his arm, he would totter to the Presbyterian church, and, at a south window, spend an hour in reading, contemplation, and prayer. Ch:

- I. PATSEY JACK, b. April 19, 1802; m'd July 4, 1821, Joseph Erwin.
- II. L. CULBERSON (CUB) JACK, b. in Tennessee May 10, 1805; d. in Platte City March 30, 1861; m'd Oct. 2, 1828, Stacy Owen (see), dr. of Wilson. She d. Feb. 3, 1896. Mr. Jack was a genial, hospitable, and agreeable gentleman. His mirth and good humor made him a pleasant companion. He was one of the few I have met who could be merry without hurting anybody's feelings. He had charge of the water-mills at Platte City in 1850-3. Ch:
 1. *Amelia Jack*, a handsome and accomplished lady, was b. April 8, 1831; d. in California Dec. 5, 1892; m'd March 8, 1853, Addison Burge, b. Feb. 20, 1824, killed in the street of Platte City Feb. 2, 1872, by a dagger driven to his heart by Dr. F. M. Johnson, who claimed that Burge had offered some indignity to his wife. Mr. Burge was a man of superior intelligence. He kept a drug store in Platte City many years; was elected a representative in November, 1868, over Manoah Miles, from the eastern district of Platte County, by a vote of 302 to 278; but he had much trouble to get his seat in the Radical Legislature.
 2. *Flora A. Jack*, b. April 8, 1831; m'd 1st, Oct. 30, 1850, Judge James B. Martin (see). She m'd 2d, July 23, 1867, Geo. R. Hines, a banker of Leavenworth. She was a lovely woman, and much admired for personal and mental charms. Mr. Hines is an intelligent gentleman, but failed in banking. Ch: [a] George R. Hines, Jr.
 3. *Lavenia Jack (Vene)*, b. March 16, 1833; m'd June 7, 1864 (second wife). Eardley O. Sayle, b. Feb. 24, 1832, son of Dr. C. W. Sayle and Lucinda M. Adams. Mr.

Sayle m'd 1st, May 4, 1854, Catherine Brown, who died, leaving: [a] Lavenia Sayle, b. April 15, 1855; m'd Jan. 5, 1882, Thomas Hudson, of St. Joseph. Mr. Sayle studied law and was admitted to the bar March 14, 1860, but practiced only a few years; was cashier of the St. Joseph National Bank, and is now cashier of the Grant City Bank, Worth County, Mo. He is brilliant in conversation, reliable in business, and one of the best bankers of the day; but his generous and indulgent nature does not allow him to accumulate a fortune. By his second wife he has: [b] Flora Ella Sayle, who was b. April 8, 1866, and m'd Oct. 10, 1889, John F. Robertson.

4. *Sarah (Dump) Jack* (twin with Lavenia), was b. March 16, 1833; d. April 28, 1871, from the effects of an operation for tumor; m'd Jan. 9, 1866 (third wife), Geo. W. Belt (see), b. in Fleming Co., Ky., came to Weston about 1844; m'd 1st, July 9, 1848, Mary E. Colman. (See.) His third wife, Mrs. Frances Loan (née Ferrel), widow of James Loan, he married January 21, 1872; and his fourth wife, Louisa H. Northrup, he married in Kansas City January 16, 1889. Mr. Belt looks like a patriarch, with a commanding person, long, flowing beard, benign countenance, and pleasant address. He delights in Masonry, and the Platte City commandery was named for him. He was engaged in the mercantile business first with Murphy, and then with Colman, at Weston. He was mayor of the city in 1861-2. In March, 1862, he was appointed circuit clerk, in the place of Remington, ousted. In November, 1864, he was elected to the same office, over D. W. Moore, by a vote of 1,029 against 301. In 1866 he was elected county treasurer, over C. M. Boyd, by a vote of 798 to 630. In November, 1868, he was chosen sheriff, over G. W. Hood, by a vote of 808 to 491; and in November, 1870, he was reelected sheriff by 1,394 votes, against 764 for T. F. Warner, and 510 for F. M. McCormick. Subsequently, he removed to St. Joseph, and held several city offices. Thence he went to Kansas City, and is now a citizen of Texas. Children by Sarah Jack: [a] Lavenia Belt, b. Nov. 25, 1866; [b] Sarah, b. March 9, 1868; [c] Frank, b. Nov. 16, 1870.
5. *Moseby N. (Hix) Jack*, b. Dec. 5, 1835. He has not married, but supported his mother while she lived and his unmarried sister, in Kansas. He is a man of intelligence and unblemished reputation.
6. *Martha E. (Tint) Jack*, b. Aug. 19, 1841, is handsome and accomplished. Teaching has been her employ-

ment, and she is regarded as a proficient in her department.

III. ALFRED JACK, b. Oct. 15, 1807, in Tennessee; d. in Platte Oct. 12, 1883; m'd May 13, 1830, Emeline Stapp, b. Dec. 28, 1812, dr. of Judge John Stapp, of Lafayette Co., Mo. Mr. Jack was a man of sterling integrity, and was an industrious farmer. Like the other members of the family, he was a zealous Cumberland Presbyterian. Mrs. Jack is yet a hale and genial old lady. Ch:

1. *Leonidas W. Jack*, b. Jan. 8, 1836; m'd Oct. 26, 1875, Mary R. Ward. Ch: [*a*] Alfred Ward Jack, b. July 29, 1876; [*b*] Archie M. Jack, b. May 10, 1878; [*c*] Wm. Lee Jack, b. Aug. 29, 1884.
2. *John W. Jack*, b. in Platte April 10, 1838; m'd July 20, 1876, Lucy M. Parrish, dr. of Isaac O. Parrish. Mr. Jack is an intelligent and enterprising farmer, near Camden Point, and rears and deals in cattle and hogs. Ch: [*a*] Olie A. Jack, b. Oct. 23, 1878; [*b*] John M., b. Aug. 9, 1880.
3. *Moseby M. Jack*, b. Aug. 10, 1842; m'd Ida May Phillips. Ch: [*a*] Emma Jack, b. July 19, 1880; [*b*] Robert Jack, b. June 16, 1882; [*c*] Mary Jack, b. March 17, 1884.
4. *Mary B. Jack*, b. Nov. 25, 1844; m'd Dec. 3, 1867, R. C. Brock. He died April 21, 1879. Ch: [*a*] Emma Lee Brock, b. Aug. 6, 1869; [*b*] Esther Brock, b. Aug. 30, 1871; [*c*] Alf. O. Brock, b. May 21, 1876.
5. *Alf. C. Jack*, b. March 15, 1847; m'd Sallie Shafer. Ch: [*a*] Lee Jack; [*b*] Fred Jack; [*c*] William Jack; [*d*] Laura; [*e*] Archie Jack; [*f*] Thurman.
6. *Archie R. Jack*, b. May 29, 1855; m'd May 13, 1886, Emma Cockrill, b. Feb. 25, 1864, dr. of E. C. Ch: [*a*] Lucian M. Jack, b. March 23, 1887; [*b*] Archie C., b. Nov. 28, 1888; [*c*] Gordon Lee Jack, b. Nov. 29, 1890.

IV. EVELINE JACK, b. Jan. 4, 1810, in Tennessee; d. in Oregon, Dec. 14, 1869; m'd April 1, 1831, M. N. Owen. (See.)

V. LAVENIA JACK, b. Feb. 6, 1812; d. Aug. 12, 1849; m'd Jan. 16, 1834, Benj. F. Pearson.

VI. BETHENIA JACK, b. March 12, 1814; m'd W. B. Almond. (See.)

VII. WILLIAM A. JACK, b. Aug. 1, 1816. He lives in Pleasant Hill, Mo.

VIII. SAMUEL AD. JACK, b. Oct. 2, 1816; d. at Platte City June 16, 1854; m'd 1st, Sept. 19, 1848, Elvira Johnson, dr. of Capt. Andrew. From her he was divorced. He then m'd, April 12, 1853, Mollie Redman, dr. of Elder William. No children by either wife. His widow m'd Co. P. Reeves and lives in California. Mr. Jack was lame from white swell-

ing, but was an admirable gentleman. He had a passion for music, as had all the Jack family.

June 10—Bushwhackers make a raid on Ridgely, and their leader, Overton, is killed. Fielding is wounded, and, after making a confession, is shot. On the Federal side, Moses Barnes is killed, and Lieut. Cummins and private John Goodwin are wounded. Fielding is said to have shown a list of Union men to be killed, and he said that Calhoun Thornton had three hundred recruits ready to go south as soon as the Union men were killed. Capt. Fitzgerald is now of the 16th Kansas.

June 12—Bushwhackers make a bloodless raid upon Farley.

June 17—The *Border Times* condemns severely the *Sentinel* for assuring the people that all is safe and quiet, when bushwhackers are manifesting themselves by frequent outrages.

June 19—Bushwhackers robbed Elkanah Risk, John Scott, and Madison Dale.

Rev. G. L. Moad made a Sunday-school address, at the Presbyterian church in Platte City, a procession of children marched through the town, and a contribution of \$30 was taken up.

Bushwhackers have a camp three miles north of Platte City. Maj. Clark sends Capt. Johnston after them, but they received notice of his coming and fled.

Rain badly needed.

June 20—Gen. C. B. Fisk visits Weston to inquire into the situation. He speaks from the balcony of the hotel, and is followed by A. G. Beller and J. B. Wright.

The body of a young man named Bailey is found in Lewis Calvert's pasture, and his death is charged on bushwhackers.

June 22—Jas. H. Tinsley, while riding on the road, is attacked and robbed by bushwhackers. He has been a Conservative, but now turns Radical.

June 23—A. F. Cox, editor of the *Sentinel*, returns after an absence of two weeks, and announces a change in the situation. He admits the county is overrun by bushwhackers, and, with a sick heart, warns the "Pawpaws" of the effect of their disloyalty.

Capt. Johnston captures two deserters, Thompson and Ragsdale, and sends them under escort to Weston, but they are rescued at Bee Creek by bushwhackers.

Prof. A. B. Jones announces that he will leave Platte City Female Academy. He gathers a large audience, and, in a set speech, heaps opprobrium upon them for not giving his school proper support.

The *Border Times* condemns Maj. J. M. Clark's military government of the county, but commends the spirit of his proclamation calling on the people to rally to the rescue.

The telegraph now connects Weston with St. Joseph.

JULY.

July 1—Australian Circus at Weston.

Bushwhackers are in camp four miles from Weston.

July 4—The mail robbed by bushwhackers between Weston and Camden Point.

July 6—Sixty bushwhackers enter Parkville, and others are near.

There are two companies of Home Guards at Weston, under Captains Gilbert and Shelsky, but the alarm is so great that Gen. Curtis sends three companies from the Fort, for their protection.

July 7—William Schaback's house, six miles from Weston, is burned, and he is wounded by a shot in the arm.

Good rains, which were badly needed.

JULY 10, 1864, AT PLATTE CITY.

July 10—Thornton at length makes an open demonstration. At 8 a. m. it was announced that Coon Thornton and 400 bushwhackers were two miles east of Platte City, and would soon enter. The stores were closed and all was still. The "Pawpaws" were gone, and Capt. Johnston lounged on the street, with no man to do him reverence. "I shall stand at my post," he said, "though two-thirds of my men have deserted. They have gone over to the enemy, and the other third, through fear, have fled. I have nothing to do but to report." He remained in town while Thornton was here, and when he left, he went with Maj. Clark to Weston, to report. Both were put in the guard-house.

THORNTON ENTERS.

At 10 o'clock Thornton and his mounted "Four Hundred" slowly entered Platte City. No opposition was made. Only one Confederate flag was waved, and scarcely any one fled. The citizens, generally, remained at home.

LAWSON HOLMES' STORE LOOTED.

In the afternoon I went over on Main Street. About 2 o'clock the men broke open Lawson Holmes' dry goods store in the Swaney building, situated where Wells' banking house now stands. A crowd of men, and some women, entered, and bore off armfuls of goods. Many men appeared in completely new suits. My office was in the building. I saw load after load of goods carried off. Two stout strangers with axes attacked the money safe. One, with great muscular power, struck the crack at one side of the door and the other struck in the same crack—and in two minutes the safe was bursted. They were disappointed, as only books were found.

HOW THE MEN BEHAVED.

They were orderly, and seemed perfectly at home. They killed several beeves, and notified the citizens to go and get what they wanted. The soldiers seemed to regard all the citizens as friends. Among them, were Taylor and Threlkeld and their guerrillas. On the morrow all was quiet. One of the foreign companies went to the southern border of Buchanan to visit

REV. CHARLES MORRIS

with the punishment threatened in case he continued to preach in Platte County. They surrounded Morris' house, and demanded his surrender. Morris had armed himself, and had called to his aid two of his friends, and they determined to resist. But the house was set on fire, and as the inmates came from the flames they were riddled with bullets. Morris was a Northern Methodist preacher, and had been ordered by the Platte County Defensive Association to desist from preaching under the penalty of death. But Morris did not heed the threat, and his death was the consequence. The sequel was the death of Dr. Jos. Walker on the 28th day of August, following.

THORNTON AT CAMDEN POINT.

July 12—After remaining two days at Platte City, Thornton and his "Four Hundred" went to Camden Point, and encamped on the road leading north.

THE CAMDEN POINT FIGHT.

July 13—On the morning of the 13th of July Colonels Ford and Jennison, being in Weston, started to Camden Point, in pursuit of Thornton. The force consisted of one company of the 16th Kansas, 30 men; one company of the 15th Kansas, 40 men; two companies of the 2d Colorado, 150 men; three companies of the Missouri State Militia, 150 men; and 2d Colorado Battery, 30 men; making 400 in all. An advance guard of 40 men captured three pickets at Bee Creek, and, after giving notice to the rear, dashed into Camden. A flag with the legend "Protect Missouri" had just been presented to Col. Thornton by the ladies—and his men were enjoying a picnic in the blue-grass pasture north of Camden, and were taken by surprise. After an effort to organize, they fled north and east. But ere they started they fired a volley upon their pursuers. The Federal loss was: Private C. A. Flannagan, killed; Sergeant L. K. Crane, severely wounded; and several others slightly wounded. The Confederates lost: killed, Richard Alvis, Peter Clements, Alemanne Hardin, Robert McCormick, Andrew Smith, and Jesse Myles. Maj. John McCluer was killed at his home, several miles away, by a party in pursuit of fleeing Confederates; and Alfred Jack was shot at, without effect. Years later a handsome monument was erected at Camden Point in honor of the Confederate dead. The flag presented to Colonel Thornton was captured, and is still preserved as a trophy.

FORD AND JENNISON AT PLATTE CITY.

July 14—After burning several houses in Camden, Ford and Jennison come on to Platte City. They made headquarters at the Fleshman House. Howell Jenkins' grocery store was looted. His cellar was well stored with wine, and armfuls of bottles were taken by the soldiers to the officers. I saw Jennison displaying his skill in uncorking bottles. He held the bottle over his head, and with an upward stroke with the back of his sword along the neck, he broke off the head of the bottle. The officers and men were scattered over town, and gave no trouble.

THE SWANEY-SHEPARD BLOCK BURNED.

This block was one of particular detestation. For months, in 1861, a rebel flag had floated on its roof; the owners had been noted as Secessionists, and in its third story was the printing office of the *Sentinel*. The *Argus*, the *Tenth Legion*, and the *Conservator* had been printed there. My office was in the second story. I first observed Capt. Fitzgerald and others bring out the files of the *Sentinel*. They examined it for a half-hour, and dispersed, going in different ways, as if on duty. An armed squad of soldiers took seats on the east side of the building. A few minutes later, a black smoke poured from the third-story windows. I went to the foot of the stairs, and asked a soldier, who was coming down, if the house was on fire. He told me it was; and I went up to my office, and commenced throwing the law-books out of the windows into the street. Some officers, with whom I had formed acquaintance, saw me, and called soldiers to my aid. The books were saved, but the furniture was burned. No one else tried to save anything.

JESSE MORIN.

On the morning of the 14th Maj. Morin had been arrested near his home by the troops coming from Camden. He was allowed to walk on the street, before the Fleshman House, on parole. Seeing me, he called me, and stated that there were a half-dozen of Jennison's men who intended to kill him, and would do so the first chance. He said I could save him—to see the officers, tell them he was a Mason, and had bitterly opposed secession. These were truths. In pursuance of these suggestions, I made myself known as a Mason, and urgently interceded for our brother. While I was pleading, we heard four shots at the stairway, and Morin rushed into our presence, greatly frightened. His personal foes, who knew him at Fort Scott, when land office receiver, had attempted to assassinate him. This satisfied the officers that my apprehensions for his safety were well founded. I obtained a promise that Morin should be saved. Accordingly, that night Col. Ford sent him half-way home, under escort. He lay that night beside a log, near the road. His enemies followed, but failed to find him. The next morning, Mrs.

Morin was almost distracted, for no one could tell what had befallen her husband. The troops left at daylight, going east. But they left a band of incendiaries to carry out their counsels.

PLATTE CITY BURNED.

July 15—As the last soldier departed, a gang of men went from house to house, according to a written programme, and burned designated houses. The Methodist church on Lot 3, Block 33, was the first that was set on fire. Seeing smoke, I went out to reconnoiter. In front of the Presbyterian church and Masonic hall an officer on horseback was keeping watch. I had met him the previous day, and knew him to be a Mason. On inquiry, I learned that a greater part of the town was to be burned, and especially public buildings, on account of the disloyalty of the citizens. Hearing a noise in the church, I asked if that house was to be burned. He replied that it was on the list. I told him that every member of the church was loyal. He replied that the orders were to burn it. "But," I said, "the upper story is a Masonic hall, and certainly, you, a Mason, will not destroy it." His reply was, "Its destruction will hurt the community at large." He invited me to go in and take anything I desired. I replied, as I left, "No; if you burn the house, you may burn the Bible with it."

I then took my seat at my front door, and a party of horsemen passed, and inquired who I was. On learning my name, they said it was not on their list.

THE HOUSES BURNED.

Besides the Methodist church, Presbyterian church, and Masonic hall, they burned the houses of Levi Likins, W. C. Remington, Howard Conley, Mary A. Marsh, Philip Lutes, R. P. Gaines, the Male Academy, the house of Maj. H. C. Cockrill, and all the houses on the south side of the present public square.

A. F. Cox was unwell, and remained at home. They burned his property, but protected his person, by stationing a guard at his door. He had always been a warm Union man, and his heart was broken by the treatment of his friends. He went to St. Louis, and there died November 5, 1869.

AT WESTON

The utmost alarm prevailed. The military had left them without protection. Captains Gilbert, Shelsky, Quinn, and Miles are raising companies for home protection. The *Border Times* announces that it is Thornton's purpose to burn Weston. The wounded Federal soldiers from Camden received the kindest attention. A rumor was circulated that bushwhackers were coming; the market-house bell was rung, and every man called to arms. Some twenty of the 16th Kansas mounted their horses and scoured the county, but no enemy was found.

A PROCLAMATION.

July 20—Gen. Fisk appeals to the loyal men of northwestern Missouri for 5,000 volunteers. He says: "Your neighbors are being murdered, and their property given to the torch. Houseless women are fleeing to military posts. Hundreds of Unionists are pleading at my headquarters for protection, that I am unable to afford, from the limited force at my command. The abundant harvests are rapidly going to waste. In the name of loyalty, humanity, and Christian civilization, I implore you to delay not a hearty response to this appeal."

MEETING AT PLATTE CITY.

July 23—From the *Border Times* of the 29th: At a mass-meeting at Platte City, H. M. Aller was chosen chairman, and G. W. Belt secretary. Resolutions were passed denouncing bushwhackers, and another meeting appointed for Weston on the 25th. Judge Norton denounced bushwhackers, confessed that he had been deceived by the "Pawpaws," acknowledged that he had something to do with arming them, and that the opposers of the "Pawpaws" were right and he wrong. He concluded that the organization of the militia must pass into other hands. He endorsed Gen. Fisk. Among those participating in the meeting were: A. G. Brown, Wm. Gabbert, Henry Lamar, M. Miles, L. W. McSchooler, Thomas Quinn, Ben. Smither, and J. B. Wright.

July 28—The deceived "Pawpaws" are now hiding. One by one they come in and surrender to some loyal friend, who takes them to St. Joseph, and recommends their banishment to Iowa, or elsewhere. This is preferred to imprisonment, or even to hanging. The jails of St. Joseph are crowded with the disloyal. Business is suspended, and the county offices are closed.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—By accurate count, there are only 19 men in Platte City.

Maj. Hilliard is in command at Weston. He makes the Wallingford house his headquarters.

Col. Jas. A. Price is at Fort Leavenworth, recruiting the 16th Kansas. In a circular, he announces himself a candidate for sheriff of Platte, but withdraws before the election.

THE DISLOYAL LIST.

Under General Order No. 24, the disloyal citizens are required to give bond, and are disfranchised. A list is furnished each precinct. The following is a partial list: O. Q. Alcott, Henry Basye, Newton Bailey, Henderson Brown, A. J. Burnett, S. Buckheart, W. Cunningham, Clinton Cockrill, Chas. Carpenter, A. H. Cox, Robert Douglas, E. M. Dobson, A. Dean, Israel Dougherty, P. W. Ellington, Jas. Graves, Elijah Justus, G. W. Long, Eli Link,

John Lester, M. W. Mitchell, Jesse Miller, J. L. Merchant, L. Malott, Madison Owens, C. C. Redman, N. T. Rogers, W. M. Rule, Samuel Rixey, E. C. Redman, Nath'l Searcy, Dan Stewart, Dan Stevens H. J. Talbott, Wm. Talbott, Ed. Tanner, Andrew Tribble.

BOUNTY FOR RECRUITS.

The county court (Layton) offers \$75 for each recruit credited to Platte County.

Aug. 3—Mobile taken by Farragut.

Aug. 15—Maj. Hilliard sent a squad of soldiers to the house of Levi Brashears, and captured 30 stand of arms.

Aug. 16—Capt. J. H. Burt, with his company, had a brush with bushwhackers near Henry Venemmen's, and it was thought one was wounded.

Aug. 18—Harvey Talbott's house burned; loss, \$1,000.

N. P. Ogden leaves New Market and settles at Weston.

Wm Carpenter buys the Burnes store-house and opens a stock of dry goods.

Aug. 19—The *Border Times* charges that two-thirds of the people of Platte are disloyal.

Union leagues are organized in the county.

Aug. 27—A detachment of the 17th Illinois Cavalry fall in with Si. Gordon and five of his men. They pursue them closely, but fail to capture any of them.

The *Border Times* announces: "There is peace in Platte."

DR. JOSEPH WALKER SHOT.

Aug. 28—I have already stated that Dr. Walker was implicated in the threat to kill any Northern Methodist that continued to preach in Platte; and I have recorded the execution of that threat upon Rev. Ohas. Morris. A son of Mr. Morris, living in New Orleans, to avenge his father's death, came to Leavenworth and organized and armed a band of desperate men, who went through the neighborhood where his father had been forbidden to preach, in search of the leaders of the outrage. None were found, until Dr. Walker was met in the road. He was taken to an adjacent wood and shot. His family were notified, and reached him in time to hear his statement that he was shot by a party of men, all of whom were strangers to him except one John Morris, who lived in the neighborhood. John Morris was no relative of Rev. Charles Morris, but was pressed into the service of the band, as a guide. The facts were drawn out on the trial of John Morris, who was indicted for the murder, and he was found not guilty. The tragedy produced consternation in the county.

SEPTEMBER.

THE GABBERT FAMILY.

Sept. 2—James Gabbert (i) died. His sons, William and James, administered. Bond, \$80,000. He was born in Rockbridge County, Va., September 29, 1791, and died in Platte September 2, 1864. He removed to Lincoln County, Ky., where he married Polly Sullivan. Mr. Jas. Gabbert (i) was a son of George Gabbert (i), who came from Germany, and married Ann Reed, of Pennsylvania. James had three brothers, George (ii), Michael (i), and Jacob Gabbert, who settled in Buchanan. James and his family removed, in 1820, to Bartholomew County, Ind., and thence came to Platte in March, 1839, purchasing land on Pleasant Ridge. He brought money with him, and his posterity are generally wealthy, influential farmers, Masons, and Baptists. Ch:

I. GEORGE GABBERT (iii), b. in Lincoln Co., Ky., Dec. 26, 1814; d. in Platte May 6, 1892; m'd 1st, in Indiana, Jan. 8, 1835, Sallie Cox, b. Oct. 2, 1818; d. April 13, 1876. She was the mother of all his children. He m'd 2d, Jan. 8, 1881, Miss Mollie King, who survives, and has married Hon. J. L. Carmack. Mr. Gabbert was well educated, social, generous, polished, agreeable, and enterprising. He held, at one time, the office of public administrator, and his name was often suggested for places of honor. His sons are men of distinction, and his daughters intelligent and lovely, Children:

1. *James B. Gabbert*, went to Texas; m'd Julia Hate, and d. April 19, 1888, leaving a widow and 8 children.
2. *George M. Gabbert*, b. March 7, 1839; m'd Nancy Buchanan; 6 children. Live in Arkansas.
3. *Thomas L. Gabbert*, b. June 4, 1841, in Platte; m'd Jan. 7, 1863, Martha V. Crabb, dr. of Jerry. She was b. Aug. 27, 1845. Mr. Gabbert received a classical education, and in Masonry is a Knight Templar. Ch: [a] Ardey Gabbert, b. Dec. 22, 1863; [b] Essie, b. Aug. 20, 1867; [c] Veta, b. July 26, 1874; [d] Owza, b. Nov. 7, 1878; [e] Irma Gabbert.
4. *Jane Gabbert*, b. Nov. 15, 1844; m'd Dec. 31, 1863, Leon Wilkerson. (See.)
5. *Priscilla Gabbert*, b. April 14, 1846; m'd S. A. Hull, son of Harvey. Ch: [a] Gabbert B. Hull; [b] Charles; [c] Bertie; [d] Noble; [e] Tweety.
6. *Mary A. Gabbert*, b. Dec. 9, 1849; m'd Dec. 6, 1866, J. M. Treadway, son of Richard. Ch: [a] George Treadway; [b] Leonidas; [c] Katie; [d] Nancy J.; [e] Cina Treadway; [f] Sallie; [g] John; [h] Richard Treadway.
7. *Ella Gabbert*, b. Nov. 18, 1852; m'd Oct. 10, 1873, James Crutchfield, son of Elijah. Ch: [a] Della Crutchfield; [b] Ballard.

8. *William T. Gabbert*, b. Aug. 18, 1858; m'd Sept. 2, 1880, Laura Lamar, dr. of Henry. Ch: [^a] Mabel; [^b] Beulah. They live in Dennison.
 9. *Paul B. Gabbert*, b. March 8, 1862; m'd Jan. 2, 1889, Lucy Hornback, dr. of Jesse. Ch: [^a] Aubrey.
- II. **WILLIAM GABBERT**, b. Oct. 8, 1817, in Lincoln Co., Ky. He lives on Pleasant Ridge, and is a man of wealth and influence. He married, in Indiana, Dec. 27, 1838, Fannie Hamner, b. Sept. 3, 1819, in Kentucky. They celebrated their golden wedding. Ch:
1. *James J. Gabbert*, b. Oct. 23, 1840; d. March 1, 1897; m'd Feb. 22, 1865, Mary E. Treadway, dr. of Richard. She d. in Dec., 1869. Ch: [^a] Fannie C. Gabbert, m'd Nov. 3, 1886, W. H. Miller, son of Marion; [^b] Wm. S. Gabbert. Mr. Gabbert m'd 2d, Feb. 18, 1873, Nannie O. Barbee. (See.)
 2. *George Benton Gabbert*, b. Dec. 3, 1842; m'd March 24, 1864, Alice Layton, b. Nov. 11, 1843. She is a daughter of the late Judge James H. Layton, and is educated and accomplished. They live at Dearborn, where Mr. Gabbert has established a bank, of which he is president. He is a student of political economy, and keeps well informed on the topics of the day. He conducts a large farm, and is interested in rearing fine stock. He often publishes in our county papers his views on political, agricultural, scientific, and moral questions. His judgment is sound, and he is always found on the side of progress and improvement. Ch: [^a] Eva Gabbert, b. April 30, 1865; m'd Dec. 27, 1887, Edwin E. Pumphrey, cashier of the Bank of Dearborn. Ch: [¹] Maxa M. Pumphrey, b. Oct. 17, 1888; [²] Alice Pumphrey, b. in June, 1890; [³] Edwin G., b. in Jan., 1892. [^b] William H. Gabbert, b. July 1, 1866; [^c] Smith Gabbert, b. Jan. 19, 1868; m'd Sept. 9, 1896, Georgia Wallingford; [^d] Lewis C. Gabbert, b. Jan. 17, 1883.
 3. *Michael H. Gabbert*, b. April 30, 1846; m'd March 21, 1868, Henrietta Cox, b. April 21, 1848, dr. of Jacob. Ch: [^a] Nannie, b. Jan. 11, 1871; m'd Jas. Risk (see); [^b] Jessie B., m'd Dec. 4, 1895, A. E. McGlashen; [^c] Bessie; [^d] Jakie; [^e] Elenora.
 4. *Nora Gabbert*, b. Dec. 25, 1861; m'd Oct. 24, 1883, Wm. B. Calvert, b. Jan. 8, 1858. Ch: [^a] Lewis Calvert; [^b] Fannie (Tot); [^c] William.
 5. *Dr. Ira T. Gabbert*, b. Dec. 3, 1852; m'd Elizabeth Slaymaker. They live in Kansas.
 6. *Laura C. Gabbert*, b. Nov. 12, 1869.
- III. **MARIA GABBERT**, m'd Moses Lambert, in Indiana, and died.

IV. PRISCILLA GABBERT, m'd D. Pence, and died in Indiana.

V. MICHAEL H. GABBERT (i), b. in Nov., 1824; m'd June 2, 1853, Samantha Cox, dr. of Jacob.

1. *Alice Gabbert*, m'd 1st, Leach Dale; no children. She m'd 2d, L. W. Overbeck; no children.
2. *Mahlon Gabbert*, m'd Dec. 30, 1890, Lillie White. Ch: [a] Peter Gabbert; [b] Howard.
3. *Emma Gabbert*, m'd Dec. 19, 1881, Jonathan H. Miller, son of Marion; no children.
4. *Pearl Gabbert*, m'd Aug. 19, 1890, Homer V. Hickman. They live in Iowa.
5. *Toie Gabbert*, m'd March 9, 1887, Cicero Fleming, and died.

VI. LUCELLA GABBERT, m'd Wm. Cox, and died.

VII. GERELDA GABBERT, m'd George Kreigh, and died in Indiana.

VIII. JOSEPHINE GABBERT, m'd April 29, 1862, James B. Kitchen, who kept a hotel in Omaha; no children.

IX. JAMES IRA GABBERT, b. in Indiana Jan. 30, 1833; came to Platte in the fall of 1850; was educated at Pleasant Ridge; was deputy sheriff under Bryant; m'd June 27, 1854, Susan A. Kitchen, dr. of Henry; engaged in farming. During the war he was employed in teaming between Leavenworth and Santa Fé. He is a well-known Mason. Ch:

1. *Laura Gabbert*, m'd Sept. 30, 1878, Walter K. Stone, of Kansas. Ch: [a] Sue Stone; [b] Walter.

X. MOLLIE GABBERT, graduated at Prof. Todd's Academy in 1859. She was beautiful in youth, and is lovely in age. She m'd March 24, 1863, Hon. Wm. H. Ballard, son of John P. He was born in Madison County, Ky., Jan. 25, 1835; came to Platte in 1858; represented the county in the State Legislature in 1870-1, and now resides in Weston, while his sons cultivate his farm near Camden Point. He is an urbane and generous Kentucky gentleman. Ch:

1. *Perry A. Ballard*, b. Dec. 4, 1863; m'd March 7, 1886, Lizzie George, dr. of William. Ch: [a] Oscar K.; [b] William A.; [c] Bryan W.; [d] W. G.
2. *Oakley G. Ballard*, m'd Feb. 14, 1897, Lula Field. Both are well educated and highly esteemed.

Sept. 5—This is the day appointed to make the draft. Our quota is not full, yet no draft is made.

DAVID HUNT (i).

Sept. 6—David Hunt (i) having died, B. R. Morton administers. Bond, \$40,000. He was born in Hardin County, Ky., May 20, 1798; married, first, Rebecca Boggs, born August 5, 1796, and died April 16, 1837. Mr. Hunt was a man of large and commanding frame, and by sound judgment and enterprise accumulated a handsome estate. His sons and daughters are intelligent, handsome, and accomplished. Ch:

I. SARAH JANE HUNT, b. in Howard Co., Mo., Sept. 25, 1822, yet living four miles south of Platte City; m'd June 13, 1839, Benj. R. Morton, b. in Montgomery Co., Ky., June 29, 1812; d. Dec. 7, 1881. His grandfather, John Morton, b. in 1760, was wealthy. His father, James Morton, b. Dec. 17, 1782, m'd Ruth Riggs, and died, leaving nothing to his children. Ben. R. Morton came to Independence, Mo., in 1832, and worked as a cabinet-maker; spent 1836 in St. Louis, working at his trade; came to Platte in 1837, and settled at Platte City, where, with Mr. Bishop, he built and conducted a carding machine, on Lot 11, Block 28, from 1840 to 1844; purchased land three miles south of Platte City, where he built a large brick house, now the homestead of the family; was elected county judge in November, 1868, with Talbott and Hamm as his associates; went to California for his health; in 1877 he had a long and severe spell of sickness, and partially recovered, with the loss of an eye. From this time until his death, he was seldom seen from his home. His judgment was sound, his industry indefatigable, and his reputation as an upright, honest, and honorable citizen was well established. Ch:

1. *John Morton*, b. Dec. 18, 1849; single.

2. *Sallie A. Morton*, b. March 27, 1847; m'd Sept. 12, 1867, Hon. G. G. White, who was a distinguished lawyer of Colorado, where he died. Ch: [*a*] Lora White, d. Aug. 10, 1896; m'd H. H. Norton, of Leadville, Colo.; [*b*] Georgia White; [*c*] Benjamin; [*d*] Hume.

3. *James Morton*, b. Sept. 5, 1854; m'd June 17, 1886, Ann White, b. Dec. 31, 1859. She is not related to G. G. White, but a half-sister of Wm. C. White. In November, 1894, Mr. Morton was elected a judge of the county court, and reelected in 1896; he is a man of sense and a successful farmer. Ch: [*a*] Ben Morton; [*b*] Elizabeth.

4. *Z. Alice Morton*, b. Sept. 11, 1863; m'd Dec. 8, 1886, Chas. M. Johnston, son of Stephen (i), and a merchant in Platte City. Ch: [*a*] Georgia Johnston; [*b*] Morton Johnston; [*c*] Janett.

Ben R. Morton had a brother, John, whose son, James R. Morton, came to Platte in 1891.

II. JOSEPH HUNT, b. Feb. 3, 1824; d. in the Mexican War.

III. ZILPAK HUNT (twin), b. Feb. 3, 1824; d. Aug. 13, 1856.

IV. AUREY HUNT, b. Nov. 9, 1826; m'd J. G. Sulton. (See.)

V. ELIZA ANN HUNT, b. Aug. 13, 1828; m'd Levi Likins. Mr. Likins was in charge of the Platte City Water Mills with me, from 1862 to 1866, was burned out by Federal soldiers in July, 1864, and went to California, where he now lives; no children.

VI. REBECCA SUSAN HUNT, b. June 19, 1836; m'd Charles Hunt (cousin), son of Daniel.

VII. JONATHAN B. HUNT, b. March 10, 1832; d. in Jan. 1858; m'd Fannie Thompson, dr. or Jas. L. They had:

1. *Joseph T. Hunt.*

Mrs. Hunt afterwards married a Golden, of Ohio.

After the death of Mrs. Rebecca Hunt, Mr. D. Hunt (i) married, second, August 1, 1839, Ann Todd (see), daughter of Joseph. Under her name will be found a second set of children. (See.)

Sept. 12—Prof. W. C. McKinnis takes charge of the Platte City Academy, with Dr. J. M. Holt and wife to supervise the boarding department.

Sept. 16—Si. Gordon has gone; bushwhackers still hiding.

WILLIAM W. WILLIAMS.

William W. Williams died August 3, 1864. J. S. Brasfield administered. Bond, \$20,000. Mr. W. W. Williams was a son of John Williams and Elizabeth Collins, and was born in Madison County, Ky., Dec. 15, 1795. His father, John Williams, born in 1770, was a son of William. His mother, Elizabeth, was a daughter of John Collins, and born May 8, 1772. Mr. W. W. Williams was a large and portly gentleman, and an intelligent and successful farmer. He married, in Kentucky, Sallie Walker, born February 11, 1800. From Madison County the family removed to Montgomery County in 1835, and thence to Platte in 1844. Ch:

I. ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, b. July 27, 1820; d. in March, 1860; m'd W. Frank Hoffman; dead. Ch:

1. *Sallie B.* 2. *Susan E.* 3. *Richard L. Hoffman.*
4. *Franklin M.*

II. OSCAR F. WILLIAMS, b. May 24, 1823; dead; m'd Sallie Peacock, of Independence, Mo. Ch:

1. *Mary F.* 2. *William.* 3. *Rosa Lee Williams.*

III. JOHN W. WILLIAMS, b. Nov. 6, 1824; d. June 8, 1892.

IV. EDWIN R. WILLIAMS, b. Nov. 15, 1826; m'd May 27, 1858, Mary C. May. (See.)

V. SARAH F. WILLIAMS, b. Jan. 10, 1834; m'd Nov. 29, 1854, Peyton Newman; live in Kansas.

VI. LUCY A. WILLIAMS, b. May 3, 1835; dead; m'd Nov. 25, 1858, John T. Swaney, b. Feb. 28, 1835; d. March 23, 1865.

VII. STEPHEN D. WILLIAMS, b. Dec. 14, 1837; d. Sept. 6, 1893; m'd Henrietta Cox, dr. of J. B.; 4 children.

VIII. LEE M. WILLIAMS, b. May 15, 1842; m'd Elizabeth May. (See.)

IX. MARTHA B. WILLIAMS, b. April 20, 1845; m'd Feb. 15, 1866. Dr. Ben F. Records, b. Jan. 6, 1834, in Bracken Co., Ky.; died in Kansas City Oct. 28, 1896. He was a son of Laban S. Records, b. May 11, 1807, and grandson of Laban Records, b. in 1765, in Sussex Co., Del. His mother was Martha Stites, b. Dec. 31, 1810, dr. of Samuel Stites, b. in 1760, in New Jersey. Dr. Records graduated at St. Louis Medical College in 1871, and practiced in Platte,

Clay, and Jackson counties. He possessed literary taste, as well as professional acquirements. He was a zealous Baptist, and was a diligent reader of history, philosophy, and science, as well as of politics and the advance of improvement. He often wrote for the press. Dr. Records m'd 1st, Mattie A. Kenny, who died childless. Children by second wife:

1. *John W. Records*, b. Nov. 9, 1866; m'd Aug. 5, 1890, Lora L. Lampton.
2. *Lucy M. Records*, b. Sept. 1, 1870.
3. *James L. Records*, b. Aug. 5, 1872; m'd Dec. 5, 1894, Anna Stone, dr. of A. R. Stone.
4. *William C. Records*, b. April 20, 1878.

MAJ. JOHN McCLUER.

On the 13th of July, 1864, after the fight at Camden, a party of Federals, in pursuit of bushwhackers, passing the home of Maj. McCluer, called him to his door, and shot him in cold blood. He was born in Versailles, Ky., in 1815. He was a son of John McCluer, who came from Virginia, where he had married Ann McGrew, daughter of John. John M. McCluer was a man of good education, a major of militia, and was, prior to the war, sheriff of Atchison County, Kansas. On account of his sympathy with the South, he changed his residence to Platte City in 1861. At the time of his death he was residing near Camden Point. At Hopkingsville, Ky., Maj. McCluer married Myra Wilkinson. She survives, and lives with her daughter in Kansas City. Ch:

- I. JAMES L. McCLUER, b. March 6, 1838; m'd Oct. 18, 1866, the lovely Mary Frankie Hunt, b. March 31, 1848, dr. of David Hunt. (See.) He studied law in 1838-9, at Atchison, with Headley & Carr; was circuit clerk of Atchison County to 1861; editor of the *Landmark*, and manager of the Western department of the Ætna Insurance Company. He is a gentleman of dignity, and wields great influence in insurance affairs. As an editor he showed literary ability. He has traveled much, and is acquainted in all parts of the West. (For his family, see David Hunt.)
- II. LUCRETIA McCLUER, b. Feb. 25, 1840; m'd Feb. 3, 1863, Ed. C. Cockrill. (See.) At the time of Lucretia's marriage she was a remarkable beauty.
- III. MRA McCLUER, lives with her mother in Kansas City.

DR. THOMAS L. THOMAS (i).

Sept. 18—Dr. Thomas L. Thomas (i) having been murdered for his Southern sympathies, his brother, Elder W. H. Thomas, administered. Bond, \$2,400. Dr. Thomas married October 2, 1851, Nancy Hays. (See.) He was possessed of superior native mind, and was a well-read physician, of large experience. His pleasant address and generous spirit made him a favorite at Camden Point. Children:

- I. WILLIE THOMAS, is married and lives in Kansas City.
- II. THOMAS L. THOMAS (ii), b. Jan. 23, 1854; d. Nov. 25, 1884. He came to Platte City, and, with A. L. Smith, engaged in the drug business. He m'd in Oct., 1877, Laverier Johnson, dr. of Dr. F. M. Johnson, and a lady of varied accomplishments, with beauty, intelligence, and queenly dignity. Mr. Thomas was elected, in 1882, treasurer of Platte County, and died in office. Ch:
1. *Valdez Thomas*, lives with his mother.
- III. MARTIN THOMAS, lives in Kansas City.
- IV. JESSE THOMAS, married, and lives in St. Joseph.

DAVID GREGG.

Sept. 19—David Gregg having been killed September 15, 1864. T. A. Gregg administered. Bond, \$1,800. He was met in the road by a squad of Col. Jennison's men, and questioned upon his sympathies. He avowed his leaning to the South, and thereupon they shot him, and left him where he fell. He was an old and highly esteemed farmer. He married Nancy Adams, who died in 1876. Ch:

- I. ELIZABETH GREGG, m'd J. B. Dean. (See.)
- II. SUSAN GREGG, b. Sept. 28, 1823; m'd Jan. 5, 1842, A. Jackson Higgins, b. Dec. 29, 1816, in Coopersport, Howard Co., Mo.; d. April 1, 1895 Ch:
1. *W. Riley Higgins*, b. May 8, 1843; died, single, Sept. 14, 1895.
 2. *Nannie M. Higgins*, b. Dec. 16, 1846; m'd Dec. 25, 1864, Josiah G. Lewis. Ch: [*a*] Ellen Lewis, b. Oct. 9, 1865; m'd March 1, 1888, a Staggs. Ch: [*1*] Dennis Staggs, b. in 1890. [*b*] Minnie Lewis, b. March 10, 1872; [*c*] Lena, b. June 1, 1884.
 3. *David B. Higgins*, b. Dec. 4, 1850; m'd Feb. 7, 1878, Sarah M. Noland, dr. of Obed C. Ch: [*a*] And. J. Higgins, b. Jan. 17, 1879; [*b*] Myrtle Higgins, b. Nov. 14, 1880.
 4. *Pauline (Lena) Higgins*, b. Dec. 6, 1853; m'd Sept. 30, 1877, William Dearing; no children.
 5. *Minerva Higgins*, m'd James Strang, d. in Feb., 1882. He was a justice of the peace and a man of local distinction. Ch: [*a*] Kate Strang, m'd Thomas Dearing, son of Burket; [*b*] David G. Strang, m'd March 23, 1880, Leora Hoy (see); [*c*] Lizzie Strang, b. Nov. 25, 1857; d. Dec. 28, 1893; m'd Dec. 25, 1876, James D. Jacks, son of Sidney; 5 children; [*d*] Henrietta Strang, m'd a Truman, and died, leaving children.
- Mrs. Minerva Strang m'd 2d, Aug. 8, 1869, John S. Crane.
- III. FRANKLIN GREGG, married, and was father of:
1. *Chas. Gregg*.
- IV. THOMAS A. GREGG, b. in Clay Dec. 16, 1831; m'd Feb 25, 1858, Cordelia Lewis. He went to Buchanan in 1864, re-

turned in 1870, went to New Market in 1879 and opened a store, went to Tracy, and thence to Parkville, and finally returned to his farm in Pettis Township. Ch:

1. *William Lee Gregg*, b. Dec. 24, 1861; m'd Emma Moore, of De Kalb Co., Mo. Ch: [^a] Otto Gregg; [^b] Jephtha T. Gregg.
2. *Ida A. Gregg*. 3. *Nannie May Gregg*.
4. *Thos. H. Gregg*.

V. ABASLOM GREGG, m'd Mahala Robbins. Ch:

1. *John Gregg*.

VI. MARY F. GREGG, m'd Feb. 6, 1860, John H. Nash. He died May 12, 1884. Mr. Nash was a successful business man of Parkville, and highly esteemed. He was elected assessor in November, 1882, as a Democrat, without opposition. Children:

1. *Florence Nash*, m'd Charles Galbraith; 3 children.
2. *Fannie Nash*, m'd Sept. 8, 1874, Dr. S. F. Carpenter, of St. Joseph. Ch: [^a] Annie Carpenter.
3. *Katie Nash*, m'd Robert Hubbard. Ch: [^a] Robert; [^b] Maud Hubbard; [^c] Charles.
4. *William Nash*, m'd Bertie Brightwell, dr. of R. T. (See.)
5. *Lizzie Nash*, d. Feb. 26, 1895; m'd Hall Gilcrist. Ch: [^a] Frank.
6. *Belle Nash*. 7. *Stella Nash*, m'd Harvey Edgar.
8. *Arthur*.

VII. JOHN GREGG, m'd Maria Johnson. (See.)

VIII. MARGARET GREGG, m'd Herman Ford, son of Samuel. Children:

1. *Nannie Ford*. 2. *Waller*. 3. *Samuel*. 4. *Laura*.
5. *Bessie*.

IX. REBECCA GREGG, m'd Edwin Edgar. Ch:

1. *Harry Edgar*.

Samuel Hardwicke's mother was a sister of David Gregg.

Sept. 23—The threatened draft creates alarm. A. G. Beller has in the *Border Times* a splendid poem, entitled "Peace at Any Price."

Sept. 27—Twenty-one Federal soldiers are taken by Bill Anderson and shot.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—A Republican Congressional Convention at Hamilton nominates R. T. Van Horn, of Kansas City.

Abundant rain after a drouth.

Oct. 3—A Democratic Convention at Platte City nominates: W. T. Woods for sheriff, James H. Layton for county judge, G. W. Belt for circuit clerk, D. P. Lewis for county clerk, M. C. Bonnell for treasurer, John Wilson and D. D. Burnes for representatives,

and Thomas W. Davis and H. M. Aller for delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

The Confederate Gen. S. Price, with a strong force, is near Jefferson City.

Oct. 5—Thos. Price, Democratic candidate for governor, speaks at Weston.

THE CONDITION.

The condition of the county is deplorable: business is suspended, stores are closed, we have to go to Leavenworth for daily supplies, and men apprehend confiscation, banishment, or the draft.

Oct. 7—E. H. Norton having been nominated for Congress, at the Democratic Convention at Richmond, the *Border Times* charges him with disloyalty, saying: "When treason had its clutches on the nation's throat, Judge Norton voted against the necessary supplies."

A. V. BALDWIN.

Oct. 13—A. V. Baldwin died four miles west of Platte City. He was born in South Carolina November 30, 1812; came to Missouri, and married, February 23, 1840, Sarah Beatty, daughter of Joseph; came to Platte in 1844. He was a gentleman of intelligence, and a decided friend of the South. Mrs. Baldwin still lives on the old family farm. Ch:

I. LOUISA J. BALDWIN, m'd Dec. 1, 1865, Israel Heath, who d. Jan. 13, 1888. Ch:

1. *William Heath*. 2. *James*. 3. *Ella*. 4. *George*.

II. LUCINDA, m'd Oct. 22, 1881, W. H. H. Reeves.

III. MARY BALDWIN. IV. GEORGE BALDWIN.

V. SARAH BALDWIN, m'd Nov. 1, 1874, Samuel Cummings.

VI. JAMES BALDWIN. VII. JOHN BALDWIN.

Oct. 24—James Griffith having died, Thos. Griffith administered. Bond, \$1,000.

NOVEMBER.

THE ELECTION.

For President (total)—Lincoln, 2,216,067; McClellan, 1,808,725.

For President—McClellan, 882; Lincoln, 488, in Platte.

For Governor—Thos. Price, 960; Thos. Fletcher, 507.

For Congressman—E. H. Norton, 908; R. T. Van Horn, 455;

A. A. King, 40.

For a Constitutional Convention, 378; against, 829.

For Delegate to the Convention—S. A. Gilbert, 849; H. J. Wolf, 550; W. A. Morton, 324; G. S. Park, 415; A. G. Beller, 407.

For Representatives—John Wilson, 908; D. D. Burnes, 874; A. G. Brown, 445; Thomas Quinn, 449.

For Sheriff—W. T. Woods, 892; J. A. Price, 457.

For County Judge—J. H. Layton, 925; J. B. Wright, 423.

For Circuit Clerk—G. W. Belt, 1,029; D. W. Moore, 301.

For County Clerk—D. P. Lewis, 915; J. M. Mulkey, 424.

For Treasurer—M. C. Bonnell, 683; C. M. Boyd, 296.

For Coroner—E. D. Cord, 680; W. A. White, 447.

For Assessor—J. A. Stone, 910; M. Miles, 429.

Public Administrator was not voted for, and W. M. Paxton held over.

Nov. 4—The *Border Times* advertises 69 sheriff sales.

Platte County has sent 1,800 men to the Southern army.

Clinton Heath is appointed administrator of James Heath. Bond, \$5,000.

THE HEATH FAMILY.

ISRAEL HEATH was the progenitor of the Platte County family. He lived in Cabell County, Va., and married Elizabeth Blue. He was a farmer and stone-mason. An earnest Methodist, he raised all his family in that faith. Three of his sons were preachers. He came to Platte in 1840. Ch:

I. JOHN HEATH, b. in Cabell Co., Va., Oct. 24, 1809; d. Nov. 30, 1888; m'd May 12, 1833, Judith McComas, dr. of Moses McComas. They came west in 1840, and settled in the Missouri bottom, near Waldron. They then removed to the Brasfield prairie. His wife d. July 10, 1850, and March 9, 1851, he m'd Susan Smoot, b. Feb. 16, 1815; d. Feb. 1, 1892. He was a Methodist Episcopal minister, and an outspoken Union man, as were all of the Heath name. Children by his first wife:

1. *Sarah Heath*, b. June 26, 1834; m'd Feb. 22, 1854, Ezra Kerr (i), b. in Holmes Co., Ohio, Aug. 22, 1831, son of William Kerr and Elizabeth Dugan. He came to Platte in 1844, and settled five miles east of Platte City, where he still lives. Ch: [a] John, single; [b] Victoria Kerr, m'd Robert St. Clear, and died, leaving 1 child; [c] Sarah Kerr, m'd March 12, 1885, Edward Fleming; 3 children; [d] Ezra Kerr (ii), m'd March 5, 1884, Bertha J. Carter; [e] Waller Kerr; [f] Laura Kerr, m'd Feb. 25, 1883, a Powell; no children; [g] Daniel Kerr; [h] Lucy Kerr.

2. *James Jackson Heath*, m'd Sept. 4, 1859, Eliza J. Frazier, dr. of George. Ch: [a] Geo. W. Heath, m'd Dec. 18, 1884, Elizabeth St. John, dr. of James; [b] William Heath, b. Sept. 29, 1863; m'd Jan. 17, 1892, Missouri A. Cockrael, dr. of Martin; [c] Jackson Heath; [d] Jennie; [e] Sarah; [f] Mary B., m'd Warren H.

Powers. Ch: [1] Norman Powers. [2] Sue Heath, m'd Feb. 14, 1884, Geo. W. Baber. Ch: [1] Chas. B. Baber; [2] Robert Baber. [h] Lethe Heath; [i] David L. Heath; [j] Oscar Heath.

3. *Geo. W. Heath*, b. June 21, 1839; m'd Dec. 13, 1860, Aletha Hungerford, b. June 17, 1839. Ch: [a] Emma Heath, m'd a Zollers; [b] John W., b. April 14, 1864; m'd March 2, 1891, Mary Lutes, b. Nov. 25, 1868; [c] David Heath (ii); [d] Sallie Heath, m'd Oct. 19, 1894, Stephen H. Neff; [e] Effie Heath, m'd Aug. 27, 1896, Jo. M. Wright; [f] Homer Heath.
4. *Lowera Heath*, m'd Feb. 25, 1863, John W. Wagle, b. June 29, 1829. Ch: [a] Mary Wagle, b. in 1869; [b] Henry C. Wagle b. in 1872.

John Heath (i) had by his second wife, Susan Smoot:

5. *Martha Jane Heath*, b. Nov. 8, 1858; m'd Feb. 14, 1892, Samuel Bruns, b. Sept. 10, 1856; no children.

II. JAMES HEATH, m'd Chloe McComas, dr. of Moses. Ch:

1. *Elizabeth Heath*, m'd Feb. 10, 1856, Wm. Laughlin; both dead. Ch: [a] Chas. H. Laughlin, m'd May 15, 1879, Clara M. Freeland.
2. *Lucy Heath*, m'd William Malott.
3. *Sarah Heath*, m'd 1st, March 18, 1858, Isaac Babcock. He d. in Dec., 1859, leaving: [a] Sarah Babcock, m'd Oct. 4, 1869, Samuel Z. Babcock; [b] Mary E. Babcock, m'd Thomas Porter; 9 children; [c] Rebecca Babcock. Mrs. Sarah Babcock m'd 2d, W. H. Arnold, dead. Ch: [d] W. H. Arnold (ii); [e] Chas. C. Arnold. Mrs. Arnold still lives, a handsome and intelligent lady.
4. *Mary C. Heath*, m'd Dec. 3, 1865, Isaac W. Wilson. They went to California.
5. *Angeline Heath*, b. Jan. 30, 1850; m'd June 13, 1867, James L. Gray. Ch: [a] Geo. Gray, b. July 13, 1873; [b] Fred H., b. July 24, 1880. Angeline Heath is the third wife of James L. Gray. He m'd 1st, July 4, 1852, Elizabeth Artman, and m'd 2d, Dec. 30, 1855, Jane Zabrisky. He now lives in Leavenworth.
6. *Geo. W. Heath* (ii).
7. *Clinton Heath*, m'd July 2, 1857, Susan M. Searcy; 8 children. Live in California.
8. *Israel Heath*, m'd Lou. J. Baldwin. (Sec.)

III. WILLIAM R. HEATH, m'd Mary Turpin. He is a lawyer living in Howard Co., Mo., and was county judge. Ch:

1. *Ella Heath*, m'd Jan. 16, 1874, Hugh Collins. Ch: [a] Perry.
2. *James M. Heath*.
3. *John C.*, m'd Gracie Barkman. They live in Howard Co., Mo.

4. *Lucy J. Heath*, m'd Feb. 18, 1868, Sanders McComas, b. Jan. 2, 1841. She is a delicate, handsome, and spirited lady. Mr. McComas (see) held the office of postmaster at Platte City during Harrison's administration. He is now trading in stock. During the war he was a firm supporter of the Union. Ch: [a] Ella (Tweety); [b] Lizzie; [c] Dolly McComas.
5. *Thomas J. Heath*, m'd Nellie McCauley. Live in Howard.

IV. DAVID M. HEATH, m'd 1st, Letha McComas, dead. Ch: 1. *Elisha Heath*. 2. *James*. 3. *William Heath*. D. M. Heath m'd 2d, Oct. 5, 1847, Eliza J. Kerr. Ch: 4. *John Heath* (iii). 5. *Sarah*. 6. *Martha*. 7. *Sallie*. 8. *Adeline*.

V. RICHARD HEATH, went to Texas and died.

VI. STEPHEN P. HEATH, m'd 1st, Mary Kay. Ch:

1. *Wm. B. Heath*, b. March 24, 1841; d. Aug. 1, 1895; m'd Nov. 20, 1865, A. E. Smith, dr. of Wash; dead. Ch: [a] Homer; [b] Mina; [c] William.
2. *Jonas Heath*, died single.
3. *John R.*, m'd Margaret Babcock; 1 child.
4. *Elizabeth Heath*, m'd Feb. 25, 1863, Thomas Shackelford. Ch: [a] William, and 3 girls.

Rev. S. P. Heath married, second, June 29, 1848, Martha J. Foster, daughter of Elijah Moore; no children.

Nov. 14—General Sherman commences his march to the sea.

Nov. 25—Judge Heren commenced a long session of circuit court, and did much business. An immense amount of land was sold by the sheriff, for debts of Southern soldiers, and many farms sacrificed.

ROBERT SNELL.

Nov. 28—Robert Snell having died, Manoah Miles administered. Bond, \$10,000. He was a man of ability, with aspirations for popular favor. He was an active spirit in every public enterprise, and managed his private affairs with discretion. He married three times, but I cannot name his wives, nor distinguish their children. His widow was Lucy Ann. Ch:

1. ROBERT SNELL (ii), m'd Sept. 17, 1876, Kate Jones. He died, leaving:

1. *Henrietta*. She died, and her mother inherited.

- II. CLAY SNELL, m'd Feb. 28, 1881, Mattie Stiff. September 2, 1881, he, on the fair grounds, stabbed Stephen Newcomb with a knife, killing him. For this offense he was sentenced April 26, 1882, to the penitentiary for twenty years, but on account of sickness, he was pardoned, and came home and died. He left:

1. *May Snell*, m'd Jan. 24, 1897, John Black. The widow married John Reed.

III. HENRIETTA SNELL, m'd Chas. Chrisman, from whom she was separated. He m'd 2d, Susan Spencer.

IV. JOHN SNELL, died, single.

V. ALBERT SNELL, was Robert Snell's first child. He m'd Dulcinea Hunter, and died in 1881, childless. She lives in Mississippi.

VI. CARTER SNELL.

VII. JULIA SNELL, m'd Manoah Miles. They went to Illinois. He was an intelligent and outspoken Union man, and, during the war, was several times a candidate for office.

VIII. LOUISA SNELL.

IX. HENRY SNELL, lives in Leavenworth. A daughter m'd Chas. Gist and died in March, 1896.

X. HARRIET SNELL, m'd a Fant, and died, leaving:

1. *Harriet.*

After Fant's death, the widow m'd a Hord, and died, leaving:

2. *Mary Hord.*

Mrs. Lucy Ann Snell, widow of Robert Snell (i), married August 28, 1866, Thomas Standiford (his second wife), and left one child, Thomas Standiford (ii). The Snells lived near Ridgely.

Nov. 29—The county court now allows \$200 bounty for recruits credited to Platte County, and R. P. C. Wilson is appointed commissioner of recruits.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—The year was remarkably unfavorable for corn, owing to the dry spring. Prices: Flour, \$7 per 100; wheat, \$2; corn, \$1; potatoes, \$2; eggs, 40 cents; coffee, 55 cents; sugar, 35 cents; salt, \$6. These high prices are owing, in part, to the depreciation of the currency and to the war.

Dec. 8—J. C. Greenawalt enrolled as an attorney.

Dec. 10—Banishment. A military order was promulgated for the banishment of all bushwhackers, and such as had been in the Southern army.

Dec. 12—Maj. Hilliard, who has been in command at Weston, is ordered to join his regiment—the 16th Illinois cavalry.

Dec. 13—James Durbin enrolled as an attorney.

Dec. 20—William C. Remington died at Omaha, where he was keeping hotel. He was a son of

ENOCH REMINGTON

and his wife, Catherine Powers, who were progenitors of the family that came to Platte. Their ch:

I. CARLTON REMINGTON, m'd a Miss Risley, and died at Fort Smith. Oh:

1. *Mary C. Remington*, m'd March 5, 1862, John Adkins. He died, leaving: [a] Carlton Adkins; [b] Mary Adkins. The widow m'd 2d, a Carroll, of Leavenworth.
- II. ELIZABETH REMINGTON, b. Jan. 30, 1815; d. April 5, 1878; m'd 1st, Isaac Horr, who died, leaving:
 1. *Julia Horr*, m'd Oct. 4, 1866, Thomas Cooper, b. Nov. 15, 1840; 5 children.
 - Mrs. Elizabeth Horr m'd 2d, June 7, 1855, Geo. W. Crobarger, b. in 1801, in Tennessee; d. March 3, 1875, leaving, by his second wife, Elizabeth:
 2. *Eugene Crobarger*, b. April 16, 1858.
- III. WILLIAM C. REMINGTON, m'd Amanda Adkins. (See.)
- IV. STEPHEN REMINGTON, a dwarf, but a Master Mason. He is now in the county poor-house.
- V. MARY ANN REMINGTON, b. Nov. 28, 1824; d. March 30, 1869; m'd Henry J. Freeland, a son of Judge John Freeland. He was a member of the mercantile house of Murray & Freeland, of Platte City, and in 1858 was elected county treasurer, over M. N. Owen, by a vote of 1,399 to 1,032. He was murdered Jan. 4, 1866. (See.) In a poem dedicated to his memory, I celebrate his energy and independence:

He came, a blunt and awkward lad,
 Without a friend to aid him;
 And though in rustic homespun clad,
 Intelligence and courage swayed him.
 With nerve that knew no word like "faint"—
 With motto: "Onward, Ready"—
 His plans, of course, must all prevail—
 His rise be sure and steady.

Their children:

1. *Alice Freeland*, m'd April 7, 1868, J. B. Flannery. (See.)
 2. *William Freeland*.
 3. *Ella C.*, m'd Frank Bloomfield, of California.
 4. *John H.*
 5. *Clara*, m'd May 15, 1879, Chas. Laughlin. (See.)
 6. *Lizzie Freeland*, m'd T. C. Dooly. Ch: [a] Raymond.
 7. *Frank R. Freeland*, went to California.
- VI. EUNICE REMINGTON, single.
- VII. MARVIN REMINGTON, m'd Julia Leftwich. Live in Kansas.
- VIII. CALISTA REMINGTON, m'd James Adkins. (See.)
 Dec. 30—Missouri River frozen over.

PREACHERS OFFICIATING IN PLATTE, 1857-1870.

Calvin and O. D. Allen, R. A. Austin, David and John Anderson, Darius Bainbridge, Wm. Barnett, James Beeding, Jesse Bird, Alfred Broadhurst, D. S. Burnett, P. J. Burruss, John Calerman, Thomas F. Campbell, R. N. Coffey, C. W. Collett, S. W.

Cope, James J. Daniel, J. C. C. Davis, P. K. Dibble, Charles G. Dick, Joseph Devlin, W. E. Dockery, E. S. Dulin, J. J. Felts, H. Fisch, I. G. Fackler, J. W. Foley, W. S. Gunn, T. P. Haley, D. M. Heath, John Heath, S. P. Heath, A. E. Higgerson, C. B. Hodges, F. R. Holeman, Thomas Hurst, A. B. Jones, R. H. Jordan, Isaac Kelso, John Knight, Moses E. Lard, J. W. Lewis, S. J. Lowe, F. M. Miller, W. G. Miller, G. L. Moad, James Morgan, R. C. Morton, E. L. Owen, Aug. Payne. Daniel Penny, William Perkins, H. Pritchett, J. C. Riley, Nicholas Roberts, W. H. Saxton, Robert Scott, D. R. Shackelford, E. B. Sherwood, Pres. Simpson, James O. Starks, F. Starr, T. J. Starr, John Stone, W. A. Tarwater, J. W. Thomas, W. H. Thomas, S. S. Trice, B. Waller, J. W. Waller, Thos. Waller, Thomas Whitlock, J. F. Williams, M. F. Williams, J. S. Wilson, G. S. Woodward, J. J. Wyatt.

MARRIAGES IN 1864 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

January 28—Lit. Witt married Sarah Bruton.

March 15—John Patton married Elizabeth J. Lewis.

June 5—William A. Marshall married Luc. McClain.

November 3—Sam H. Pepper married Eliza Jones.

1865.

OFFICERS.

Governor, Thomas Fletcher; Congressman, R. T. Van Horn; Senator, John Doniphan; Representatives, D. D. Burnes and John Wilson; Circuit Judge, J. W. Heren; Circuit Attorney, J. C. Parker; County Treasurer, M. C. Bonnell; Coroner, E. D. Cord; Circuit Clerk, G. W. Belt; Probate Judge, S. A. Gilbert; County Justice, J. H. Layton; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; County Attorney, John Wilson; Sheriff, W. T. Woods; Assessor, J. A. Stone; Public Administrator, W. M. Paxton.

PRICES.

Bacon, hams, 25 cents; butter, 35 cents; coffee, 35 cents; corn, 60 cents; eggs, 35 cents; flour, \$7; hemp, \$160; potatoes, 90 cents; sugar, 25 cents.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Baker, Boyd, Clark, Greenawalt, Harrington, Herndon, Hollingsworth, Merryman, Norton, Paxton, J. Wilson, R. P. C. Wilson, W. H. Woodson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Callahan, Guthrie, Johnson, McDonald, Moad, Redman, Rixey, Smith.

Merchants, etc.—Burge, Freeland, Holt, Jenkins (postmaster), Likins, McKinnis, Mason & Swain, Murray, Mulkey, Young, Zarn.

Lodge—Neb. 12, J. Zarn, N. G.

At Weston: Attorneys—Burnes, Carroll, Doniphan, Durbin, Fulton, Gilbert, Hitt, King, Lawson.

Physicians—Allison, Beaumont, Bonifant, Bowlby, Price, Shortridge.

Merchants, etc.—Barnhart, Basye, Bell, Blanjour (postmaster), Briggs, Brown & Bros., Carpenter, Cockrill, Blackmore & McCluer, Deckleman, Deitz, Doppler, Ellifrit, B. F. Freeland, Gedultig, Gerner & Frank, Hall, Heriot, Ikenhans, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurtz, Kyle & Keller, McConnell, Magers, Matheny, Mettier, Mitchell, Nagle & Roney, Newhouse, Noble, Ogden, Oliphant, Railey & Bro., Schindler, Steubenraugh, Rogers & Woodring, Tollman, Warner, Winzer, Wood, Woods & Story, Yocom.

Weston Court of Common Pleas—Wolf, judge; Yocom, clerk; Roney, marshal.

Newspaper—*Border Times*, A. G. Beller editor.

Platte Savings Institute—Warner cashier.

Lodges—Phoenix, G. M. Doppler, N. G.; Frontier Encampment, J. A. Price, C. P.

Mayor—A. G. Beller.

Preachers—O. C. Steele and P. K. Dibble (Christian), E. B. Sherwood (Presbyterian), Isaac Hill (Methodist Episcopal), Elder Bird (Baptist).

At Parkville: Bueneman (postmaster), Campbell, Kahm, McDonald, Dr. Moore, Park, Ringo, Summers.

At Camden Point: Coffey, Hale (postmaster).

At Farley: Holt, Meads, Simpson, Heath.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bishop, Miller, Tufts.

At Ridgely: Chrisman, Gustin.

JANUARY.

RECRUITS.

Jan. 1—Throughout the winter of 1864-5, enlistments in the United States army were pressed. R. P. C. Wilson, as county agent, in addition to the regular bounty, offered \$200 for each recruit credited to the county, and \$24,000 was paid out. W. H. Roney, at Weston, was deputy provost-marshal, under A. Comingo, and corrected the enrollments made by Maj. Hinkle. The apprehensions of a draft caused alarm, but no draft was ever made.

Jan. 2—Tax levied on whisky, \$2 per gallon.

Capt. McElroy, of the 3d Missouri State Militia, is in command at Weston, succeeding Maj. Hilliard.

Jan. 19—Jas. M. Mulkey rents the Green House, at Platte City, at \$180.

Jan. 20—Beller takes full charge of the *Border Times*, and Howard starts the *Landmark* in a few months.

Jan. 26—A public meeting at Platte City, A. G. Brown, chairman, started a subscription for money to be added to the bounty now offered by the county for recruits.

The first public meeting of freedmen was held at Weston, and several enthusiastic addresses made by whites.

Capt. Manoah Miles is appointed supervisor of registration.

FEBRUARY.

THE COUNTY QUOTA.

Feb. 1—There is now due from the several townships as follows: Weston Township, 26 men; Preston and Carroll, 30; Pettis and Lee, 55; Marshall and Green, 39; making 150 men due from the county.

Deputy Provost-Marshal Roney gives notice that the county is in default, and encourages enlistments by showing the amount of bounties offered.

Capt. Kemper is provost-marshal, with headquarters at Weston.

Feb. 6—The State Constitutional Convention abolish slavery.

Feb. 13—The Legislature, almost unanimously, ratify the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery. Representative John Wilson spoke and voted against it, but Representative D. D. Burnes voted for it.

Feb. 18—The old national flag again floats over Ft. Sumter. Charleston burned.

A marauding party robs the houses of Alfred Jack, E. C. Cockrill, and others, near Camden Point.

Capt. Mays, recruiting for the 51st Missouri Infantry, offers \$350 bounty for 12-months men.

A lodge of Good Templars is organized at Weston with 40 members, and Col. Fielding Burnes, W. P.

Feb. 20—Judge Layton sends a commissioner to Jefferson City, to see what can be done to avert the draft, but nothing is effected.

The Legislature adjourns, having restored the Weston & A. Railroad to its original stockholders, and having provided for the completion of the railroad from Kansas City to Weston. They also helped the Pacific Railroad to reach Kansas City. They adjourned until November to complete the revision of the statutes.

MARCH.

March 3—The *Border Times* Company is re-organized, with

James N. Burnes president, H. M. Aller vice-president, and Jacob Hamm treasurer. N. J. Alexander, Thomas Quinn and J. B. Wright were made directors, and A. G. Beller editor.

The President of the United States revokes the order for the collection of forfeited bonds of the disloyal.

March 5—The Platte Savings Institution organizing at Weston, under the law of February 15, 1860. The stockholders of the Weston branch of Mechanics' Bank determine to wind up business, and James N. Burnes buys their unavailable assets.

March 7—Obed Noland having died, D. Fleming administers. Bond, \$5,000. We will here set in order the

THE NOLAND FAMILY.

Five children of Harvey Noland, of Estill County, Ky., to-wit: Maj. Joshua Noland, Nicholas Noland, Obed (i), Henry, and Betsy Noland, came to Platte County, Mo., in 1837, and settled north of Parkville. The family is large, and one of them may be found on every hill in the neighborhood. We will take first

I. MAJ. JOSHUA NOLAND.

He married, first, Sarah McKinney. Their children:

I. WILLIAM NOLAND, m'd Mary F. Anders, dr. of Elias.
Children:

1. *James A. Noland.*

II. JAMES M. NOLAND (Captain). (See.)

III. GEORGE W. NOLAND (Judge). (See.)

IV. JOSHUA R. NOLAND (Captain). (See.)

V. NICHOLAS F. NOLAND, m'd Sarah Reynolds, dr. of John.
Children:

1. *Laura Noland.*

VI. JOHN W. NOLAND, m'd May 19, 1864, Mary E. Malott. Ch:

1. *William.*

VII. OBED C. NOLAND, b. in Lafayette Co., Mo., April 17, 1836; m'd Oct. 31, 1855, Elizabeth F. Higgins, dr. of John. He possesses intelligence and enterprise, and is a successful farmer. Ch:

1. *Mary J. Noland*, m'd John D. Patrick. Ch: [^a] Grayson; [^b] a boy.

2. *Sarah M. Noland*, m'd David G. Higgins. Ch: [^a] Jerry; [^b] Myrtle.

3. *Martha J. Noland*, m'd Aug. 9, 1879, Joshua R. Noland. (See.)

4. *John H. Noland*, m'd Jan. 21, 1886, Martha J. Brink. Ch: [^a] R. B. Noland.

5. *Wm. B. Noland*, m'd Julia Jackson. 6. *Harmon G.*

7. *Hugh B.* 8. *Henry C.* 9. *Tollie M.*

II. NICHOLAS NOLAND.

He married a Mann. Their children:

I. JOHN NOLAND, m'd Zilpah Garges. (See.)

- II. ARENA NOLAND, m'd Matthias Fickle. Ch:
1. *Fannie Fickle*, m'd Wm. Boydston, son of Jacob.
 2. *Amanda Fickle*, m'd Jackson Reynolds. Ch: [*a*] Chas. Reynolds; [*b*] Sarah F.; [*c*] Mat.; [*d*] Walter.
 3. *Matthias Fickle*, m'd Alice Crain, dr. of John S. (See.)
- III. MIRIAM NOLAND, m'd James Garges.
- IV. OBED NOLAND, m'd 1st, July 30, 1842, Eliza Gray, who was the mother of his children. He m'd 2d, May 19, 1861, Mrs. Elizabeth (Gray) Medley, sister of his first wife. She survived him, and m'd Oct. 14, 1870, Edward T. Perkins. Children of O. Noland and Eliza (Tabitha) Gray:
1. *America Noland*, m'd Littleberry Higgins. Ch: [*a*] Elizabeth Higgins, m'd April 29, 1884, Perry Naylor. Ch: [*1*] Clara Naylor; [*2*] Maggie; [*3*] Ethel; [*b*] Maggie Higgins; [*c*] Alice; [*d*] Zack; [*e*] Hester; [*f*] James.
 2. *James A. Noland*, m'd June 1, 1871, Mary J. Brown, dr. of Lee Brown. Ch: [*a*] Amelia (Melie); [*b*] Obed L.; [*c*] Maud; [*d*] Daisy.
 3. *John W. Noland*, m'd Dec. 28, 1876, Sarah Alice Demoss, dr. of Lewis. She was b. May 23, 1855, and died childless. He m'd 2d, Jan. 11, 1894, Serilda J. Noland, dr. of Rufus.
- V. GEORGE W. NOLAND, m'd Nov. 12, 1877, Ida D. Noland, dr. of Judge G. W. Ch:
1. *Lyda Noland*.
- VI. THOMAS NOLAND, m'd Ella Williams, dr. of John.
- VII. SARAH E. NOLAND, m'd July 25, 1880, Thos. Brown, son of Lee.
- VIII. JULIA A. NOLAND, b. in 1827; m'd Dec. 15, 1846, Absalom H. Brink, b. Aug. 14, 1825; d. Nov. 3, 1894, son of John Brink and Nancy Winn. Ch:
1. *Elenora*, b. June 7, 1849; m'd Franklin Higgins.
 2. *Aurora Brink*, m'd Littleberry Higgins. (See.)
 3. *William H. Brink*, b. Oct. 5, 1854; m'd Oct. 21, 1870, Mollie Jameson. They live in Livingston Co., Mo.
 4. *Beckie Brink*, m'd John Summit.
 5. *Hannah (Hattie) Brink*, m'd Demas Jewett. (See.)
 6. *Nancy Gladys Brink*, m'd Grant Babcock. (See.)
 7. *Jackson W. Brink*, m'd April 18, 1894, Ella M. Carpenter, of Kansas.
 8. *Cora Belle Brink*, m'd Dec. 24, 1891, Geo. Cleveland.
- IX. WILLIAM H. NOLAND, b. in 1855; d. Jan. 7, 1895; m'd June 1, 1854, Lucinda Gray; no children.

III. OBED NOLAND (i).

He died in January, 1845, in Platte.

IV. HENRY NOLAND.

He lived a while in Platte, and returned to Kentucky.

V. BETSY NOLAND.

She married Obe T. Tincher, son of Jack.

The Missouri River has been closed all winter, and yet we have had few depredations. The end of the war is in sight.

March 10—Capt. Charles Guenther gives notice to all white and colored male citizens, to present themselves for enrollment in the State Militia, under a penalty of \$20.

Gen. Fisk's headquarters for this district are now at Macon.

March 17—The State is now quiet, and no enemy is within its borders. It is advised that military law be removed, and the State henceforth be in the control of civil authorities. Gold has fallen to \$1.40, and peace is near.

THE P. & G. R. RAILROAD BONDS.

March 20—A scheme is on foot to make the county not only pay the bonds already issued to this defunct road, but so to revive the corporation as to demand that the remaining \$75,000 subscribed to the road by the county be issued and paid. Therefore James Durbin, secretary of the company, gives notice that all subscriptions of stock must be paid forthwith.

PLATTE SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

The Platte Savings Institution is organized. J. N. Burnes, having bought of the Weston branch of the Mechanics' Bank its suspended debts, turned them over to the new institution, and business commenced at Weston, with J. E. Merryman, Clinton Cockrill, A. L. Perrin, George Gabbert, and J. N. Burnes as directors, and T. F. Warner as cashier. Shares were fixed at \$50 each; and the stockholders and their shares were as follows: J. C. Basye, 3; F. Belt, 20; Mary Blanjour, 20; H. Brill, 8; A. G. Brown, 10; D. D. Burnes, 58; J. N. Burnes, 60; C. Cockrill, 100; G. W. Field, 22; Jacob Frank, 18; Geo. Gabbert, 20; W. and Paul Gabbert, 20; A. M. Georgens, 8; Phil. Gerner, 48; M. Harrington, 10; S. Johnston, 16; Aug. Kurts, 8; H. M. McFarland, 20; J. E. Merryman, 100; Lewis Miller, 16; D. W. Moore, 16; Jos. Nower, 20; N. D. Ogden, 10; W. M. Paxton, 8; L. W. Pence, 2; A. L. Perrin, 80; A. Perrin, Jr., 2; W. F. Perrin, 40; Thomas Quinn, 20; W. A. Singleton, 22; W. C. Wells, 4; T. F. Warner, 5. All summing up 41,000.

APRIL.

April 1—Jacob Deitz elected mayor of Weston, and ——— Carney mayor of Leavenworth.

April 3—Richmond, Virginia, evacuated.

April 9—Lee surrenders at Appomattox. Peace!

Joseph Wrenn having died, James D. Jones administers

His children: 1, James Wrenn; 2, Amanda; 3, Nancy L.; 4, William; 5, Thomas; 6, Lewis.

Ed. H. Bowman having died, H. C. Bowman administers. Bond, \$200.

The new State Constitution adopted as a whole by the convention.

April 10—Lieut. A. B. Pollock succeeds Lieut. Bradley, as provost-marshal at Weston.

The Carpenter building in Weston burned.

April 14—President Lincoln assassinated. On the 18th memorial services at Platte City and Weston. The *Border Times* of the 21st is in mourning.

STEPHEN JOHNSTON (i).

April 25—Stephen Johnston (i) died at his home, three miles east of Platte City. He was born in Ohio July 6, 1815; came west in 1838, and, with James H. Johnston (not related), opened a general store at Martinsville. They moved over to Platte City in the spring of 1840. They prospered, and in a few years divided large profits. Both invested in land, which was partitioned among their heirs. Stephen Johnston went to Omaha, and returned shortly before his death. A Northern man by birth, he espoused the Union cause during the war. He was tall and handsome in person, and exceedingly agreeable in his manners. He married, June 6, 1844, Malinda D. Clark, a sister of Mrs. John Wilson and of R. P. Clark. She died July 24, 1851, having been born in Boonville, Mo., August 17, 1824. She left:

- I. WILLIAM JOHNSTON, went west.
- II. R. P. C. JOHNSTON, d. Jan. 2, 1895; m'd Mary E. Chiles, dr. of Judge W. P. He studied medicine; bought, in 1873, the drug store of Jenkins & Co., in Platte City; subsequently removed to Dearborn. He was saved from the ruin of intemperance by the Keeley cure, and devoted the remainder of his life to saving others, by the remedy that he found efficacious in his own case. He left a widow and several children.
- III. STEPHEN JOHNSTON (ii), b. June 6, 1851; m'd 1st, July 25, 1877, Ida M. Clay, b. Nov. 3, 1857; d. Nov. 30, 1881, dr. of Thomas Clay. He m'd 2d, Feb. 3, 1886, Maggie Clay, his first wife's sister. Mr. Johnston is a well-educated gentleman, and an experienced merchant. He has pursued his calling in Edgerton, Platte City, and elsewhere. His first wife left two children:

1. *Mattie.* 2. *Thos. H. C. Johnston.*

Stephen Johnston (i) married second, April 19, 1853, Miss Georgia A. Boyd, daughter of Judge J. R. Boyd, of Tennessee. She was born July 9, 1834, and died October 5, 1878, in Kansas City. Ch:

IV. CHAS. M. JOHNSTON, m'd 1st, May 1, 1879, Mary E. Burnes, b. Feb. 26, 1859; d. July 8, 1880, childless. She was a dr. of Col. Fielding Burnes. He m'd 2d, Dec. 8, 1886, Alice Morton, dr. of Ben R. (See.)

V. J. B. JOHNSTON. VI. EMMA JOHNSTON, died young.

VI. MINNIE JOHNSTON, d. Jan. 30, 1883; m'd Oct. 11, 1875, Mrs. Waller was a lovely woman, and highly esteemed.

She left:

1. *Geo. H. Waller*. 2. *Laverda*. 3. *Madeline*.

Fountain L. married, second, Olivia George, of Clinton County; she died February 18, 1896.

April 28—R. H. Cohen is publishing, in the *Border Times*, some original poems of merit.

Property in Weston advancing.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Warrants drawn.....	\$34,783.29
Revenue collected.....	13,739.12

Overdrawn.....	\$21,044.17
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Levy—State, 40 cents; military, 20 cents; county, 50 cents; total, \$1.10; poll, \$2.

Expenditures in Detail.

Bounties paid recruits.....	\$24,900.00
Poor.....	1,168.00
Criminal costs.....	3,990.00
Printing.....	31.00
County Clerk (Lewis).....	1,609.00
County Treasurer.....	1,100.00
Assessor (Stone).....	187.00
County Attorney (J. Wilson).....	150.00
County Judge (Layton).....	210.00
Sundries.....	1,438.29

Total.....	\$34,783.29
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Assessment: lands, \$2,733,490; personalty, \$723,304; total, \$3,456,794.

CHANGE OF COUNTY OFFICERS.

May 1—Under the Vacating Ordinance, passed by the convention, Judge James Layton is succeeded by H. M. Aller, as county judge; W. T. Woods by N. P. Ogden, as sheriff; S. A. Gilbert by A. G. Beller, as probate judge; and D. P. Lewis, by D. W. Moore, as county clerk. G. W. Belt is reappointed circuit clerk.

May 3—H. M. Aller takes his seat as sole judge of the county

court, in the place of Layton; and D. W. Moore as clerk, in the place of Lewis. The latter protests.

May 5—The *Border Times* has 61 sheriff sales.

The work on the railroad from Kansas City to Weston commenced.

JOHN VENEMEN.

John Venemen died this month. He married in Ohio, and his first set of children were:

- I. HENRY VENEMEN, m'd Huldah Yocom, dr. of Simon. He was killed in the war, and she m'd 2d, Jan. 1, 1865, Dan Leahy. (See.)
- II. TIMOTHY VENEMEN, m'd Maggie Drake, in Ohio.
Mr. John Venemen married, second, June 25, 1848, Sarah Goodman, and had:
- III. ELIZABETH VENEMEN, m'd John Glossner.
- IV. HARRISON VENEMEN. V. LUCINDA VENEMEN.
- VI. SUSAN VENEMEN, m'd John Christ. VII. JOHN (ii).

May 20—W. J. Pumphrey died near Camden Point.

THE PUMPHREY FAMILY.

McHenry Pumphrey lived in North Carolina. His son, Elijah H. Pumphrey, born June 11, 1790, m'd Olive Wilson, born in Kentucky June 24, 1795. She was a daughter of Jonas Wilson, of Pulaski County. Two of their sons came to Platte, and settled east of Camden Point.

I. W. J. PUMPHREY

Was born in Kentucky in 1820; died in Platte May 20, 1865; he married, first, February 20, 1846, Caroline Kincaid, and married, second, March 1, 1863, Sarah A. Smith, who still lives. Ch:

- I. GALEN B. PUMPHREY, m'd April 6, 1876, Delia J. Jeter, dr. of James T.
- II. ED. E. PUMPHREY, m'd Eva Gabbert. (See.)
- III. OLLIE J. PUMPHREY, m'd Lee R. Carlton.
- IV. FRANK W. PUMPHREY. V. MAGGIE E. PUMPHREY.

II. JOSHUA H. W. PUMPHREY

Was born in January, 1829, in Graves County, Ky.; he married December 27, 1852, Margaret Goodman, born December 24, 1837, in Monroe County, Mo. Mr. Pumphrey lived on a farm east of Camden until about 1889, when he removed to St. Joseph, where he died. He was a Baptist of strong faith and exemplary deportment. Ch:

- I. ELIJAH H. PUMPHREY, m'd April 10, 1878, Ann Ducate; 2 children.
- II. JOSEPH H. PUMPHREY, b. May 2, 1856; m'd April 9, 1877, Susan Sherwood; 1 child.
- III. JAMES M. PUMPHREY, m'd Feb. 15, 1882, Minnie Phillips.
- IV. ANNIE D. PUMPHREY, m'd May 15, 1878, J. M. Butt; 1 child.

V. JONAS W. PUMPHREY. VI. ALICE PUMPHREY.
 VII. LUCY LEE PUMPHREY.
 VIII. FANNIE RAY PUMPHREY.

Mr. Joshua H. W. Pumphrey removed to Rockcastle County, Ky., in 1831; thence, in 1839, to Clark County, Ky.; to Garrard County, Ky., in 1842, and to Platte in 1844, landing at Weston April 27th.

May 22—Hon. C. P. Johnson spoke to a large audience in the Baptist church, Platte City, against the new Constitution.

May 27—Frank L. Miller shot by Hill, at New Market. Hill was indicted for murder, and, after six years' delay, plead guilty of murder in the second degree. He was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. He attempted suicide, but failed, and went to prison.

May 29—President Andrew Johnson issues a proclamation of general amnesty.

JUNE.

June 6—The new Constitution ratified by the people.

County court appoints J. C. Greenawalt examiner of teachers.

June 13—The Missouri River had formed a bar in the port of Weston, but it is now so high that boats land at the wharf.

June 20—Lieut. Pollard, deputy provost-marshal, leaves Weston, as his occupation is gone.

THE OVERBECK FAMILY.

Dr. Henry A. Overbeck died to-day. He was born in Bremen, Germany, April 3, 1803; came to America in 1820, and settled at Baltimore; he married May 22, 1827, Amelia C. Walz, born in New York February 30, 1808, and still living. Dr. Overbeck came first to Clay County, and thence, in 1843, to Platte, settling on Bee Creek. He visited California, and lived five years in Oregon. He was a physician of experience and success. Ch:

I. ROSENNA M. OVERBECK, b. Sept. 19, 1829; m'd Oct. 23, 1846, Peter E. Miller (son of Lewis), b. June 5, 1825; d. Nov. 14, 1888. Mr. Miller was a man of refinement and superior judgment. He died suddenly, while reading a newspaper. His widow lives at the homestead. Ch:

1. *Andrew L. Miller*, b. Oct. 31, 1847; m'd Oct. 31, 1872, Alice Harris, dr. of James H. Mr. Miller lives on a farm north of Platte City, and deals in stock. Ch: [a] Edgar L., b. Oct. 26, 1874; [b] Jas. H., b. Nov. 5, 1880.

2. *Amelia Ella Miller*, b. Nov. 19, 1854; m'd in March, 1874, James P. Skinner. (See.)

3. *James W. Miller*, b. Sept. 19, 1858; m'd Feb. 14, 1883, Anna E. Bywaters, dr. of John W. (See.)

4. *Ben E. Miller*, b. April 8, 1862; m'd May 25, 1886, Alice Oldham, dr. of F. M. Ch: [a] Clarence.

II. LUTHER W. OVERBECK, b. in Clay August 5, 1843; m'd 1st, Dec. 19, 1869, Lydia A. Robertson; she d. Jan. 12, 1878. Children:

1. *Chas. A. Overbeck*. 2. *Wm. R. Overbeck*. 3. *Carrie L. Geo. H. Overbeck*. 5. *John C.*

Mr. Overbeck m'd 2d, Nov. 29, 1883, Mrs. Alice Dale, dr. of Michael H. Gabbert. Mr. Overbeck is a successful farmer, and an urbane Christian gentleman.

III. MARY A. OVERBECK, b. Jan. 27, 1836; living; m'd Thos. X. Clarke, d. in 1879. Ch:

1. *Burden Clarke*, m'd Lizzie Dingey. 2. *Asenath*. 3. *W. H.*, b. Feb. 27, 1865; m'd Mary Kimsey, dr. of W. H. 4. *James T. Clarke*.

IV. AMELIA W. OVERBECK, m'd Oct. 29, 1874, Jos. H. Parrott. Children:

1. *Henry H. Parrott*. 2. *Ella N.* 3. *Jos. O.*

V. ANDREW H. OVERBECK, m'd Sarah Wilhite, dr. of Eliezer. Ch:

1. *Emma Overbeck*, m'd March 18, 1875, J. L. Kenney, b. in Scott Co., Ky., August 21, 1853. Ch: [a] Jas. E. Kenney; [b] Henry L.; [c] Lena G.; [d] Andrew L. 2. *Lizzie (Amelia)*, b. in Oregon, 1857; m'd in 1877, John B. Mundy, b. in Wyandotte Co., Kansas, Sept. 2, 1851, son of Isaac. He was marshal of the Weston Court of Common Pleas in 1875, U. S. store-keeper in 1885-9, editor of the *Landmark* at Platte City in 1890, and of the *Weston Journal* in 1892. From disease he has lost a foot. His home is Weston. He is well educated, and a chaste and ready writer. Ch: [a] Madge F. Mundy, b. April 14, 1880; [b] Emma B., b. Jan. 5, 1890.

VI. HENRY OVERBECK, m'd Emily Griffin; 2 children.

VII. LOU OVERBECK, m'd J. W. Fink. Live in Ray.

VIII. W. J. OVERBECK, b. May 27, 1846; d. Dec. 31, 1894; m'd Oct. 3, 1872, Mary E. (Dora) Stark, b. June 26, 1851. He was educated at Pleasant Ridge College, studied medicine with his father and at the Eclectic Medical School at Cincinnati; was elected sheriff of Platte County in 1880, re-elected in 1882, and was chosen collector in 1890-1. But, finding his health impaired, he went to Colorado, hoping its health-giving atmosphere would help him; he returned in 1894, without benefit, and died the last day of the year. Dr. Overbeck was a man of refinement. Nature had made him a gentleman. Mrs. Overbeck was educated at Camden Point, and possesses beauty, modesty, and amiability. Ch:

1. *Andrew P. Overbeck*, b. Nov. 3, 1873; m'd April 24, 1895, Maggie Fry.

2. *John T.*, b. Nov. 17, 1874. 3. *Harry F.* 4. *Jas. S.*
IX. JOHN F. OVERBECK, single.

June 23—Discharged soldiers are returning, and there is demand for dwellings and farms to rent. De Havens' Circus at Platte City.

JULY.

July 1—The new Constitution goes into effect.

July 3—Moses Langley having died, his widow, Eliza, administered. Bond, \$6,000.

July 4—Grand celebration at Weston in Brill's pasture. Among those participating were H. M. Aller, Dr. Thos. Beaumont, W. S. Briggs, I. N. Burnes, Eld. J. Carson, W. S. Carroll, Clint. Cockrill, John Doniphan, T. J. Gedultig, J. W. Hardesty, T. J. Harper, Rev. W. M. Kain, Michael Kenney, Wm. Lamar, Aug. Newman, John Pace, Thos. Quinn, O. C. and J. W. Steele. There was great rejoicing for the return of peace.

July 18—Orton's Circus at Weston.

July 22—A pleasant picnic at Camden Point.

July 24—Gov. Fletcher spoke at Weston.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—In a drunken affray in a saloon at Weston, a Mr. Shea was shot and severely wounded by Pat. Wheelan.

A freedmen's picnic near Weston, addressed by A. G. Beller and Rev. W. M. Kain.

Abundant rain. Wheat of good quality and yielding well.

PLATTE CITY ACADEMY.

Aug. 4—All questions of title adjusted, and Prof. F. G. Gaylor takes the Platte City Academy.

THE FAIR.

The stockholders of the Platte County Agricultural and Mechanical Association met and reorganized, electing Andrew Tribble president, and H. M. Aller, D. D. Burnes, W. K. Faulconer, M. Harrington, L. Hinkle, H. Jenkins, R. D. Johnston, Jesse Miller, and W. A. Singleton directors.

Aug. 7—S. A. Gilbert elected probate judge for four years.

Aug. 9—The *Great Eastern* arrives at Heart's-Ease with the cable, and for the first time we have telegraphic connection with Europe.

Aug. 15—Prof. G. W. Goodale purchases the Weston High School and takes supreme control of it.

James Durbin removes from Weston to Platte City.

Aug. 18—Board of emigration formed at Weston, composed of H. M. Aller, B. Bonifant, Henry Brill, J. N. Burnes, Wm. Connoway, John Doniphan, Adam Durkes, Jacob Ham, Levi Hinkle, Jas. Layton, H. Lamar, M. Miles, D. W. Moore, G. S. Park, W. M. Paxton, C. A. Perry, W. F. Perrin, John Pace, Thos. Quinn, J. W. Steele, F. M. Tufts, T. F. Warner, H. J. Wolf.

Aug. 26—Picnic at the fair grounds. Wheat selling at \$2. Large crops of apples and peaches.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—Joseph Murphy is appointed commissioner of public buildings, and \$40,000 is appropriated for a court-house. Block 24 is purchased by the county as a public square. Murphy advertises for plans and specifications, to be presented before November 30th.

Sept. 4—Circuit court, Judge Heren presiding. Attorneys are required to file affidavits of loyalty. There is much dissatisfaction, and J. G. Spratt leaves the State. Jurors also have to take the oath of loyalty.

Sept. 22—Work resumed on the Parkville & G. R. Railroad. It is only a blind to secure the payment of the bonds issued, and to secure the issuance of \$75,000 more.

Grand Jury at the late term: A. G. Brown, J. H. Burt, J. H. Carson, Noah Beery, Thomas Cook, John Davis, W. J. Fitzgerald, Thomas Hale, Jacob Hamm, Paul Jordan, John Lawrence, Henry Lamar, Burk McComas, J. W. M. Schooler, M. M. Nagle, Thomas Quinn, John Rohan, C. P. Summers.

Sept. 28—The first number of the *Landmark* issued by Harry Howard, publisher, and C. L. Wheeler, editor.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—Cockrill, Blackmore & McCluer start a wholesale and retail grocery house in Weston.

Oct. 7—A large and enthusiastic meeting at Weston, to get the county seat removed to that place, with Dr. Thomas Beaumont chairman. Addresses were made by Dr. Bowlby, D. D. Burnes, and S. A. Gilbert.

Oct. 17—The county fair—three days.

Oct. 20—The *Border Times* and the *Landmark* are discussing the negro question. The former maintains their equality with whites before the law; the latter denies.

Returning soldiers fill every vacant house. Reconstruction is the absorbing theme.

NOVEMBER.

WILLIAM RALSTON.

Nov. 1—William Ralston having died, D. J. Thorp is his administrator. Bond, \$15,000. His will names his children:

- I. SUSANNA, m'd Simpson Roach. Ch:
 - 1. *William.* 2. *Jesse.* 3. *Dudley.* 4. *A daughter.*
- II. MARGARET, m'd Edward Roberts, d. in April, 1874. Ch:
 - 1. *Sarah Jane Roberts*, m'd Henry Henson; many children.
 - 2. *John L. Roberts*, m'd Lou Lamar.
 - 3. *Missouri*, m'd Henry Azlein; d. young. 4. *Thos. W. Ellen N.*
 - 6. *Julia A. Roberts*, m'd Jan. 18, 1872, Jas. Hyatt. (See.)
 - 7. *Geo. Roberts*, m'd Annie Mitchell.
 - 8. *Robert E.*, m'd 1st, Bettie Harris, and 2d, Nannie Scott.
 - 9. *Katharine Roberts*, dead. 10. *Fannie*, single.
 - 11. *James.*
- III. SEVILLA RALSTON, m'd Peter F. Roberts. Ch:
 - 1. *Katharine Roberts*, m'd Darius Patterson.
 - 2. *Laura B. Roberts*, m'd Sept. 4, 1881, David H. Tucker.

GEORGE SHEELY.

Nov. 3—George Sheely having died Oct. 27, 1865, J. M. Railey administered. Bond, \$5,000. Ch:

- I. FANNIE A. SHEELY, m'd Allen Wright.
- II. MARY B. SHEELY.
- III. VIRGINIA L. SHEELY, m'd Jas. W. Wright. Ch:
 - 1. *Anna W. Wright.* 2. *Hattie*, m'd Wm. Holliday. (See.)

Dr. A. Bowlby spoke in Parkville, and formed an immigration society, composed of Geo. S. Park, president, Paul Jordan, secretary, and the following members: A. G. Brown, M. Carmody, John Davis, E. Earl, Phil. Groh, Levi Hinkle, F. Kahm, Eug. Keller, Dr. J. H. Lane, F. Luthy, Geo. C. Mitchell, Dr. F. B. Moore, John Morris, Joseph Simpson, C. P. Summers, Thomas J. Thomas, T. J. Wilson.

Nov. 5—Elder P. K. Dibble takes charge of the Camden Point Female Academy.

James Durbin is appointed county surveyor.

THE POOR-HOUSE.

Nov. 6—W. M. Paxton is appointed by the county court to examine the present poor-house farm, on the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 24, T. 54, R. 34, and see what arrangements can be made to sell the same, and buy another near the center of the county. Paxton reported, November 27, 1865, that he could sell to J. Woodward the old farm for \$2,100, and could buy the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 2, T. 53, R. 35, for \$3,000. The report was approved, and the sale and purchase made accordingly.

HENRY DEISTER.

Henry Deister having died, H. F. Deister administered. He was a native of Germany, and came to the United States in 1845, and settled, in 1847, in Platte, below Parkville. He married in Germany Theresa Hartje, and she died there. Ch:

- I. HENRY F. DEISTER, b. in Germany Aug. 9, 1830; d. Dec. 15, 1895; freighter on the Western plains; m'd in May, 1858, Margaret Hensen, dr. of Henry. Ch:
 1. *Henry W. Deister.* 2. *John Deister.* 3. *Albert Deister*
 4. *Frank Deister.* 5. *Joseph Deister.* 6. *Mary A.*
 7. *Elizabeth Deister.* 8. *Dora.*

II. JOHN C. DEISTER. (See.)

Nov. 8—Murray & Freeland's store in Platte City robbed of clothing.

Nov. 20—William Newman (ii) died to-day.

THE NEWMAN FAMILY.

The Newmans are descended from Peyton Newman (i), born in North Carolina, and removed to West Virginia; died in 1822; married Rebecca Reynolds, who died in March, 1870. Their son, William Newman (i), born in North Carolina in 1792, died November 22, 1865; married in 1815 Elizabeth Ellington, daughter of David. She was born in 1796, and died in 1869. They removed to Greenup County, Ky., and thence to Platte in 1838.

Posterity of William and Elizabeth Newman:

- I. FANNIE JANE NEWMAN, b. in 1816; d. in Platte, single.
- II. PEYTON NEWMAN (ii), b. June 27, 1818, in West Virginia; m'd Sept. 2, 1842, in Platte, Susan Woodward, b. April 6, 1826, dr. of Lance. Both yet live, and have celebrated their golden wedding. He served in Capt. Chrisman's company of Winston's regiment of Confederates.

Children:

1. *Lance W. Newman*, an attorney, of Liberty, Mo.
2. *Peyton*, a farmer.
3. *Frances E. Newman*, m'd R. W. Eades, of Clinton. 1 child: [a] Mollie.
4. *Martha R. Newman*, m'd Dec. 1, 1871, Jas. M. Reese. They live at Lathrop, Mo.; 7 children.
5. *Amanda Newman*, m'd Feb. 3, 1876, Alex. Newby, of Colorado.
6. *Alice Newman*, m'd Sept. 27, 1883, Daniel B. Hayden.
7. *Catherine Newman*, m'd Jan. 1, 1883, Jerome W. Harris.
8. *Almedia*, d. in 1878; m'd Z. M. Barnett. Ch: [a] Mary B. Barnett; [b] Dovey Barnett; [c] Peyton Barnett, b. Nov. 2, 1871; d. Jan. 14, 1897; m'd Nov. 16, 1896, Margaret Johnson; was a candidate for the Cumberland Presbyterian ministry, and at the time of his death was a student of theology at the Lebanon (Tennessee) Seminary.

9. *Stephen S. Newman*, m'd in Sept., 1878, Bennie L. Creek. He was stabbed and killed Sept. 2, 1881, by Clay Snell (see), on the fair grounds. Ch: [*a*] Stephen R. Newman.
 10. *Peyton S. Newman* (iii), b. Jan. 17, 1864; m'd April 9, 1885, Mattie K. Zirkle, b. in Virginia Nov. 23, 1865; came to Platte with her mother in 1884, and d. May 27, 1891.
 11. *Cecilia Newman*, d. Nov. 9, 1879, aged 20; m'd Dec. 18, 1874, Ed. D. Duncan.
- III. **DAVID D. NEWMAN**, b. in Lawrence Co., Ky., Feb. 28, 1820; d. in Platte Sept. 8, 1892; m'd in March, 1843, Mary A. Dodson, dr. of John and Nancy. He was a zealous Baptist, as were most of the Newman family, and enjoyed the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. Ch:
1. *Nancy J. Newman*, m'd Feb. 2, 1860, W. D. Standiford, b. Feb. 4, 1838. Live in Oskaloosa. Kansas; have no children now living.
 2. *Elizabeth Newman*, dead; m'd Robert H. Black, of Andrew Co., Mo. Ch: [*a*] Mollie Black; [*b*] Ida; [*c*] Fannie.
 3. *Susan J. Newman*, m'd Isaac N. Moody, b. in 1849; d. Dec. 11, 1877; a merchant of Edgerton, a Mason and a gentleman highly esteemed for his virtues. Ch: [*a*] Thomas Moody; [*b*] Ethel, m'd July 28, 1896. Effie A. Donahoe; [*c*] Lulu Moody, m'd Sept. 2, 1896, Crede Benner. Mrs. Moody m'd 2d, July 11, 1880, Geo. W. Leeper. Ch: [*d*] Archie Leeper; [*e*] Emmet; [*f*] a girl.
 4. *John Newman*, m'd Dec. 18, 1872, Josie D. Elliott. Ch: [*a*] James Newman; [*b*] Jesse; [*c*] Schuyler; [*d*] Mary E. He is a wagon-maker at Edgerton.
 5. *Erastus P. Newman*, m'd Mollie Mitchell, of Atchison County, Kansas. Ch: [*a*] Herbert; [*b*] Maud; [*c*] Clarence. He is a car inspector for the C., R. I. & P. Railway.
 6. *Jos. H. Newman*, b. Feb. 15, 1853; m'd Nov. 10, 1875, Melvina Dick, dead, dr. of Whitley. Ch: [*a*] Samuel E.; [*b*] Albert F.
 7. *Cornelia Newman*, m'd Anderson Mitchell. Children: [*a*] Vesta; [*b*] Lelia Mitchell; [*c*] Everett.
 8. *Martha Newman*, m'd Feb. 25, 1873, Alfred Liggett, b. July 20, 1853. Mr. Liggett is highly regarded for intelligence and integrity of character. Ch: [*a*] Hattie, b. Sept. 15, 1878; [*b*] Mattie, b. May 30, 1880; [*c*] Gertrude, b. June 7, 1884; [*d*] Ray Liggett, b. June 6, 1889.
 9. *M. Alice Newman*, m'd Dec. 29, 1887, David H. Dodson (cousin). Ch: [*a*] Edna Dodson.

- 10. *William P. Newman*, m'd Jan. 26, 1888, Ollie Benson. Oh: [a] Hattie.
- 11. *Sarah (Fannie) Newman*, m'd Sept. 5, 1878, John F Cox; no children.
- 12. *Theo. Lee Newman*, m'd Oct. 24, 1888, Nellie Jennings, dr. of Wm. Oh: [a] Robert; [b] Beulah.
- 13. *David B. Newman*, single.
- IV. **ELIZABETH NEWMAN**, m'd Jan. 4, 1855, Fountain P. Lott, of Clinton.
- V. **WILLIAM R. NEWMAN**, b. April 11, 1826; m'd Jan. 10, 1851, Martha A. Woodward, dr. of Lance. They live in Clinton County. Ch:
 - 1. *Theo. Newman*, m'd Oct. 24, 1888, Hattie F. Jennings.
 - 2. *Emily Newman*, m'd Ed. Duncan, of Clay.
 - 3. *Ellen Newman*, m'd a Woodward (second cousin).
 - 4. *Price Newman*, m'd a Rupe.
 - 5. *William J.*, m'd Nov. 5, 1891, Lulu Black, b. Oct. 16, 1873.
 - 6. *Matthew Newman*.
 - 7. *Henry Newman*, m'd Fannie Black, b. Aug. 16, 1875.
 - 8. *Alex. Newman*, single.
 - 9. *Pleasant C. Newman*, m'd Feb. 25, 1874, Nancy J. McComas, b. June 19, 1856, dr. of Pemb. Ch: [a] Nela. b. July 25, 1875; [b] Pembroke. b. Jan. 2, 1877.

Nov. 27—John S. Yocom having died, his widow, Altemira (née Bailey) Yocom, administered. Bond, \$4,000.

SAMUEL R. OFFUTT.

Samuel R. Offutt having died, his sons, Z. M. and Robert, administer. Bond, \$15,000. He was a native of Virginia, removed to Bourbon County, Ky., and thence, in 1843, to Platte. He possessed spirit and courage. He married Eliza Hayes, who died before him. Oh:

- I. **SAMUEL OFFUTT** (ii), went as a soldier to the Mexican War and never returned.
- II. **NANCY JANE OFFUTT**, m'd Edward Jones in Kentucky. Children:
 - 1. *Samuel Jones*. 2. *Barrack*. 3. *William*.
 After the death of Mr. Jones, his widow m'd 2d, Samuel Hayes, son of John. They removed to Texas.
- III. **ZEDEKIAH OFFUTT**, came west with his father, but returned to Kentucky, and died.
- IV. **ROBERT OFFUTT**, lives in Ray County, and has a family.
- V. **SARAH OFFUTT**, m'd Thos. Walters; he died, and she m'd 2d, D. A. Miller, and was divorced; 2 children by her first husband, none by the second.

VI. OTHO OFFUTT, b. in Kentucky Feb. 11, 1836; m'd Dec. 12, 1866, Sarah Settle, d. July 1, 1884, dr. of John J. Ch:

1. *John E. Offutt.* 2. *Jesse.* 3. *Virginia Offutt.*

4. *Mary.* 5. *Otho Offutt* (ii). 6. *George.* 7. *Sue Offutt.*

Mr. Otho Offutt (i) m'd 2d, Sept. 14, 1887, Elizabeth Hughes, dr. of John R.

VII. GEORGE OFFUTT, m'd Fannie Greer. Live in California.

VIII. JAMES OFFUTT, lives in Pike County.

IX. HENRY OFFUTT, m'd a Masterson. Live in Edgerton.

X. ANTONIA, single. Lives in Edgerton.

XI. VICTORIA, m'd July 10. 1870, Prior Pemberton. Live in Clinton.

XII. ALFRED OFFUTT, fell at Springfield in the Southern army.

Nov. 30—President Johnson, by proclamation, restores the supremacy of civil law, and the rights of *habeas corpus*, in Missouri and the Northern States.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 2—Star of the West Lodge of Good Templars reorganized at Weston, with Col. James A. Price, W. C. T., and 40 members.

THE PUBLIC SQUARE.

Dec. 4—Jos. Murphy, commissioner of seat of justice, having been ordered by the county court to select a site for the proposed court-house and jail, reports Block 24, Platte City, with deeds made, in escrow, to the county, from the several owners of lots. These deeds are approved by Hon. John Wilson, county attorney, and are referred to Circuit Judge Heren, who sustains them. Thereupon, the county court locates the public buildings on Block 24, and pays for it.

Dec. 18—The Thirteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution, abolishing slavery, is declared ratified.

The *Border Times* and the *Landmark* are at war.

John Wilson's salary as county attorney is raised to \$500.

WESTON FINANCES.

Collected, \$3,804.43; expended, \$1,838.50; paid on debt, \$850; surplus, \$1,115.93.

JONES CHREECH.

Dec. 25—Jones Chreech died opposite Leavenworth. He was born in 1819; married Eliza Copeland. After his death, she married W. T. Hancock. (See.) Mr. Chreech was an enterprising man, and possessed several valuable tracts of land in the Missouri bottoms, which he allowed to be sold for debt, under execution, at much less than their value. Ch:

I. MARY ELLEN CHREECH, m'd W. F. Olvis, b. in Platte Jan. 8, 1840. His parents were John Olvis and Adaline Cox. Children:

1. *Mary Jane (Jennie) Olvis*, m'd Feb. 24, 1897, J. Frank Pitts.
2. *May*. 3. *Jas. Ed.*

II. SARAH JANE CHREECH, m'd 1st, Sam'l Langley. 1 child:

1. *William*.
Sarah J. m'd 2d, Dec. 29, 1875, John T. Cochrane. Ch:
2. *Nellie*.
Sarah J. m'd 3d, Jacob Fulcher.

Children of John Olvis and Adaline Cox:

1. *Mary Jane*, m'd John Copeland. (See.)
2. *Sarah Olvis*, m'd Joel Copeland. (See.)
3. *Wm. F. Olvis* (above).
4. *Samuel Olvis*, m'd Mary Leopard, and they have:
[*a*] William Olvis; [*b*] Chas.; [*c*] Sam; [*d*] Ernest;
[*e*] Lee C.

1866.

OFFICERS.

Governor, T. C. Fletcher; Congressman, R. T. Van Horn; State Senator, John Doniphan; Circuit Judge, W. Heren; Circuit Attorney, J. C. Parker; Assessor, J. W. Steele; Treasurer, R. Mat. Johnston; Coroner, E. D. Cord; Representatives, D. D. Burnes and John Wilson; Circuit Clerk, G. W. Belt; Probate Judge, S. A. Gilbert; County Judge, H. M. Aller; County Clerk, D. W. Moore; Sheriff, N. P. Ogden; Surveyor, James Durbin; Public Administrator, W. M. Paxton.

PRICES.

Bacon, ham, 25 cents; butter, 40 cents; coffee, 37 cents; eggs, 30 cents; flour, \$7; hemp, \$160; hogs, \$8; sugar, 20 cents.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—H. A. B. Anderson, N. B. Anderson, Baker, Boyd, Campbell, Greenawalt, Herndon, Hollingsworth, Merryman, Norton, Paxton, Robertson, John Wilson, R. P. C. Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Guthrie, Johnson, McDonald, Moad, Redman, Rixey, Smith.

Merchants, etc.—Burge, Colman, Hawley, Jenkins, Hunt, Keith, Kenny, Likins, Mason & Swain, Mulkey, Recht, Rice & Perry, Wilkinson, Young, Zarn.

Agricultural and Mechanical Association—R. D. Johnston, president.

Lodge—Neb. 12, J. A. Jackson, N. G.

At Weston: Attorneys—Beller, Burnes, Carpenter, Doniphan, Georgen, Gilbert, Hitt, Lawson, Scott, Watt, Wolf, Fulton.

Physicians—Allison, Beaumont, Bonifant, Bowlby, Hale, Peters, Price, Shortridge.

Merchants, etc.—Allen & Yocom, Barnhart, Basye, Bell, Blanjour (postmaster), Briggs, Brill, Brown, Carpenter, Cockrill, Blackmore & McCluer, Deckelman, Deitz, Doppler, Egstadt (stable), Ellefrit, Freeland, Gedultig, Gerner & Frank, Goodale, Hale & Calvert, Hall, Hardesty, Heriot, Hughes & Co., Ilkenhans, Johnson, Kaufman, Keller, Kurtz, Masterson, Matthews, Mettier, Nagle & Roney, Newhouse, Noble, Ogden, Oliphant, Quinn, Perry, Raileys, Rohring, Ringo, Schindler, Steubenraugh, Rogers, & Woodring, Termier & Winzer, Trollman, Warner, Wood, Woods & Story.

Weston Court of Common Pleas—Wolf, judge; Yocom, clerk; Roney, marshal.

Newspapers—*Border Times*, Beller editor; *Landmark*, Gilbert editor.

Lodges—Phoenix No. 30, G. Doppler, N. G.; Frontier Encampment, No. 2, J. A. Price, C. P.; Star of the West, J. A. Price, W. C. T.

Preachers—Batte (Episcopal), Sherwood (Presbyterian), Steele & Dibble (Christian), Hill (Methodist Episcopal).

Bank—Platte Savings Institution—Warner cashier; Railey & Bro.

At Parkville: Bueneman (postmaster), Carmody, Davis, Earl, Kahm, Dr. Lane, Luthy, Mitchell, Dr. Moore, Summers, Wilson, Park.

At Camden: Dr. Coffey, Hale (postmaster), Elder Dibble (president).

At Farley: Carpenter, Holt, Meads, Heath.

At New Market: Armstrong, Cartwright, Singleton.

At Ridgely: Chrisman, Ellington, Gustin, Robinson, Hill P. Mastin.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Splendid ice—18 inches thick.

Platte Savings Institution declare a dividend of 6 per cent for the past 6 months.

H. J. FREELAND MURDERED.

Jan. 4—On the 4th instant H. J. Freeland, with his brothers, John W. and B. F., started to St. Louis, by way of Leavenworth and Wyandotte. A hack was hired at Leavenworth, and they proceeded on their way. Henry rode outside with the driver. When near Quindaro, they were attacked by robbers, who fired upon them. The brothers returned the fire and fled. Help was

called and an examination made of the scene of the tragedy, but Henry was not found until the next morning. He had found shelter in a neighboring farm-house, and was still living, though he died in a few hours. He had received three pistol wounds, and had been robbed of \$70 and some nuggets of gold. But \$20,000 in his belt was not discovered. He was brought home for burial. It was thought that one of the robbers was killed and borne off.

Jan. 5—A vast amount of real estate was sold for taxes, by Collector Ogden. Most of it was afterwards redeemed by the payment of double. The sales were all void at law.

Jan. 14—Rev. Frederick Starr, the Presbyterian preacher driven from Weston, at the time of the Kansas troubles in 1856, on account of his opposition to slavery, returns on a visit, and is kindly received and entertained.

Jan. 17—Elijah Cody, long a merchant of Weston, dies at Denver.

Jan. 19—The bitter controversy between the Weston papers is exemplified by the following paragraph from the *Border Times*: "The Irishman who does the jackass articles for the *Landmark* has stolen the style of the *Cairo Item* for the publication of his conglomerated mass of nonsensical nothings, which he is pleased to call 'Brief Mention.' They are void of common sense, as they are prolific of brevity."

Jan. 23—The accepted plan and specifications for the proposed court-house and jail, prepared by Peter McDuff, are placed on file.

The Federal law requiring lawyers and preachers to take the test oath is decided unconstitutional and void.
Much excitement in Weston over "ghosts."
Fine sleighing.

Jan. 26—Manoah Miles appointed supervisor of registration.

J. M. Mulkey retires, and White & Field take the Planters' (Green) House in Platte City.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 5—A two-foot snow, drifting in places to five feet.

THOMPSON T. JONES.

Feb. 6—Thompson T. Jones died. His widow, Oirena (Adkins) Jones, administered. Bond, \$15,000. He was well educated and devoted several years to teaching. (See the "Jones Family.") He was tall and handsome and uncommonly urbane in his manner. To the day of his death, he was one of my choice friends and companions.

Feb. 9—The *Border Times* has Jesse Reno's poem "Moving," a harbinger of much verse and prose of second-rate quality.

THOMAS KIMSEY.

Feb. 12—Thomas Kimsey having died, W. H. Kimsey administers. Bond, \$7,000. He was a son of James Kimsey and Mary Croly, daughter of James, and was born in Tennessee in 1803. He married Martha Morris, daughter of Hammond Morris, of Kentucky. Thomas Kimsey was a large and dignified old gentleman, when I knew him, and highly esteemed as a useful citizen. Ch:

I. MARY KIMSEY, b. Sept. 14, 1823; m'd John Johnson. Live in Texas.

II. WADE HAMPTON KIMSEY, b. in Howard Co., Mo., Sept. 4, 1824, was a man of intelligence, a good writer, and a Baptist local preacher—kind-hearted and much beloved; m'd in 1849 Mary Ann Baber; she died Dec. 14, 1857, leaving:

1. *John T. Kimsey*, b. Feb. 9, 1852; m'd Jose Blackwell.
2. *Wilford Kimsey*, b. in 1856; m'd Jan. 6, 1892, Nannie J. Bradley, dr. of William.

W. H. Kimsey m'd 2d, Elizabeth F. Lutes, dr. of Jos.; she was b. in March, 1834. Ch:

3. *David M. Kimsey*, b. in June, 1860; m'd Sept. 11, 1879, Mary McComas, dr. of Burke. Children: [*a*] Lela; [*b*] Charles.

4. *Joseph W. Kimsey*, b. in Nov., 1861; m'd Fannie Hern-
don, dr. of Sim. Ch: [*a*] Ernest; [*b*] Ruth.

5. *Samuel V. Kimsey*, b. in 1863; m'd Victoria Pickle; 2 boys.

6. *Sarah C. Kimsey*, m'd Dec. 9, 1891 (third wife), Hugh Talbot Bradley. Ch: [*a*] Wm. D. Bradley. Mr. H. T. Bradley m'd 1st, Jan. 15, 1879, Kate N. Harrington, and m'd 2d, Dec. 28, 1888, Rachel Mellon.

7. *Mary V. Kimsey*, b. Jan. 7, 1875; m'd Nov. 17, 1890, Henry Clarke.

8. *Clay Smith Kimsey*, b. in 1876.

III. SAMUEL KIMSEY (ii), m'd Jan. 7, 1874, Martha Baber, who d. March 1, 1875. Ch:

1. *Emma Kimsey*, m'd Jas. Walter; 8 children.

2. *Priscilla Jane Kimsey*, m'd Dec. 24, 1871, Verd. Blankenship. Ch: [*a*] Thos. E. Blankenship, m'd Nov. 8, 1894, Jennie Wade.

3. *Thomas Kimsey* (ii), m'd Sarah Ellen Spencer, dr. of Thos. Ch: [*a*] Flora Kimsey; [*b*] Leta; [*c*] Willis; [*d*] Gertrude; [*e*] Ella May; [*f*] John.

4. *Melissa Jane Kimsey*, m'd Feb. 23, 1879, Lewis Wilson. b. Feb. 22, 1859, son of Jos.

5. *Elizabeth Kimsey*, m'd Nov. 13, 1878, Quincy Hon. (See.)

6. *John Kimsey*, b. Jan. 19, 1861.

IV. RACHEL KIMSEY, b. Jan. 9, 1827; after marrying 1st, a Goodman, she m'd 2d, Dec. 14, 1853, Samuel B. Ashby, b. June 16, 1824. Ch:

1. *Sarah Ashby*, m'd Oct. 1, 1867, John Shepard. (See.)
 2. *Martha Ashby* (twin), m'd Thos. Johnson, son of Benedict.
 3. *Emma Ashby*, m'd Frank Woolsey.
 4. *James D. Ashby*, lives in Iowa.
 5. *Mary*, lives in Texas.
- V. EMERANDA KIMSEY, b. Feb. 10, 1830; m'd Feb. 28, 1856, Robert Baber, b. in Pulaski Co., Ky., Aug. 23, 1825, son of Robert Baber and Delilah Davis. He is a farmer, living three miles north of Platte City. Ch:
1. *John T. Baber*, b. in Jan., 1857; m'd Ellen Snider, dr. of Henry.
 2. *Landon D. Baber*.
 3. *Thos. J. Baber* (twin with Landon).
 4. *James M. Baber*, m'd Jan. 9, 1882, Sarah Edwards, b. Feb. 26, 1862, dr. of Jas. H.
 5. *Andrew J. Baber*, m'd Feb. 24, 1887, Louisa Neff.
 6. *Geo. W. Baber*, m'd Feb. 14, 1884, Susie Heath, dr. of Jane.
 7. *David F. Baber*.
 8. *Martha J.*, m'd March 4, 1886, Jos. Cobb.
 9. *Delilah Baber*.
 10. *Lucy Baber*, m'd April 9, 1885, Thos. A. Frazier.
 11. *Mary Baber*, m'd Sept. 23, 1891, B. F. Wood (ii).
- VI. DAVID S. KIMSEY, d. in Nov., 1857; a merchant and postmaster at Platte City; m'd Nancy White, of Cooper Co., Mo.; no children.
- VII. JAMES KIMSEY, died single, aged 23.
- VIII. BEN. F. KIMSEY, d. in April, 1862; m'd May 13, 1858, Fannie H. Brown, dr. of Samuel.
- IX. WILLIAM KIMSEY, d. Feb. 17, 1870; m'd April 27, 1865, Mary C. Coons. After his death, she married F. M. McCormick.

THE KIMSEY FAMILY.

I will here set in order the whole family. James Kimsey, of Tennessee, married Mary Croly, daughter of Jas. Croly, and became the progenitor of the Kimseys of Platte. Their children came to Platte in 1841, by way of Howard County, Mo.

I. SAMUEL KIMSEY (i), d. in Platte in Sept., 1844; m'd Rachel Townsend; she survived her husband, and m'd 2d, Thomas Jones (see), but had no children by him; she d. Jan. 19, 1873. Ch:

1. *Johnson Kimsey*, m'd Feb. 16, 1840, Mary Dolison. They live in Jackson County.
2. *Thomas Kimsey* (iii), lives in Oregon.
3. *Polly*, d. Aug. 8, 1886.
4. *Rachel Kimsey*, m'd Jan. 13, 1841, Barton W. Estes, b. in Bourbon Co., Ky., July 9, 1817; d. July 21, 1896. Ch: [a] Emeranda Estes, m'd 1st, Geo. Brecken-

ridge, son of Elmore. Ch: [1] Ella Breckenridge, m'd Feb. 27, 1888, Jas. Brubeck. Emeranda m'd 2d, Nov. 8, 1866, Elmore Breckenridge (ii), brother of her first husband. Ch: [2] William; [3] a girl. [b] John Wes. Estes, m'd Jane Mark. Children: [1] Henry L.; [2] Frank; [3] Ben (twin with Frank); [4] Mary; [5] Lura. [c] Samuel G. Estes, m'd Viola Barney. Live in Kansas; 4 children; [d] Victoria Estes, m'd Feb. 5, 1878, David W. Fisher, b. May 1, 1818; d. Feb. 21, 1895, son of David S.; 3 children. [e] Edna Estes, m'd Wm. Lutes, son of Jos.; [f] Robert M., m'd Feb. 13, 1890, Dora Hon.

II. LITTLEBURY KIMSEY, m'd Sus. Findley. Ch:

1. *Sue*. 2. *Hannah*. 3. *Elizabeth*.

III. JAMES KIMSEY, m'd Hannah McCracken, and went to Oregon.

IV. THOMAS KIMSEY (above).

V. BENJ. KIMSEY (i), b. in 1802; d. Feb. 26, 1865; m'd Elizabeth Morris, dr. of Hammond, and sister of Thomas Kimsey's wife. Ch:

1. *Francis M. Kimsey*, married, successively, two daughters of Hugh Baxter. They went to McDonald Co., Mo.
2. *W. D. Kimsey*, m'd Permelia Baxter, dr. of Hugh. Live in Cooper County.
3. *Sallie Kimsey*, m'd McHenry Morris, and went west. Ch: [a] Mary E. Morris; [b] John N.; [c] Amanda; [d] Claiborne F.; [e] Martha E. Morris; [f] Geo. W. Morris.

VI. ELEANOR KIMSEY, m'd Samuel Findley.

VII. ELIZABETH KIMSEY, m'd James Simpson; d. in April, 1852. Ch:

1. *Preston Simpson*. (See.)

VIII. MARY KIMSEY, m'd Wm. Simpson, brother of James (above).

MAILS AND ROADS.

The mails still come by way of Barry and Platte City to Weston. But the latter is connected with St. Joseph by railroad, but not with Kansas City. The Missouri Pacific from Kansas City to Leavenworth is under contract. A company is organized to build the Des Moines Railroad, but nothing except a preliminary survey has been done.

Feb. 13—The Clay County Savings Association (Bird & Sons), at Liberty, is robbed of \$60,000 in broad daylight, and Geo. Wymer killed.

The court-house and jail let out. The bids were opened and found as follows: A. Wheelock's bid, \$82,650; J. A. McGonigle, \$88,500; W. D. Bonnell, \$89,735; Thos. Carroll, \$95,500; H. Jen-

kins, \$94,548; L. W. Dinsmore, \$102,000; W. V. Stone, \$105,000; J. C. Evans, \$107,000; P. McFarland, \$109,000. The bid of J. A. McGonigle was accepted, and he gave bond for \$50,000, for the performance of his contract by May 1, 1867.

Feb. 20—A beautiful aurora borealis.

MARCH.

March 1—Wheat promising. Peaches are a failure.

March 12—The *Border Times* has fifty sheriff sales. Louis Georgen is licensed as an attorney. Prof. G. W. Goodale is lecturing weekly at Weston, on various topics.

The probate office at Platte City is publicly sold, and bought by Clinton Cockrill, for a bank, at \$1,760. The probate records are removed to the circuit clerk's office, and J. C. Greenawalt becomes probate clerk, in the place of E. R. Owen, who goes to Oregon.

AL. G. ENDICOTT.

March 15—Al. G. Endicott having died near Barry, J. B. Cox administered. Bond, \$2,500. Ch:

I. ANNIE W., m'd a Hall. II. MARY A., m'd J. M. Adkins.

APRIL.

April 2—Jacob Deitz is elected mayor of Weston over S. A. Gilbert, and Held is elected marshal. Carney is elected mayor of Leavenworth.

President Johnson announces, by proclamation, that peace is established, and the war ended.

LEWIS B. CHINN.

April 11—Lewis B. Chinn having died, J. H. Chinn administers. Bond, \$8,000. Mr. Chinn belonged to an old and wealthy family, that flourished in Virginia in Colonial times. His father came at an early day to Greenup County, Ky., and here Lewis B. Chinn was born in 1819. In 1839 he married Mary A. Hayes, born July 4, 1822, and died September 1, 1885. She was a daughter of Cal. H. Hayes. In 1840 the newly married couple came west, and settled on the Platte, four miles northeast of Platte City. By industry, coupled with good sound sense, they prospered, and left to their children a competency, as well as a good education and an enviable position in society. Mrs. Chinn was a Christian woman of intelligence, dignity, and lady-like bearing. Ch:

I. COL. JAMES H. CHINN, b. Nov. 3, 1842; h'd May 12, 1868, Lucy Robinson, dr. of Senator A. M. Robinson and his second wife, Catherine Hughes. Col. James H. Chinn is a large and portly gentleman, of imposing dignity, and

charming address. He read law in private, passed a good examination, and was admitted to the bar. But his restless disposition led him into various schemes and enterprises, from which he has gained experience. He was county clerk in 1877-9, and proved to be an excellent accountant. He was deputy collector, and has passed through many departments of business. His commanding person and urbane manners introduce him favorably to the stranger. But he lacks self-dependence, and his timidity stands in the way of his success. He is now bookkeeper in the State Penitentiary, and is looking forward to preferment. Ch:

1. *Lewis R. Chinn*, has been teaching school, and is regarded as a rising young man.

2. *Laura*, is a lovely maiden, whose modesty is an ornamental robe.

3. *Guy Chinn*. 4. *Jas. H. Chinn*.

II. CHARLES L. CHINN, m'd Sept. 12, 1882, Melvina McComas.

III. LUELLA CHINN, m'd Oct. 27, 1880, Ira N. Walker. (See.)

IV. GEORGE W. CHINN, died by his own hand Feb. 21, 1889; m'd 1st, April 7, 1875, Sallie Robertson, b. Feb. 19, 1850; d. Oct. 27, 1882. She was the widow of W. M. Lampton, who d. leaving one child, Minnie E. Lampton. She had no children by Chinn. After her death, he m'd 2d, Sept. 16, 1885, Phena Smith. She returned, after his death, to her parents in Kansas City, with one child.

V. PLEASANT W. CHINN, m'd Nov. 20, 1877, Fannie Dougherty. (See.)

VI. ALFRED (TOM) N. CHINN, b. in 1850; d. April 28, 1882; m'd 1st, Oct. 1, 1868, Cornelia Pullins, b. in 1850; d. in 1875, leaving children;

1. *Chas. B. Chinn*. 2. *Wm. D.* 3. *Cornelia*.

Mr. Chinn m'd 2d, his first wife's sister, Georgia Pullins, who survived him, childless, but with three step-children.

VII. BENJ. F. CHINN, b. Oct. 10, 1851; d. Sept. 21, 1887; m'd Dec. 12, 1877, Annie Eliza McEown, dr. of Isaac McEown and Catherine Ballard. She lives, with children:

1. *Bettie B. Chinn*. 2. *Luella Chinn*. 3. *Cora E.*

4. *Virgil*.

VIII. ESTELLA CHINN, m'd March 6, 1873, Wm. Link.

PARKVILLE & G. R RAILROAD BONDS.

April 16—Judge Aller was sued on account of the county, and served with process in Clinton, whence a mandamus issued requiring him to give to the road the bonds of the county for \$75,000 subscribed to the road and not paid over. This date, \$25,000, in \$100 bonds, were issued.

Democrats are now known as Conservatives, and Republicans as Radicals.

PLATTE CITY ACADEMY.

There are now in attendance at the Academy, Prof. F. Gaylord principal, 47 boarders and 138 day scholars.

April 21—The Platte County Railroad, from St. Joseph to Kansas City, is sold to pay the State lien for \$868,000. The State is purchaser.

The prospect for wheat is excellent.

THE WINN FAMILY.

April 22—Mrs. Virginia Burnes, née Winn, died.

George Winn, of Tennessee, married Emily Henderson. (See.) Their children:

I. ALEX. WINN, of Tennessee. His daughter,

1. *Ann E. Winn*, m'd Oct. 10, 1877, her cousin, Geo. R. Ireland. Ch: [^a] Georgia A. Ireland.

II. VIRGINIA WINN, m'd May 13, 1851, Col. D. D. Burnes. (See.)

III. ELIZA E. WINN, b. in Jan., 1826; dead; m'd in Sept., 1846, James E. Ireland, b. Oct. 16, 1825, in Tennessee, son of Benj. R. He came to Platte in April, 1855, and settled in the Missouri River bottom, below Farley. He served several years as county court justice, and has been highly esteemed for his Christian zeal and virtues. He is a Knight Templar, and in his early life delighted to meet with his Masonic brethren. Ch:

1. *Alex. Ireland*, m'd Nov. 7, 1877, Emma McCormick. (See.)

2. *Geo. R. Ireland* (above).

3. *Jas. E. Ireland*, b. May 1, 1854.

4. *John J. Ireland*, b. Sept. 1, 1860; m'd Minnie Hopper.

April 28—The Platte Savings Institution agrees to cash \$120,000 of county warrants, at 80 cents to the dollar.

MAY.

May 1—There is no county financial statement of record, and I have not found any published.

James A. Stone resigns as assessor, and James W. Steele is appointed in his place. Gold in New York, \$1.34.

JOHN SHARP.

May 8—John Sharp having died, Emmanuel Sharp administers. Bond, \$1,000. He married Rebecca Burton. Ch:

I. ANDERSON SHARP, dead; m'd Betsy Martin, of Kansas.

II. MELISSA SHARP, m'd Gordon Pate.

III. LUCINDA SHARP, m'd Presley Cheshire, dead.

IV. SALINA SHARP, m'd a Bingley, in Kansas.

1. *Octavia*, m'd Nov. 18, 1884, C. C. Jones.2. *Jos. M. Sharp*, b. July 4, 1864; m'd Sept. 5, 1889, Jennie Hufford. (See.) Ch: [a] Rita.3. *Wallace Sharp*.

VI. JOHN CALVIN SHARP, b. May 7, 1826; m'd in 1854 Louisa Ussary. (See.)

VII. ALFRED SHARP, m'd L. J. Minor. Ch:

1. *Galen B. Sharp*. 2. *Mollie*. 3. *John*.4. *Kittie*, m'd Dec. 25, 1895, Richard Thompson.

A large Democratic mass-meeting convenes at the Baptist church, in Platte City; S. A. Gilbert chairman, and addresses made by John Wilson, E. H. Norton, and R. P. C. Wilson.

After a preliminary survey of a route for a railroad between Leavenworth and Platte City, James Durbin reports favorably thereon.

Two flourishing lodges of Good Templars are at work in Weston.

Grand jury of May term, 1866: Richard Babcock, A. G. Brown, Noah Beery, Wm. Carr, Isaac Dean, David Fleming, Wm. Gabbert, And. Henson, Levi Hinkle, Henry Lamar, Thos. B. Love-lady, James M. Mulkey, Manoaah Miles, Burke McComas, John Pace, John Patton.

May 29—Platte City raised \$785, and sent it for the relief of Southern sufferers.

JUNE.

June 2—Through the courtesy of Judge Beller, I have full files of the *Border Times*. I have gathered also about half the numbers of the *Landmark*. The *Reveille* is now announced, and Col. T. W. Park has laid me under obligations for his full files of it.

Johnson Clubs are organized in several places.

A picnic at the fair grounds.

Hon. Frank P. Blair spoke at Wells' Grove, near Weston, and a sumptuous barbecue was served. A drenching rain and the falling of the platform did not quench the ardor of the Conservatives. The people came by large and organized delegations.

Peaches almost a failure, but other fruits promising. The wheat crop is good.

Business and hope are reviving.

The county is divided into twenty registration districts. James Durbin gets the commission for supervisor of registration, over M. Miles, who expected it. There is great dissatisfaction in Radical circles.

The law requiring the test oath of preachers has not yet been decided unconstitutional, and several of them are arrested.

June 11—Gen. Shields spoke in Weston.

June 14—Fenians meet at Mettier's Hall, Weston.

The quarrel between the *Border Times* and the *Landmark* grows acrimonious.

June 20—The corner-stone of the court-house laid. Belt, Aller, and Paxton were the committee. The Masons had charge. Grand Master Vincil was master of ceremonies. The crowd was immense.

June 25—Dr. Thomas Beaumont and another citizen are robbed in Weston. The robbers are pursued, but escape.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad is finished to Kansas City, and steamers connect with Weston.

Examination at Platte City Female Academy. Scholars that had attended, 223. Faculty: F. G. Gaylord, president; Chas. Raffington, professor of languages; and Miss Maggie Baxter, teacher of music.

JULY.

July 1—The Missouri Pacific Railroad finished to Leavenworth.

A new bridge erected over the branch a hundred yards east of Bee Creek, on the road from Platte City to Weston.

REGISTRATION.

Supervisor James Durbin makes his appointment of assistant registrars as follows:

Carroll Township, C. M. Boyd, J. P. Vermillion, Burke McComag.

Pettis Township, J. W. Mason, W. A. Marshall, David Fleming.

Lee Township, D. F. Fouts, John H. Burt, Thomas Quinn.

Green Township, John H. Hall, Henry Lamar, F. M. Tufts.

Preston Township, M. S. Klum, James Standiford.

Weston Township, Peter Blanjour, Henry Humphrey, Benet Whiteley.

Marshall Township, J. H. Carson, Thos. B. Lovelady, John Pace.

Levi Likins erects a machine shop near the water mill at Platte City.

Lawyers have to take out United States license.

July 2—Gen. Jas. H. Lane committed suicide at Leavenworth. Jacob Moore, a German, committed suicide at Weston.

July 4—A brass band formed at Platte City, with Prof. Hook as teacher.

The Fenians had a drunken carousal at the fair grounds.

July 6—The first number of the *Reveille* is issued at Platte City by T. W. Park, a step-son of Prof. Gaylord and a young man of brilliance. It is Conservative in its politics.

A NEW OATH OF LOYALTY

Is required of every voter, by the new Constitution. The affiant must state, among other things: (1) That he has never borne arms against the United States; (2) nor given aid or comfort to its enemies; (3) nor contributed to their aid; (4) nor held communication with them; (5) nor advised any one to enter into their service; (6) nor adhered to such enemies; (7) nor desired their triumph; (8) nor sympathized with them; (9) nor freely submitted to them; (10) nor gone to their support; (11) had never been a guerrilla; (12) nor a bushwhacker; (13) nor harbored such; (14) nor avoided enrollment, etc. There are 32 paragraphs in the affidavit, and one-half the citizens are disfranchised.

UNION LEAGUES

Were organized in several places. They were a secret order, bound by a solemn oath. The Weston Lodge notified J. B. Evans that he had slandered the order, and "a repetition of the offense might be followed by serious consequences."

A Conservative meeting at Farley, John Patton chairman, is addressed by R. P. C. Wilson, T. W. Park, and L. F. Hollingsworth.

July 10—A rise in the Missouri, that devastated the island opposite Weston.

A DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

July 14—A Democratic Convention at Platte City, H. M. Aller chairman, was addressed by R. P. C. Wilson, Judge Birch, and John Doniphan. Delegates were appointed for the Congressional Convention at Richmond, August 16th, and for the Smithville Senatorial Convention. The latter were instructed to vote for D. D. Burnes for senator.

Revival at Smithville, under the preaching of Elder B. Wal-
ler; and 130 received into the Church.

July 24—Twenty-five Government wagons laden with arms and ammunition passed through Platte City, on the way to the Liberty Arsenal.

A Johnson Club formed at Camden Point, consisting of 100 members. Addressed by W. B. Watts and H. A. B. Anderson.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—The Austro-Prussian War ended.

Brickwork at the court-house progressing.

Prof. H. B. Todd, now of Gallatin, Tenn., is on a visit to Platte City.

The Farmers' Savings Association, a banking institution, is organized at Platte City with Clinton Cockrill president, Andrew Tribble cashier, and W. M. Paxton assistant.

At a special election in Weston, to fill vacancies, T. F. Warner was chosen mayor, and Tim. Conner marshal.

Louis Georgen is issuing a German paper in Weston, known as the *Radical Courier*. The law requires legal advertisements to be published in at least one German paper, if there is any such in the county. When the harvest of sheriff's sales ended, the *Courier* died.

Pat. Doyle is building a handsome brick business house on Lot 1, Block 29, in Platte City.

DISORDER IN WESTON.

Lawlessness had so grown in Weston that Mayor Deitz and Marshal Held had resigned. Warner, elected mayor in place of Deitz, takes hold with a strong arm—silences the outlaws, and restores order and safety.

The registration, disfranchisement, and the canvass for circuit clerk between G. W. Belt and R. D. Johnston are exciting themes.

A RADICAL MEETING.

Aug. 6—A Radical meeting, A. G. Brown chairman, is addressed by James N. Burnes. Others participating were: N. Beery, J. H. Burt, James Durbin, D. J. Fouts, J. H. Hale, M. Miles, Wm. Kyle, F. M. Tufts, and J. B. Wright.

Judge Wm. Heren will not hold court, because of the disturbed state of society, and the difficulty of getting jurors who will take the oath.

Aug. 13—The Conservative Convention at Smithville nominates D. D. Burnes for senator.

Aug. 16—The Conservative Convention at Richmond nominates Judge J. H. Birch for Congress.

TOURNAMENT.

Aug. 18—Aller, Greenawalt, and Paxton having been selected by the Platte County Agricultural and Mechanical Association to get up a tournament at the fair grounds, twenty-eight knights enter the lists. De Berry is victor, and crowns Miss Frankie Hunt as Queen of Love. Over \$100 was cleared.

Cholera comes as near as Kansas City, but does not visit Platte County.

Aug. 22—The board of trustees of Platte City determine to grade and macadamize Main Street, and advertise for bids for the work.

Aug. 24—The Presbytery of Lexington meet at Weston. A. B. Sherwood is moderator.

Platte City Female Academy is undergoing repairs. The west wall is taken out, and a new one erected.

THE KAY FAMILY.

Aug. 28—Geo. Kay died one mile north of Platte City. He was a son of John Kay, and was born in Washington County, Pa., April 7, 1791; married March 20, 1822, Margaret Morgan, born August 27, 1804, and died September 3, 1889. She was a daughter of Joseph Morgan, an Italian refugee, who was in the Colonial army, and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis. Mr. Geo. Kay was a volunteer in the War of 1812, and served in Capt. Robinson's company of Pennsylvania Militia. For his services, he was granted a pension, which he enjoyed while he lived, and his widow, after him, to the day of her death. They were ardent Methodists, and excellent people. Ch:

I. JOHN KAY, b. Aug. 9, 1825; d. in Oct., 1872.

II. JANE KAY, m'd Allen McLane, and, after his death, m'd N. E. Wilkinson. (See both.)

III. MORGAN KAY, m'd Sarah I. Gibson. (See.)

IV. ANN M. KAY, m'd Nov. 9, 1854, James M. Powell, b. in Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 4, 1832. He was a son of Wm. Powell and Ann C. Cornwell. William was a tobacco manufacturer and merchant. He had houses in Cincinnati, Ohio, Covington, Ky., and Lexington, Mo. He died in 1877, his wife in 1854. Their children were:

1. *William Powell* (ii). 2. *Henry*. 3. *John*. 4. *Joseph*.
5. *Samuel*. 6. *Sallie*, m'd Wm. Dodd.
7. *Louisa*, m'd Alf. W. Henning.
8. *Artemesia*, m'd John Barton.
9. *Mary T. Powell*, m'd Oct. 19, 1855, John E. Brooks.
10. *James*, was the youngest. He received a good education, and became a brick-mason. He is a man of superior natural mind, and his experience and reading make him a man of large information. He is a working Methodist, a good Bible scholar, and a useful citizen. Mrs. Powell is a hale, hearty, and genial lady, highly respected and well beloved. Children: [a] *Lena*, m'd E. Peitsel; [b] *Gertrude*, m'd March 8, 1882, T. D. Harrington. Ch: [1] *Sophronia Harrington*; [2] *James*. [c] *Maggie Powell*, m'd April 9, 1896, H. H. Martin; [d] *Nona Powell*, m'd June 4, 1896, Robert Elley.

Aug. 30—C. B. Hawley opens a dry goods store in Platte City, in the house lately occupied by Murray & Freeland.

MORIN AND WOODS.

A sharp and bitter handbill controversy is progressing between Capt. W. T. Woods, late sheriff, and Maj. Jesse Morin, his deputy, in relation to the money collected and accounted for by each.

SEPTEMBER.

THE PENCE FAMILY.

Sept. 1—Lewis Pence died to-day. His father was George Pence, of German descent. He married a Brown and emigrated to Kentucky. Most of his children came to Platte. Ch:

- I. EDWARD HERNDON PENCE, d. in Platte in 1861. He m'd in Kentucky Lucinda Snell, b. Feb. 8, 1808; d. Jan. 20, 1868. She m'd 2d, Jan. 28, 1863, Elder Oliver C. Steele (his fourth wife); no children. Ed. H. Pence's children were:
 1. *Elizabeth Pence*, m'd Darwin J. Adkins, of Clay, a man of moral and financial standing.
 2. *Elenora Pence*, m'd Thos. H. Talbott. (See.)
 3. *Elvira*, m'd J. M. Guthrie. (See.)
 4. *Edward F. Pence*, killed by a fall from a horse Dec. 4, 1862; m'd Jeana Dysart. Ch: [a] Madison Pence; [b] Stella.
 5. *Elmarine (Leticia) Pence*, m'd Sept. 1, 1859, Wm. A. King, from whom she was divorced. She m'd 2d, Oct. 6, 1879, Nathan P. Ogden. He was a merchant at New Market, and being a Union man, his store was looted June 1, 1864, by bushwhackers. In August following, he removed to Weston. May 1, 1865, he was appointed sheriff of Platte County, in the place of W. T. Woods, ousted. In 1866 he was elected to the same office, over L. Shepard, by a vote of 808 to 632. In May, 1880, he removed to St. Joseph, and has since been successfully engaged in banking and other financial enterprises. He is now regarded as one of the solid men of that city. She has no children by either husband.

II. JOSEPH PENCE, b. in 1801; d. Feb. 24, 1878; m'd 1st, Sallie Ohism. Ch:

1. *James Pence*, m'd Susan M. Parrott. (See.)
2. *Joseph Pence* (ii), m'd a Durrett.
3. *William L. Pence*, m'd Feb. 27, 1873, Diana Lamar. Joseph (i) m'd 2d, Sarah Noonan. Ch:
4. *Mary Pence*, m'd Thos. Noonan (cousin).
5. *Martha Pence* (twin), m'd Manlius Loyd.

III. MILTON PENCE, m'd Lavinia Lankford, b. in 1806; d. Sept. 29, 1884. Ch:

1. *Lucinda*, b. Feb. 27, 1842; m'd John Moore, b. Jan. 2, 1835. Ch: [a] William Moore; [b] Milton Moore; [c] Dora, m'd 1st, F. Cockrill (see), and was divorced; she then m'd 2d, William Harris, son of John M.; [d] Walter.
2. *Elenora Pence*, m'd Sept. 6, 1855, Geo. Moore. Ch: [a] Gibson.
3. *Elmarine Pence* (ii), m'd Oliver Todd. (See.)

IV. LEWIS PENCE, d. in June, 1866; m'd Jane Scarce, d. April 24, 1891. He was a director of the Mechanics' Bank of Weston and one of my esteemed friends. Ch:

1. *Emma Pence*, m'd Dec. 3, 1866, J. N. Vineyard. (See.)
2. *Lewis W. Pence* (ii), m'd Ruth Adkins, dr. of Dar. J. Ch: [^a] *Jennie*, m'd Oct. 3, 1894, Ellis G. Mings.
3. *Mollie T. Pence*, m'd Nov. 18, 1879, Judge Jas. Gibson, of Kansas City.

V. DANIEL PENCE, lived and died in Kentucky.

A CONSERVATIVE COUNTY CONVENTION.

Sept. 3—A Conservative County Convention was held at the Baptist church, in Platte City, to nominate candidates for the ensuing election. A majority were disfranchised; yet, after a spirited contest, in which S. A. Gilbert led the opposition, all were permitted to vote. After the nominations were made for all the offices, the crowd adjourned to the street; and, appointing tellers, the chairman called for the candidates for one office at a time to stand forth; and, at the word, the voters took position behind their favorites respectively. In this way the nominees were very soon, and very satisfactorily, selected. The result was as follows: Representatives, John Wilson and H. J. Wolf; circuit clerk, R. D. Johnston; county clerk, D. P. Lewis; sheriff, L. Shepard; treasurer, L. Ferguson; assessor, J. A. Stone; public administrator, J. B. Cox; surveyor, R. C. Ellifrit; supervisor of registration, W. Cunningham; coroner, E. D. Cord.

Sept. 8—The brickwork of the court-house is now up to the second story. The jailer's house is under roof, and a large amount of rock is on the ground for the jail.

REGISTRATION.

Sept. 13—James Durbin, supervisor of registration gives notice that all qualified voters may register any Saturday between September 20th and October 20th, at their proper precincts; and that a board of appeals will be held at Platte City, from the 23d to the 26th of October.

Sept. 15—Grasshoppers have reached Leavenworth, leaving terror before them and desolation behind them.

A DESPERATE AFFRAY AT PLATTE CITY.

In the afternoon, after the Radical Convention had adjourned, a crowd gathered in front of the Fleshman House. J. H. Dunagan, a Radical of Herculean frame, got drunk, and flourished a pistol with threats. Officers interfered, but Dunagan refused to obey, and fired off his pistol. Immediately, there was a general firing of revolvers, and the crowd hastily dispersed. William Callaghan and John Heath were killed, and among the wounded were Richard Bush, J. B. Cates, J. H. Dunagan, D. Fleming, John Foley, W. B. Heath, Sanders McComas, E. J. Phillips,

Henry Todd, and Jonathan Todd. Dunagan was arrested, and gave bond; but nothing was ever done. It was a battle between Conservatives and Radicals, and the former held the field.

LAWLESSNESS.

James Durbin, supervisor of registration, was attacked on the street of Platte City by a man named Queen, who threatened him on account of his politics, and ordered him to leave the town. Durbin returned to Weston, and it was his home until his death.

Bennett Whitely took refuge at my house, and when all seemed quiet, I went with him to hunt up his horse. When on the scene of the riot, W. H. Spratt presented himself, in a drunken state, with drawn revolver presented at my breast; and stating, in an angry tone, that I had been talking about him, swore he would shoot me. But just at the critical moment Constable H. T. Callahan, revolver in hand, rushed between us, and saved my life.

Sanders McComas lay hid in town three days. A Mr. McMillan took refuge in the new iron vault, made for the bank, and not yet in place. Some of the Radicals were pursued, at full speed, out of town. No legal proceeding was instituted. For a few weeks as much awe rested on the community as during the war.

Sept. 18—Judge Charles Drake spoke in Weston.

Sept. 25—Fair for four days; it was sparsely attended. Officers, acting: R. D. Johnston, president; A. Tribble, vice-president; J. C. Greenawalt, secretary; A. Burge, treasurer. Directors: Faulconer, Aller, Harrington, Hinkle, Hughes, Miller, Pepper, Singleton, Steele, White, Smith.

Faulconer was chosen president of the new board, Belt secretary, and Burge treasurer.

GRASSHOPPERS.

Sept. 27—During the fair grasshoppers commenced falling like snow from the heavens. In a few days they were like the locusts of Egypt. But they came too late to damage anything except wheat and grass. They left their eggs in the ground, and, when hatched out in the spring, desolation reigned.

The removal of the county seat to Weston is still agitated, notwithstanding the court-house is nearly complete. A petition is circulated to have the question submitted to the people.

Good Templars are flourishing in the county.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—The county court pays out large sums, in warrants, for coupons on Parkville G. R. Railroad bonds, and on W. & A. Railroad bonds. The amount paid, in one day, exceeded \$30,000.

Oct. 3—The registrars all fail to bring their books to the county clerk, as required by law; and the county attaches the officers. Eight of them deliver their books, and the others are brought forward by the sheriff, and give up their books, under duress.

John Wilson resigns as county attorney.

REMOVAL OF THE COUNTY SEAT.

A petition is presented to the county court for the removal of the county seat to Weston, and asking that the question be submitted to the people. It is ordered that a vote be taken at the general election, to be held November 6th. A counter-petition is also presented.

J. W. FOLEY.

J. W. Foley having died, J. A. Hyatt administered. He lived in Marshall Township. His widow was named Rhoda. Ch:

I. MARY FOLEY, m'd Jonathan H. Miller.

II. ELIZABETH A. FOLEY, m'd W. F. Nelson.

III. JONATHAN W. FOLEY,

IV. ZACHARIAS T., m'd Elenora Miller. Ch:

1. *Chas.* 2. *Ollie.* 3. *Guy.* 4. *Hugh.*

5. *Luella Foley.*

V. JAS. R. FOLEY.

VI. ANDREW B. FOLEY, m'd Oct. 25, 1884, Dora Seever, dr. of G. W.

VII. NANCY B. FOLEY, dead.

VIII. MARTHA FOLEY, m'd John W. King and died leaving:

1. *Jas. A. King.* 2. *Rhoda A.* 3. *John R.* 4. *Louisa S.*

5. *Minnie.*

SQUIRE JERRY WOODS.

Squire Jerry Woods died at Weston. He was born in Ohio May 26, 1797; married May 10, 1821, Virginia Soward, b. May 23, 1804, and died July 5, 1841. They came to Weston in 1839. He was elected a justice of the peace soon after his arrival, and held the office, by successive elections, to the day of his death; was a member of the first board of trustees for Weston; was a charter member of Masonic Lodge No. 53, and rose to the order of knighthood; was one of the earliest mayors of the city, and was universally esteemed for good natural sense and stern justice. Ch:

I. WILLIAM, b. March 25, 1822, m'd Mary Toole, sister of Edwin, of St. Joseph.

II. JOHN S. WOODS, b. Feb. 7, 1824, m'd Elizabeth Westerfield. (See.)

III. JONAS S. WOODS, b. Dec. 1, 1825; m'd a Hawn. He went to the Mexican War as an officer of Capt. W. S. Murphy's company, rose to the command of the company, and achieved honor by his gallantry.

IV. ELIZA J. WOODS, b. Dec. 16, 1827; m'd Jan. 22, 1846, Larkin M. Reed, d. July 29, 1895; she died at Leavenworth July 3,

1885. Mr. Reed was a saddler, and worked at his trade in Platte City, Weston, and Camden Point. He was a man of some education, and, as a Democrat, often wrote for the county papers. Ch:

1. *Anna*, m'd Geo. Wilkins.

2. *Jeff D.* 3. *Lida.* 4. *Robert.* All of Kansas City.

V. WASH. T. WOODS, b. July 27, 1829, m'd Nannie McKinney. He commnaded Company A of Col. Price's regiment of militia; was elected in November, 1862, sheriff, over G. W. Hood, by a vote of 928 to 595; and again, in 1864, over J. A. Price, by a vote of 892 to 457. From his second term he was ousted by the Vacating Ordinance. He subsequently removed to Kansas City, where he now lives.

VI. SARAH A. WOODS, b. Sept. 28, 1833, dead; m'd Harvey Burch.

VII. JERRY M. WOODS, b. Aug. 7, 1835. Lives in California.

VIII. LOUISA W. WOODS, b. Sept. 26, 1837, d. Dec. 17, 1884, m'd April 7, 1859, Judge Henry W. Roney, b. June 25, 1836. He came to Weston before the war, and engaged in the furniture trade; was marshal of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, studied law, was admitted to the bar, and was elected judge of the Weston court; deputy provost-marshal under Comingo; was clerk of the probate court; was elected in November, 1882, circuit clerk without opposition, and reelected in 1886. He has since devoted himself to the practice of law at Platte City. Ch:

1. *Charles Roney.*

2. *Ella Roney*, m'd Dec. 9, 1884, David K. Cox. She died leaving: Ch: [^a] D. D. Cox. (See Roxie Wheeler.)

IX. SAMUEL A. WOODS, b. April 17, 1840, m'd Nannie Walker.

Oct. 18—The Radicals nominate Geo. S. Park for State senator.

Oct. 19—A triple wedding at the Christian church in Platte City: 1, Jas. M. McCluer and Frankie Hunt; 2, R. P. Tribble and Mollie White; 3, F. G. Cockrill and Cynthia Tribble.

The board of appeals met at Platte City to correct registration.

Oct. 30—The Radicals hold a large meeting at Parkville. Geo. S. Park and F. Luthy speak. They nominate Dr. F. D. Moore for representative, and condemn the official course of Jas. Durbin, supervisor of registration.

Change of Conservative ticket; some of the nominees being unable to take the oath, the central committess fill the vacancies, by putting forward G. W. Belt for treasurer, in place of Ferguson; Isaac Dean for supervisor of registration, in place of Cunningham; and S. A. Himrod for superintendent of county schools, in place of Cates.

This year Thomas P. Bruce and Thomas J. Doke, brothers-in-law, settled near Edgerton. They are enterprising men, and are doing much to build up that flourishing little city. I will here set out their family trees:

THOMAS P. BRUCE,

Son of Henry, was b. Nov. 2, 1835, in Mercer Co., Ky., m'd Oct. 12, 1858, Mary Stone, widow of J. T. Stone. She was born Oct. 12, 1837. Ch:

I. MAGGIE M. BRUCE, m'd Jas. B. Matney. Ch:

1. *Thomas*. 2. *Henry*. 3. *Albert*.

II. JAMES H. BRUCE, m'd Oct. 30, 1890, Mary W. Handley, b. June 27, 1879. He is cashier of the Bank of Edgerton, and one of the rising business men of the county. Ch:

1. *Irvin Bruce*, b. Oct. 4, 1891.

2. *W. Oscar Bruce*, b. Sept. 6, 1893.

III. THOMAS A. BRUCE, single, lives in Moberly, Mo.

IV. ELIZABETH BRUCE, m'd Jas. A. Gustin. (See.)

V. JOHN B. BRUCE. VI. RICHARD D. BRUCE.

VII. EFFIE BRUCE.

THOMAS J. DOKE,

Born near Danville, Ky., Nov. 12, 1832, m'd Nov. 22, 1853, Martha A. Bruce, dr. of Henry and sr. of Thos. P. Mr. Doke possesses public spirit, and his heart is enlisted in the causes of humanity and religion; and he gives active support to every good and useful enterprise. Ch:

I. JOHN H. DOKE, m'd Sept. 12, 1879, Lilian H. Weber.

II. WILLIAM J. DOKE, m'd Dec. 1, 1886, Fannie McPhetridge.

III. FIELDING Y. DOKE.

IV. MOLLIE B. DOKE, m'd Jan. 4, 1872, Walter B. Smith. Their dr. Mattie, b. in 1879, m'd Nov. 2, 1896, Walter Johnson.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 1—The brickwork of the court-house is finished.

THE REGISTRATION.

The registration gives displeasure to both parties. Durbin is condemned more by the Radicals than by the Conservatives. Durbin is a candidate for the Legislature, and charges that his party are conspiring to drop him, and to take up A. G. Brown. He charges Brown and C. M. Boyd with duplicity.

REMOVAL OF THE COUNTY SEAT.

Citizens of Weston issue a handbill stating that the city had agreed to give \$40,000, and that a further sum of \$20,000 had been subscribed by individuals, on condition of the removal of the county seat to Weston. Platte City and its people were referred

to with contempt. The other side issued a handbill in reply, showing Weston to be insolvent, and the county debt \$475,000.

Nov. 2—The *Border Times* has G. S. Park's circular in relation to the senatorial race.

Nov. 5—Rev. G. L. Moad removes to Leavenworth, having accepted a call from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of that place.

Nov. 6—Maj. Morris and a company of United States soldiers are at Platte City, to keep order during the election. No disturbance, but the presence of the soldiers incensed the Conservatives.

THE ELECTION.

Congressman—J. H. Birch, 764; R. T. Van Horn, 652.

Senator—D. D. Burnes, 888; Geo. S. Park, 600.

Representative—Eastern District, John Wilson, 376; T. Quinn, 377; Western District, Durbin, 5; Wolf, 436; Beller, 245.

Circuit Clerk—F. M. Tufts, 736; R. D. Johnston, 700.

County Clerk—D. P. Lewis, 763; D. W. Moore, 666.

Sheriff—N. P. Ogden, 798; L. Shepard, 632.

Treasurer—G. W. Belt, 798; C. M. Boyd, 630.

Assessor—J. A. Stone, 681; F. Luthy, 653.

Public Administrator—J. B. Cox, 769; W. S. Kimsey, 651.

Coroner—E. D. Cord, 764; D. Fleming, 656.

Supervisor of Registration—Isaac Dean, 782; M. Miles, 639.

Superintendent of Common Schools—S. A. Himrod, 779; J. W. Mason, 646.

County Justice—N. Beery, 606; Paul Jordan, 608; Jacob Hamm, 605.

Surveyor—J. S. Owens, 769; Bradley, 641.

For Removal of County Seat, 568; against, 702.

Nov. 12—Judge Walter King held circuit court at the Baptist church.

W. H. Roney enrolled as an attorney.

Nov. 13—James W. Coburn enrolled as an attorney. Here is the first public appearance of a young man of intellect and culture, destined to stand high in private life as well as in the forum and on the platform. He still lives to add to his laurels, and to rise to position and fame. He has never married, but, in his office and spacious library, spends his days and nights in unravelling the intricate web of truth, right, and justice. His parents were Dr. John A. Coburn and Elizabeth M. Wood. The latter is a first cousin of my wife. The Coburns were men of judicial acumen and untarnished honor. James Wilson Coburn was born in Mason County, Ky. He setteled at Weston, and engaged in the practice of law, with his relative, Col. John Doniphan. Upon the removal of the latter to St. Joseph, he continued the practice alone. One of Mr. Coburn's first works was an abstract of Platte County titles, a book of labor, patience, and

value. This was complete in January, 1879. In November, 1880, he was elected prosecuting attorney, over Wm. Forman, by a vote of 1,315 to 1,219; and two years later he was reelected, without opposition; and in 1884 he was elected again, without opposition, for a third term. He now devotes himself assiduously to the practice of law, not only in Platte, but in the highest Federal and State forums. His name will be frequently mentioned as we progress with these annals.

The railroad from Weston, in the direction of Kansas City, is finished to East Leavenworth.

Nov. 19—H. M. Aller is enrolled as an attorney.

Weston is improving. I. H. Masterson and Adam Durkes are erecting fine brick dwellings. Ringo is putting up a stone dwelling; and a call for a wool factory is heard.

G. S. ELGIN KILLED.

Nov. 20—Elgin, a nephew of William Tatman, was a deputy sheriff in Clay County. There were five of the Titus brothers, and Elgin shot and killed two of them, while resisting his official authority. Apprehending danger, Elgin fled to the house of his uncle, William Tatman, on the road from Platte City to Weston. The three surviving Titus brothers, with one John Biven, surrounded Tatman's house by night. They had a warrant for the arrest of Elgin. In the morning Elgin came forth from the house, and was shot by Bevin.

AN EPISODE IN COUNTY COURT.

Nov. 26—There was no law in force for the election of a new county court, but votes were cast for Noah Beery, Paul Jordan, and Jacob Hamm. They were commissioned by the governor. The three came, in the early part of the day, before Judge Aller had appeared at the court-room, and were sworn in by County Clerk D. W. Moore. They did some business and adjourned. The next day Judge Aller took his seat. But D. W. Moore held the keys of the vault, where the records were stored, and refused to deliver them. The vault was broken open, Moore was suspended, and D. P. Lewis, the newly elected clerk, was sworn in. Judge Aller continued to discharge the duties of the court, and D. P. Lewis was his clerk. We hear no more of D. W. Moore.

JUDGE W. A. KING.

Judge King decided that all indictments for treason before him were void, under the terms of the surrender, and the proclamations of peace and amnesty. He therefore dismissed them. For this he was impeached and deposed.

DECEMBER.

COL. JAMES DURBIN.

Dec. 6—Col. James Durbin dies at Weston. He came in 1864, from Ohio, where, it was said, he left a family. He possessed ambition and energy—was an earnest and impressive speaker, but lacked ballast. Always under excitement, he was visionary and unsuccessful. He had been in the State but two years, and had held the offices of surveyor and of supervisor of registration. He was a candidate for representative at the late election, and received only 5 votes. The Weston court adjourned for his funeral, and the bar passed resolutions in his honor.

REVIVALS.

Dec. 10—Within a radius of twenty-five miles, 802 persons had united with the various churches within the last six months.

Services at Platte City, in the Christian church, resulted in 70 additions.

Dec. 17—Thomas Jenkins succeeds W. A. White as landlord of the Green House at Platte City.

Dec. 25—Pat Doyle's new brick house on Lot 1, Block 29, Platte City, is complete.

Dec. 29—A festival at Platte City for Southern relief.

The court-house is complete.

Kansas City's population, 11,000; St. Joseph's, 18,000; Leavenworth's, 22,000.

1867.

OFFICERS.

Governor, T. C. Fletcher; Congressman, R. T. Van Horn; State Senator, Geo. S. Park; Circuit Judge, Walter B. King; Circuit Attorney, E. F. Esteb; Assessor, J. A. Stone; Treasurer, G. W. Belt; Coroner, E. D. Cord; Superintendent of Schools, S. A. Himrod; Representatives, Thomas Quinn and H. J. Wolf; Circuit Clerk, F. M. Tufts; Probate Judge, S. A. Gilbert; County Justice, H. M. Aller; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; Sheriff, N. P. Ogden; Surveyor, Jas. Durbin; Public Administrator, W. M. Paxton (J. B. Cox did not qualify).

Platte County Agricultural and Mechanical Association—W. K. Faulconer president, Belt secretary, Burge treasurer.

PRICES.

Apples, \$1; brown domestic, 22 cents; eggs, 25 cents; coffee, 30 cents; flour, \$7; corn, 50 cents; calico, 20 cents; ham, 20 cents; hemp, \$180; potatoes, \$1; salt, \$5; sugar, 20 cents; wheat, \$2; whisky, \$5.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—H. A. B. Anderson, N. B. Anderson, Baker, Boyd, Campbell, Connelly, Fleshman, Greenawalt, Herndon, Hollingsworth, Merryman, Norton, Paxton, Robertson, Shaw, J. Wilson, R. P. C. Wilson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Guthrie, Johnson, McDonald, Redman, Smith.

Merchants, etc.—Burge, E. O. Cockrill & Co., Colman, Hawley, Hunt, Jenkins (postmaster) & Son, D. Jenkins, Kenney, Leavel, Likins, Mason & Swain, Mattox & Oliver, Recht, Rice, Perry & Co., Smith & Co., Wilkinson, Young, Zarp.

Lodge—Neb. 12, W. C. Hatton, N. G.

Farmers Savings Association—A. Tribble cashier.

At Weston: Attorneys—Beller, Burnes, Carpenter, Carroll, Coburn, Doniphan, Fulton, Georgen, Gilbert, Hitt, King, Lawson, Scott, Watts, Wolf.

Physicians—Allison, Beaumont, Bonifant, Bowlby, Grasmuck, Hale, Peters, Price, Shortridge.

Merchants, etc.—Allen, Anderson, Barnhart, Bell, Blanjour, Briggs, Brill, Brown, Carpenter, Calvert, Cockrill, Blackmore & McCluer, Deckelman, Deitz, Doppler, Egstadt, Ellefrit, Evans, Gerner & Frank, Gedultig, Halyard, Hardesty, Hood, Hughes & Co., Ilkenhans, Johnson, Kaufman, Keller, Kenney, Kurtz, Magers, Mathews, Mettier, Moore, Nagle & Roney, Newhouse, Noble, Oliphant, Perry, Raileys, Rohring, Schindler, Synder, Steubenraugh, Termier, Trollman, Warner, Winzer & How, Wood, Woods & Story.

Weston Court of Common Pleas—Wolf, judge; Yocom, clerk; Hedges, marshal.

Newspapers—*Border Times*, Beller editor; *Landmark*, Gilbert editor.

High School—Ringo and Vance.

Banks—Platte Savings Institution, Warner cashier; Railey & Bro.

Lodges—Weston Lodge, No. 53, B. F. Newhouse, W. M.; Star of the West, Good Templars, A. G. Beller, W. C. T.

Preachers—J. W. Waller (Chris.), T. W. Barnett (Bap.), Robt. Austin (M. E.), E. B. Sherwood (Pres.), A. Batte (Eps.), Arnsberger (Ger. M. E.).

At Parkville: Carmody, Davis, Earl, Kahm, Bueneman (postmaster), Luthy, Dale, Mitchell, Dr. Moore, Park, Pack, Jordan, Summers.

Camden Point: Coffey, Hale (postmaster), Dibble (academy), Jack, Pullins & Kirtley.

At Farley: Dr. Holt, Meads (postmaster), Simpson.
At Iatan: Smith (postmaster), Dr. Larry.
At New Market: Armstrong, Allen, Cartwright, Singleton.
At Ridgely: Chrisman, Gustin, Ellington, Robinson, Hill (postmaster).

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—I have files of the *Border Times* and *Reveille* in full, and of the *Landmark* about half the numbers of the year 1867.

LYCEUM AT PLATTE CITY.

The young people of Platte City have formed a lyceum with Ad. Burge as president, and hold weekly meetings at the Baptist church for debate. They have raised money, and have purchased a library, which is kept in the closet of the probate office, with Ben Gilbert as librarian.

Mr. Oldham runs a daily hack for passengers between Platte City and Leavenworth, fare \$1.

The only mail to Platte City is a tri-weekly from Weston.

Hitherto revenue stamps have been required on deeds, 50 cents on every \$500 of consideration; process for suit, 50 cents; bank check, 2 cents; contract, 5 cents; and affidavit, 25 cents. The latter is now removed.

BANK AT PLATTE CITY ROBBED.

Jan. 3—Burglars, by night, entered the vault and broke open the small iron safe, taking \$1,414. They attempted to break open the large burglar-proof safe, but failed; yet ruined the lock. It could not afterwards be opened here, and was sent to St. Louis, where a new Yale combination lock was put on it. Depositors were promptly paid, and the institution grew in favor.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—Many persons are taking advantage of the new Bankrupt Law.

Cockrill, Blackmore & McCluer, of Weston, establish a branch store at Platte City.

H. J. Wolf resigns as judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, and Jas. N. Burnes is appointed in his place.

James Adkins bought of E. C. Cockrill the Hays farm, two miles north of Platte City, consisting of 179 acres, at \$5,400.

The real estate of J. V. Cockrell, deceased, sold for partition, brought the average price of \$28 per acre.

CONTESTED ELECTIONS.

The cases of C. M. Boyd *vs.* G. W. Belt (treasurer), of M. Miles *vs.* Isaac Dean (supervisor of registration), of D. W. Moore *vs.* D. P. Lewis (county clerk), and of F. Luthy *vs.* J. A. Stone (assessor), were heard by the circuit court and dismissed.

JUDGE JAS. H. LAYTON.

Feb. 7—Judge Jas. H. Layton died at his home above Weston. Steele & Smither administered, giving bond for \$40,000. Judge Layton was born in Mason County, Ky., July 13, 1813; married in August, 1836, Sarah Smither. They came to Platte in 1844, and settled in Marshall Township. He was elected in August, 1856, a judge of the county court. When, in 1860, the county court was reduced to one judge, he was appointed to the office. In November, 1864, he was elected to the same office. He was ousted by the Vacating Ordinance, and H. M. Aller succeeded him. His stern integrity, with the nerve and resolution to do his duty, peculiarly fitted him for the responsible office he held in the troublous time of war. His courage, justice, and honor are the chief treasures he left to his posterity. Ch:

I. MARY LAYTON, b. in 1839; m'd W. W. Rhinehart. Ch:

1. *Sallie Rhinehart*, m'd Jan. 28, 1890, *Charles A. Ohlhausen*.

2. *Clarence Rhinehart*. 3. *Nellie*.

Mrs. Rhinehart m'd 2d, a McKirk.

II. DAVID B. LAYTON, b. Feb. 2, 1841; m'd Dec. 31, 1863, Mary J. Risk. (See.)

III. ALICE LAYTON, m'd Benton Gabbert. (See.)

IV. PERRY S. LAYTON, b. Feb. 14, 1846; m'd 1st, Dec. 21, 1870, Sallie Lovelady, b. in 1852; d. May 13, 1875, leaving children:

1. *May Layton*, m'd April 5, 1896, W. N. Stagner.

2. *Sallie*. 3. *Myrtle*. 4. *Ada*.

Perry S. m'd 2d, Jan. 9, 1876, Nannie Lovelady, sister of his first wife. They live in Kansas.

V. SARAH ANN LAYTON, m'd Merrit L. Newby, b. Jan. 22, 1848. Mr. Newby is a farmer of Marshall Township. Ch:

1. *Ida G. Newby*. 2. *Lula J.* 3. *Jessie*. 4. *Sarah*.

5. *Henry*.

VI. ELVIRA LAYTON, m'd J. W. Steele (ii), and was divorced. She then m'd Edgar W. Hull. Ch:

1. *Ermie*. 2. *Ira Coburn*.

VII. JAMES W. LAYTON, b. Aug. 27, 1857; m'd Jan. 22, 1880, Lydia Benner. (See.) Mr. Layton was, in November, 1894, elected a county court justice, and is now in office.

VIII. ELIZABETH LAYTON, m'd J. W. Noland.

Feb. 11—Heavy rains. The ice in the Missouri River is moving.

The State Legislature repeals the law for a county court of one judge for Platte, and authorizes the governor to appoint three.

Cars are running from Weston to East Leavenworth, on the Platte Country Railroad, and the remainder of the road is nearly complete.

Elders Bird, Clay, and Williams hold a protracted meeting in the Baptist church, at Pleasant Ridge, and receive 27 members.

Feb. 14—St. Valentine's Day profaned by a dance and carousal, at the new court-house, called a dedication.

Feb. 18—Geo. S. Park is granted the seat in the State Senate to which D. D. Burnes was elected.

MARCH.

March 1—Of files for March I have the *Landmark* and *Reveille* full, and two numbers of the *Border Times*.

The county court appoints L. E. Bradley surveyor, in the place of Jas. Durbin, deceased. It seems J. S. Owens, who was elected in November, 1866, did not qualify.

Prof. Goodale retires, and Ringo & Vance take Weston High School.

Abner Whiteley is buying much land in the Missouri River bottom, opposite Leavenworth.

A lodge of Good Templars organized in Platte City.

THE NEW COUNTY COURT.

March 5—Noah Beery, A. G. Brown, and Jacob Hamm, holding commissions from the governor, as county justices, take the Constitutional oath, and form a new court. Judge Aller does not demur.

A postoffice is established at Hampton, with Robt. Wilhite postmaster.

March 9—N. E. Wilkinson has finished his two story frame, on Lot 2, Block 30, Platte City, and moves into it, with his family and his stock of tinware.

James R. Burckhardt and W. H. Hunt enter into the grocery business in the new Doyle building, on Lot 1, Block 29, Platte City. Burckhardt buys the house at \$6,000.

A moot court is formed at Platte City with W. M. Paxton judge. The bar consists of N. B. Anderson, Campbell, Cates, Connelly, Fleshman, Robertson, and Shaw.

March 13—W. M. Paxton, as agent for the county, sells the rock of the foundation of the old court-house, publicly.

Daniel D. Burnes died. (See.)

JOHN SWANEY.

March 14—John Swaney died at Platte City. He was a younger brother of Hugh Swaney (see), and was born in Indiana July 4, 1814. He married there a Miss Falken, who died, leaving one child:

L. NANCY SWANEY. She m'd John Keller, and d. childless.

Mr. Swaney m'd 2d, Sept. 19, 1844, Delilah Wills, dr. of Geo. She was born May 10, 1826, and died October 29, 1869. Mr. Swaney was a sprightly, enterprising, and social gentleman—a

Mason and a zealous Christian. He was a constable, assessor, and deputy sheriff. With Wilburn Christison, he engaged in the mercantile business, at Platte City, just before the war, and built the Swaney block, on Lot 6, Block 30, of Platte City. He erected also the Zarn dwelling. But the advent of the war found him in debt, and he failed. Children by his second wife:

II. LAURA SWANEY, m'd Chester Hurlbut. (See.)

III. JOHN SWANEY (ii), m'd Sept. 6, 1871, Luella Middleton, b. Sept. 6, 1854, dr. of Wm. T. Ch:

1. *John W. Swaney.* 2. *Robt. Hugh.*

IV. HUGH SWANEY (ii), m'd Alice Singleton, dr. of W. T.

In a poem I dedicated to the memory of John Swaney (i) is the following stanza:

Active, bold, and self-reliant,
Full of energy and zeal,
And to sanguine hope compliant,
He was crushed by Fortune's wheel.
Body worn and spirit broken,
Soon the grave received his clay;
But no charge was ever spoken,
And his memory's pure to day.

Hon. Walter King, judge of the circuit court, is impeached by the House of Representatives for disloyalty. He received news of the charges while holding court in Ray County, and immediately adjourned.

Jenkins & Son sell their drug store in Platte City to Dr. G. W. Smith, and Smith becomes postmaster.

Jas. Adkins sells to John Zarn Lots 7 and 8, Block 30, Platte City, with the brick house thereon, for \$1,661.

Let us here notice

JOHN ZARN.

He was born in Prussia May 29, 1832, and served an apprenticeship to a shoemaker. He is tall and soldierlike, and served in the German army for some years. He came to the United States in 1856, and settled at Platte City in 1858. He has been in the shoe trade at Platte City ever since. We have no better citizen than John Zarn. He has prospered in business and is wealthy. He purchased, in 1885, the Bane farm of 350 acres, at \$11.05 per acre. He married January 17, 1867, Kate V. Jacquemin, born December 14, 1843. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, and his wife is a Catholic. Ch:

I. RICHARD C. ZARN, b. Nov. 1, 1867, now a merchant of Burlington Junction, Mo.

II. CLARA C. ZARN, b. Sept. 30, 1869. She is regarded as one of the best musicians in the country, and her services as a teacher are in demand.

III. CHARLES B. ZARN, b. July 11, 1871; m'd Nov. 12, 1896, Lizzie Davis, dr. of W. H.

IV. GEORGE G. ZARN, b. April 4, 1873.

V. MINNIE ZARN, b. Dec. 27, 1877; d. Jan. 20, 1897. I append one stanza from a poem I devoted to her memory:

As chaste as the snow on the mountain,
 In grace she surpassed the gazelle;
 Her thoughts were as pure as the fountain,
 And guile from her lips never fell.
 Her spirit was Purity's bower;
 Her person was moulded by Grace;
 Her soul was a half-open flower,
 Where Innocence veiled a sweet face.

Revival at Platte City under the preaching of Austin and Leftwich. Sixty additions to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WAR TAXES.

The income tax is 5 per cent on all sums over \$1,000. Inheritances are taxed, and professions licensed. Legal instruments are stamped.

APRIL.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

April 1—J. A. Halderman is elected mayor of Leavenworth, and T. F. Warner mayor of Weston. Beery, Belt, Guthrie, Herndon, Merryman, Tufts, and Wells are elected trustees of Platte City.

E. S. FRAZIER.

E. S. Frazier having died, his widow, Elizabeth, administers. Bond, \$2,000. Ch:

I. CHRIS. C. FRAZIER. II. DANIEL. III. JOHN.
 IV. TODA FRAZIER. V. GEORGIA ANN. VI. NANCY.
 VII. SARAH, m'd Wm. Hatton.
 VIII. IVA JANE FRAZIER, m'd W. H. Fuller.

Grasshoppers hatching.

April 5—The new county court orders the treasurer not to pay any warrant issued by Judge Aller; but this order was considered as null, for all were paid.

April 20—A. J. Colman opens a tin and stove shop in Platte City.

T. C. Batterly advertises a wool-carding factory in Platte City.

An earthquake felt in Platte City and as far east as Lexington, Missouri.

April 25—The Platte County & Ft. Des Moines Railroad, now known as the C. & S. W. Railway, has purchased the right of way through nearly every farm on the route. Jas. N. Burnes and N. P. Ogden had a contract to buy the route and construct the road.

April 29—An unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Capt. W. J. Fitzgerald.

MAY. COUNTY FINANCES.

Expenditures.

Court-house warrants	\$	120.00	
Other warrants		39,749.22	
Borrowed of School Funds		4,741.62	
Warrants for railroad bonds		45,521.35	\$210,012.19
Collected during the year			42,678.22
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			\$167,333.97
Add outstanding warrants			13,500.00
W. & A. Railroad bonds	\$	43,500.00	
Interest		4,580.00	48,080.00
P. & G. R. Railroad bonds		100,000.00	
Interest		29,930.00	129,930.00
Interest on School Funds bonds			474.16
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County debt \$359,318.13

Coupons paid, \$10,530. Lands, 264,435 acres, assessed at \$4,339,284; but this valuation was reduced by the State board of equalization.

Tax Books: Lands and lots, \$4,361,368; other property, \$2,054,716; insurance companies, \$5,881; making, \$6,421,965.

Total taxes assessed, \$86,464.

Valuation of Stock: Horses, 5,858; each, \$40; mules and asses, 1,587; each, \$62; cattle, 11,036; each, \$19; sheep, 16,206; each, \$2; hogs, 40,339; each, \$4.67.

Expenditures in Detail.

Bridges on turnpike	\$	496.00
Skinner's bridge		50.00
Platte City bridge		429.00
Prairie Creek bridge		709.00
Bridge on Weston & St. Joseph road		100.00
Bridge on Kansas City and Barry road		500.00
Other roads and bridges		2,187.00
Poor		4,354.00
Old County Court		980.00
New County Court		305.00
County Clerk (Moore)		3,931.00
County Clerk (Lewis)		324.00
Assessor (Stone)		1,397.00
County Attorney (Wilson)		600.00
Sheriff (Ogden)		2,556.00
Circuit Clerk (Belt and Tufts)		1,725.00

Treasurer (R. M. Johnston)	\$1,600.00
Stationery	804.00
Printing	615.00
Court-house	1,258.00
Jail	30.00
Wood	173.00
Weston Court of Common Pleas	293.00
Criminal costs	2,750.00
Registration	1,004.00
Court-house Commissioner (Murphy)	10,000.00
Sundry purposes	579.22
Total	\$39,749.22

County levy, \$1.18.

Taxable property of Platte City, \$247,500. Taxes collected, \$117.00.

HIGH WATER.

The Missouri is now falling. The rivers were, the middle of April, higher than at any time since 1858. The high-water years have been as follows: 1826, 1844, 1858, 1867, 1881, 1892. The average is fourteen years. It is an Indian tradition that the Missouri rises to a great height, on an average, every fourteen years. Next to 1844 was the rise of 1858. The next highest water was in 1881; and 1867 comes next. In 1892 the rise came largely from the Platte, and the damage was done chiefly below its mouth.

CHARLES B. ALMOND'S DEATH.

May 5—The ten-year-old son of Judge Wm. B. Almond, deceased, was riding one horse and leading another past Dr. W. Baldwin's house, in Platte City, when his wrist was caught in the rope, and the horse dashed off, dragging the boy over a long ledge of rocks, killing him instantly. It is remarkable that precisely twelve months earlier, at the same hour, day, and month, at the same spot, and in the same manner, a son of Noah W. Beery, of the same age, lost his life. Mr. Beery and Mrs. Almond were living on adjoining lots, and Dr. Baldwin witnessed both tragedies.

Platte City improving; John R. Swain, J. H. Connelly, G. R. Carnahan, J. D. Murray, and Mayo & Stone are building good houses.

GRASSHOPPERS.

Grasshoppers are hatched out and half-grown. They are devouring every tender herb. Early corn was undisturbed, when young and tender vegetation was at hand. Not a particle of dog-fennel escaped. An onion was a precious morsel. I had a good patch of early onions. They ate all of them, and burrowed in the ground for the roots. For a week their breaths perfumed the atmosphere. A hundred would fight over a chew of tobacco.

They roosted at night on the side of a house, a wall, or a tree. They moved by brigades. Here, the army goes north; there, it goes south. Hogs grew fat upon them, and chickens could not be eaten with a relish—they tasted of grasshoppers. Various schemes were ineffectually tried to destroy them. Fire and water were of no avail. All efforts were as vain as to try to stop the tides by baling out the sea with a bucket. Trees were stripped of leaves; young and tender bluegrass pastures were left as bare as the public road. My wife thought she would let her cow have the grass of the yard, and had it cut off close to the ground; but it came up fresh and tender, and the grasshoppers dug it out by the roots. We had to sow the yard again with bluegrass seed. The hackberry woods were as bare of leaves as in winter. Early corn did well; but all planted in May was devoured. Such as was planted in June, after the devourers left, was called grasshopper corn. It was light and loose on the cob. Seed corn, the next spring, was brought from Iowa.

MAIN STREET OF PLATTE CITY GRADED.

The new board of trustees of Platte City exhibited energy. Main Street was graded, by taking five feet of dirt from in front of the new court-house and putting it on the lower part of the street. It cost 28 cents per cubic yard. The property-owners on Main Street were required, by ordinance, to macadamize to the middle of the street. This duty was cheerfully complied with. The work was done by Mr. Quinless.

May 10—The court-house and jail are reported complete, by commissioner Jos. Murphy, and the contractor, J. A. McGonagle, paid off.

May 15—The Senate finds the charges against Judge W. A. King are true, and he is degraded from office by a party vote of 23 to 8.

May 23—Richmond, Mo., is visited by outlaws, and mayor, jailer, and deputy sheriff are killed. The bank is robbed.

JUNE.

June 5—Grasshoppers are leaving, going northwest. This is known as the first visit of grasshoppers. The last of them left the 29th instant.

June 16—Ridgely Christian Church organized.

June 29—Soldiers of 1812 held a meeting: Present: W. L. Brightwell, Robert Cain, Thomas Jones, Jesse Lewis, Robert Mitchell, Samuel Rogers, William Rogers—7 out of 12 living in Platte.

JULY.

July 1—Philander Lucas is appointed circuit judge in the place of Walter A. King, impeached.

Pleasant Ridge College, under Prof. Himrod, has 60 scholars.

July 4—A pleasant picnic at the fair grounds. The Good Templars of Weston have a picnic in Wells' pasture.

METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND MASONIC HALL.

An arrangement has been made between the Methodists, the Presbyterians, and the Masons, to rebuild the church and hall, in Platte City, on Lot 6, Block 31, giving the churches the lower story, and the Masons the upper story. The committee advertises for bids, and W. V. Slone takes the contract, at \$6,000. It is to be finished by December 15th.

July 5—A concert and tableaux at Platte City raised \$75.00 for a public library.

Burckhardt and Hunt are soliciting contributions for the South.

Clerk's offices sold; Milton Campbell, county commissioner, sells publicly the circuit clerk's office, on the old public square, to Florence Brady, and 12 feet off the west part of Lot 10, Block 25, to E. C. Redman.

AUGUST.

THE LANTER FAMILY.

Aug. 1—Albert Lanter died. His parents were Thomas Lanter and Spicy Davis, who came in 1820, from Virginia, to Old Franklin, Mo., thence to Clay in 1824, and to Platte in 1842. He removed to Jackson County, Mo., in 1863, and there died in September, 1880. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, under Col. Dick Johnson. Mrs. Lanter survived him. Their children:

I. MARY JANE LANTER, m'd Dudley Tribble, who d. Nov. 10, 1847. Ch:

1. *John T. Tribble*, m'd Cora Anderson.
2. *Amanda J. Tribble*, m'd Wm. Lewis.
3. *Missouri A. Tribble*, m'd Wm. Wingo.
4. *Richard M. Tribble*.

II. DAVIS LANTER, m'd Elizabeth Bowring. (See.)

III. SARAH A. LANTER, m'd Samuel Richardson.

IV. ROBERT, in Kansas.

V. ALBERT LANTER, m'd Lavinia Bowman, and d. Aug. 1, 1867.

VI. SIDNEY LANTER, m'd Sept. 9, 1858, Nancy A. Martin. He was one of the earliest volunteers for the Confederacy. He possesses sprightliness and geniality. His wife died, leav-

ing 2 children, and he m'd 2d March 25, 1871, Jane McMichael.

VII. JULIA A. LANTER, m'd Dec, 14, 1851, Robert S. Carson.

VIII. NANCY E. LANTER, m'd Oct. 9, 1856, Henry D. Sutton (see); 2 children.

IX. MARGARET LANTER, m'd 1st, Feb. 25, 1858, Guy McComas. died, son of Hiram. She m'd 2d, a Locke, of Kansas.

Aug. 5—David F. Moody having died, Isaac N. Moody administers. Bond, \$2,500.

Caleb Parrish having died, C. M. Parrish administers. Bond, \$3,000.

Aug. 8—James Leavel sells his stable in Platte City to Field & Park.

Aug. 12—The controversies with rival roads are settled, and now the C. & S. W. Railroad will be built.

Aug. 15—A promenade concert at Mettier's hall, Weston, for the benefit of the Episcopal Church.

Aug. 20—The site for the church and hall at Platte City has been cleaned off, and work on the building will soon commence.

F. Krause and W. Carson are building. The grading of Main Street is finished, and the macadam is complete up to Second Street.

Aug. 21—The corner-stone of the first abutment of the Kansas City bridge laid.

Aug. 22—A grand tournament at Prairie Point. A few cases of cholera in the county.

THE C. & S. W. RAILWAY.

A public meeting of citizens advise the town board of Platte City to offer \$10,000, provided the depot is placed within a half-mile of the town.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—The Weston Cemetery Association formed, and \$700 raised. Ground had been reserved, and several acres had been given to the city by T. F. Warner. In 1853 it was platted, and lots have been sold. It is a beautiful city of the dead—and the rough ground makes it more picturesque.

Beller & Geogen issue a few numbers of the *Daily Border Times*.

The court-house yard has been graded and walled in.

The Platte Savings Institution, by T. F. Warner, sells publicly \$12,000 in Platte County bonds, issued to the W. & A. Railroad, and held by the bank as collateral.

Sept. 5—A Baptist festival at Weston.

Sept. 9—Sunday-School Convention at Weston.

HON. HENRY J. WOLF.

Hon. Henry J. Wolf died. He was at the time our representative in the State Legislature. It was his second term in that body. He was a lawyer of superior education and marked ability. He was a partner of Col. Jas. N. Burnes. He served for several terms as judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas. He married Amanda Leachman, who died, childless, July 30, 1865. The courts and people did him honor.

THE FAIR.

Sept. 24—Gross receipts, \$4,172. The Platte City band furnished the music. Jas. W. Steele was elected president and G. W. Belt secretary.

Sept. 27—William T. Middleton is killed by a foolish hired hand on his farm.

THE MIDDLETON FAMILY.

1. William Middleton was the ancestor. He was at one time sheriff of Alexandria County, Va. He died December 27, 1814. His wife was Frances Moss. Their son,

2. Horatio Middleton, was born November 20, 1790, and died in 1839; married Rebecca Owens, born December 27, 1796, and died in Kentucky November 20, 1866. They were the parents of

3. William T. Middleton, born in Kentucky July 22, 1820; married October 10, 1843, Mary E. Owens, born June 24, 1825. I knew Mr. Middleton intimately, and regarded him as a Christian gentleman of intelligence, truth, and honor. He was treacherously killed, and the murderer escaped. Their ch:

I. WILLIAM H. MIDDLETON, b. Sept. 17, 1844; m'd Nov. 11, 1866, Augusta P. Baughman, of Clinton County. He was well educated, received his degree in medicine, and commenced his professional career at New Market. He spent some years in Kansas City, and there stood among the leading physicians. He has obtained distinction as a forcible and chaste writer on moral and professional themes. Ch:

1. *Belle Middleton.* 2. *Waller J.*

3. *Mary Middleton.* 4. *Lillian.*

II. ROBERT C. MIDDLETON, b. Sept. 20, 1849; m'd Lizzie Owens, of Kentucky; no children.

III. LUELLA MIDDLETON, b. Sept. 6, 1854; m'd Sept. 6, 1871, John Swaney, (ii). Ch:

1. *John W. Swaney.* 2. *Robert Hugh Swaney.*

IV. EVA MIDDLETON, b. Aug. 2, 1863; d. Dec. 25, 1884; m'd Rollo Bigwood, of Kansas; no children.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 5—Tournament and picnic at Hickory Grove.

Oct. 19—Camden Point Lodge, No. 169, A. F. & A. M., chartered.

Oct. 20—Geo. W. Belt, commissioner, is macadamizing the north side of Main Street, opposite the court-house, and is guttering and paving the sidewalk.

At a special election John Doniphan was chosen to succeed Wolf as representative.

NOVEMBER.

CROPS FOR 1867.

Nov. 1—The damage by grasshoppers is not so serious as were the fears of the farmers. Wheat was an average, both in quality and quantity. Early corn, though thinned out around the edges of the field, was good. Frost held off until very late, and the replanted corn did well. Very little hemp was sowed, and that was ruined. Potatoes were unhurt. Fruit was abundant, grapes mildewed, peaches and small fruits good.

W. M. Paxton advertises his abstract of title, complete.

For the court-house inclosure John F. Carroll was paid \$4 per perch, and \$1.50 per foot for the coping.

Nov. 4—Special election for judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas. John Doniphan received 109 votes, and J. N. Burnes 90.

NICHOLAS H. HOPE.

Nov. 5—Nicholas H. Hope died on his farm, six miles southeast of Platte City. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, June 10, 1810; came to Shelby County, Ky., when a child, learned the saddler's trade, came to Platte in 1837, and was one of the earliest settlers in Martinsville. With David S. Irwin, he built a log house, and opened a saddler's shop. December 16, 1852, he married Mary Boyd, born in Shelby County, Ky., June 8, 1820; died March 12, 1892; she was a daughter of Joshua Boyd. In September, 1862, he purchased the farm where he died. Ch:

I. MINERVA HOPE, b. Oct. 3, 1853; m'd Sept. 13, 1868, Wm. H. Elliott, b. in Laurel Co., Ky., Nov. 27, 1843; came to Platte in 1847. Ch:

1. Jennie Elliott, b. Sept. 27, 1876.

2. Louann, b. April 11, 1884.

II. JENNIE HOPE, b. March 23, 1857; d. Nov. 2, 1890; m'd Sept. 17, 1879, Henry H. Patty. Ch:

1. Jessie Patty, b. Jan. 3, 1881.

2. Chas. T. Patty, b. April 24, 1883.

III. MARY ELIZABETH HOPE, b. Sept. 3, 1859; d. June 7, 1890.

IV. WILLIAM THOS. HOPE, b. Sept. 7, 1861; m'd March 6, 1896, Hannah Clarke, dr. of David. He is 6 feet 4 inches high, and a young man highly esteemed.

Nov. 11—Judge Philander Lucas holds his first term of circuit

court, with Esteb, circuit attorney, Tufts, clerk, and Ogden, sheriff.

Nov. 12—Dan'l Jenkins killed at Platte City, by a negro called Alfred Hughes, who was indicted for murder, convicted on change of venue to Clinton, and there hung.

N. B. Anderson and L. Georgen admitted to the bar.

Nov. 16—J. A. McGonagle is paid his full bill for building the court-house and jail, amounting, with extras, to \$93,852.65. To this was afterwards added discounts on warrants.

REV. RICHARD N. COFFEY.

Rev. Richard N. Coffey died at Camden Point. He was born in Amherst County, Va., July 5, 1795. He was a son of Osborn Coffey, a soldier of the Revolutionary army, who served at Saratoga and Yorktown. The family came to Kentucky about 1800, and settled near Danville, where Richard N. studied medicine under the distinguished Dr. Ephraim McDowell. He afterwards received a diploma from the University of Pennsylvania. He was under Shelby at the battle of the Thames. He practiced medicine, but his life-work was preaching the gospel of Christ, as a Baptist missionary. He came to Platte in March, 1854. His memory is venerated in the churches of Platte. His wife was Catherine McCormick, daughter of Joseph and Margaret, natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Coffey was born in Lincoln County, Ky., April 9, 1799, and died in Platte September 5, 1875. Ch:

I. EPHRAIM McDOWELL COFFEY, b. in Hustonville, Ky., Jan. 26, 1829; m'd 1st, June 9, 1854, Bettie F. James. She died, childless, April 6, 1865; and he m'd 2d, May 1, 1866, Helen O. Barnes, daughter of Allison and Lucy Barnes. After reading medicine with his father, Dr. E. McD. Coffey graduated, in 1854, at Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., and settled the same year at Camden Point. May 16, 1861, he volunteered under Col. Jeff. Thompson, in the Confederate service, and was appointed surgeon of his regiment. He was at Wilson's Creek, Lexington, Pea Ridge, and other engagements, with the 1st Brigade of Missouri Volunteers. He was at Corinth, Grand Gulf, Champion Hill (or Baker's Creek), the siege of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Fort Gaines, and Fort Powell. He was chief surgeon of Gen. Bowen's division, and was chairman of medical examiners for the Board of Conscription, and was paroled May 5, 1865. Returning to Camden Point, he was elected sheriff in 1872, and re-elected in 1874. In 1892-3 he was State commissioner for the World's Fair, and treasurer of the board. He held the office of county treasurer for one term.

Dr. Coffey possesses intelligence, and his tall and commanding figure, crowned by a head of perfectly white hair,

adds dignity to wisdom. He is considerate and cautious in all his acts, punctilious in his dealings, and true in his words. He is an elder in the Christian Church, and has taken the highest degrees in Masonry and Odd Fellowship. The family live in Platte City, where the doctor has a large practice. Ch:

1. *Alfred Coffey*, b. Oct. 2, 1867.
2. *Richard J. Coffey*, b. Feb. 4, 1870.
3. *Albion Coffey*, b. Oct. 6, 1874.
4. *Grundy C.*, b. Nov. 10, 1877.

Mrs. Helen Coffey is an amiable and intelligent Christian woman.

- II. WM. A. COFFEY, the oldest child, chose the profession of medicine; m'd a Miss Hull, of Madison Co., Ky., entered the Union army in 1861, as major of the 1st Kentucky Cavalry, and died near Richmond, Ky., in 1873, leaving a widow and five children, of whom Dr. Wm. H. Coffey, of Parkville, is the oldest, who m'd July 16, 1889, Jennie E. Ringo, dr. of J. W. (See.)
- III. LETITIA S. COFFEY, m'd in 1842, T. B. Williams, of Danville, Ky. They came, in 1849, to Kansas City, where he died in 1867; and she still lives with her only child, R. E. Williams, and her second husband, John Mason, whom she m'd Dec. 17, 1877.
- IV. MARY J. COFFEY, died, childless, Oct. 16, 1887; m'd May 3, 1868, Thomas Hale, a merchant and postmaster at Camden Point. After his death, she m'd 2d, Nov. 20, 1873, James W. Bradley, b. in Bourbon Co., Ky., Oct. 1, 1814. He is a son of Elisha Bradley and a grandson of Daniel, an emigrant from Scotland. His mother was Elizabeth Steele. He came to Missouri in 1838, and settled in Andrew County, where, Nov. 15, 1846, he m'd Emeline Cogsdall, b. in 1828; d. in 1871. Th family came to Platte in 1865, and settled near Camden Point. Children by his first wife:
 1. *Sarah Bradley*, b. Dec. 15, 1847; m'd a Ford. Ch: [a] Anna Ford; [b] James; [c] Bryant; [d] Henry; [e] Matthew; [f] Mamie Ford; [g] Chas.; [h] Geo.
 2. *Lucinda Bradley*, b. Jan. 20, 1849; m'd Pat. Maupin. Ch: [a] Emma Maupin; [b] Charles.
 3. *Jacob Bradley*, b. May 20, 1850.
 4. *Emily Bradley*, b. Jan. 27, 1852; m'd Thomas Martin. Children: [a] Lewis Martin; [b] Susan; [c] John; [d] Thomas.
 5. *James*, b. Oct. 30, 1853.
 6. *Susan*, b. March 6, 1858; m'd Jas. B. Wilson.
 7. *Geo. W. Bradley*, b. Nov. 6, 1859; m'd March 29, 1890, Sue Miller.
 8. *Henry C. Bradley*, b. Aug. 30, 1861; m'd Dec. 28, 1888, Pearl Hitchcock. Ch: [a] Geo. L. Bradley, b. Dec.

13, 1889; [^b] Nellie, b. Aug. 9, 1891; [^c] John C., b. Jan. 13, 1893.

9. *Ada Bradley*, b. Jan. 25, 1867; m'd Sept. 23, 1889, M. Freeman. Ch: [^a] Roy Freeman.

10. *John S. Bradley*, b. Oct. 15, 1868.

Mr. J. W. Bradley's father died, aged 98, and his mother, aged 95.

Nov. 10—The Missouri Valley Railroad (formerly Platte Country Railroad) is securing the right of way through farms below East Leavenworth.

Nov. 20—Furnishing court-house: The county paid for two 26-light chandeliers, \$198; for carpeting, spittoons, and upholstering, \$813.45; for chairs, \$200; and for clock, \$30.

The Masonic hall and church, at Platte City, are under roof.

Ignatius Naylor (ii) is killed by one stroke of the fist of Stephen Waldron who was tried and acquitted of murder, on the ground that the fist was not a deadly weapon.

PETER STIGERS.

Peter Stigers having died, Jacob Smelser administered. Bond, \$3,000. Ch: 1, Mary S. Stigers; 2, Rachel; 3, Melissa J.; 4, Julia A.

The wall around the court-house, the pavement, and macadam cost the county \$2,705.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 16—Thos. W. Park licensed as an attorney.

BENJ. VENRICK.

Dec. 24—Benj. Venrick having died, Geo. P. Venrick administered. Bond, \$2,000. Heirs:

I. JOHN VENRICK. II. MARY. III. ETTIE. IV. ANN. V. MARGARET. VI. SAMUEL. VII. MARTHA, m'd Nov. 22, 1864, Robert Ebbard. VIII. GEORGE P. VENRICK.

MRS. LYDIA TEBBS.

Dec. 30—Mrs. Lydia Tebbs having died, her son, Col. A. S. Tebbs, administered. Bond, \$16,000. Her maiden name was Lydia Kennedy. She married William H. Tebbs (i). He died in Virginia, and she came west with her children. She was a woman of intelligence, dignity, and reserve. Precise in her words, and formal in her address, she displayed a consciousness of her superiority. Her children all inherited her aristocratic bearing. The females of the family are, or were, beautiful, spirited, and lively; the males were formal in their manners and brilliant in conversation. Their ch:

- I. ALGERNON SIDNEY TEBBS, d. in Aug., 1872; m'd Julia Coleman, dr. of William Coleman and Lydia Lane. Col. Tebbs was a successful lawyer of Leesburg, Va. After practicing in the higher courts of Virginia and the District of Columbia, he came west, in 1856, and purchased a large farm, two miles east of Platte City. He essayed to practice in our courts, but his formal manners did not suit our people. He was a determined opposer of the war, until Virginia seceded. He returned to his native State, came west again, lived for a time in Kansas, and spent his remaining days to no purpose. Mrs. Tebbs yet lives in Virginia. She was a remarkable beauty. Ch:
1. *Julia Tebbs*, was a most lovely woman. She m'd 1st, Dan. McCook, one of the heroic family from Ohio, who gave their lives for freedom. He himself died in battle June 27, 1864. She m'd 2d, Oct. 24, 1867, Col. W. M. Lock, a handsome and chivalrous Confederate officer. They went to Portland, Oregon, where he died. Mrs. Lock went to Kansas City, and thence to Virginia, where she died March 25, 1897. She had one child by her first husband: [a] Blanche McCook.
 2. *Laura Tebbs*, m'd Mr. Gilbert, a merchant of Brooklyn, N. Y. Like all of the name, she was beautiful and lively. I have letters from Mr. Gilbert that attest superior business accomplishments. They have children.
 3. *Dr. Algernon S. Tebbs*, studied medicine and took his degree at Louisville University. He m'd Tillie Paxton. (See.)
 4. *James Tebbs*, married, and lived in Kansas City; dead.
- II. ADELAIDE TEBBS, m'd Wm. S. Parker, who died; she died in 1896 (in Ohio).
1. *Lydia T. Parker*, m'd Arch Clarke, son of Edward.
 2. *Margaret Parker*, m'd Jas. M. Murray. (See.)
 3. *Kate Parker*, m'd Worthington, of Ohio.
 4. *Wm. H. Parker* (ii). 5. *Jos. M. Parker*. 6. *Aug. S.*
 7. *Walter S.* 8. *Adelaide P.* (ii).
- III. CATHERINE M. TEBBS, m'd Dr. J. M. Davis. Ch:
1. *Tebbs Davis*. 2. *William Davis*. 3. *Walker*. 4. *John*.
 5. *Jephtha*. 6. *Ben*. 7. *Lydia*.
- IV. ELIZABETH TEBBS, m'd Col. John H. Winston. (See.)
- V. Dr. W. H. TEBBS (ii), m'd Martha E. Anderson; went to Kansas, and was representative in the Territorial Legislature in border ruffian times.
- VI. O. B. TEBBS, m'd Susan Anderson.
- VIII. DANIEL TEBBS, m'd Aug. 31, 1863, Sue E. Burnes. (See.)

1868.

OFFICERS.

Governor, T. C. Fletcher; Congressman, R. T. Van Horn; State Senator, G. S. Park; Circuit Judge, Philander Lucas; Circuit Attorney, E. F. Esteb; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; Assessor, J. A. Stone; Surveyor, L. E. Bradley; Superintendent of Schools, S. A. Himrod; Representatives, T. Quinn, and J. Doniphan; Circuit Clerk, F. M. Tufts; Probate Judge, S. A. Gilbert; County Justices, Beery, Brown, and Ham; County Attorney, M. Campbell; Sheriff, N. P. Ogden; Treasurer, G. W. Belt; Coroner, E. D. Cord; Public Administrator, W. M. Paxton.

PRICES.

Bacon, hams, 20 cents; coffee, 33 cents; corn, 80 cents; eggs, 15 cents; flour, \$7; hemp, \$160; potatoes, 75 cents; wheat, \$2.50; salt, \$4.50.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—H. A. B. Anderson, N. B. Anderson, Baker, Boyd, Campbell, Cates, Connelly, Fleshman, Greenawalt, Herndon, Hollingsworth, Merryman, Norton, Park, Paxton, Robertson, Shaw, Wilsons.

Physicians—Baldwin, Guthrie, McDonald, Johnson, Redman, Smith (postmaster).

Merchants, etc.—Battersby, Boyd, Brady, Burge, Burckhardt, E. C. Cockrill & Co., Colman, Eiseman, Gaylord (academy), Hawley, Hunt, Jenkins, G. W. Johnston, Kinney, Krause, Likins (mill), Lutes, Mason & Swain, Park & Field, Perry, Redman, Keith & Tribble (lumber), Smith (postmaster), Wilkinson, Young, Zarn.

Lodge—Neb. 12, T. F. Richardson, N. G.

Farmers' Savings Association—A. Tribble cashier.

Platte County Agricultural and Mechanical Association—J. W. Steele president, G. W. Belt treasurer.

Preachers—J. W. Waller (Chris.), Austin (M. E.).

At Weston: Attorneys—Beller, Burnes, Coburn, Carroll, Doniphan, Fulton, Georgens, Gilbert, Hitt, King, Lawson, Roney, Scott, Watts.

Physicians—Allison, Beaumont, Bonifant, Hale, Peters, Price, Shortridge.

Merchants, etc.—Allen, Barnhart, Bell, Blanjour (postmaster), Briggs, Brill, Brown, Carpenter, Calvert, Cockrill & Co., Deckelman, Deitz, Doppler, Egstadt, Ellifrit, Evans, Frank, Halyard, Hardesty, Hood, Ilkenhans, Kyle & Keller, Kinney, Kurtz, Magers, Masterson, Moore, Nagle, Newhouse, Noble, Oliphant, Perry, Pickett, Raileys, Rohring, Schindler, Termier, Warner, Wood.

Court of Common Pleas—J. Doniphan, judge; Yocom, clerk; Hedges, marshal.

Newspapers—*Border Times*, Beller editor; *Landmark*, Gilbert editor.

Mayor—Warner; woolen factory.

Preachers—Bassett (Bap.), Batte (Epis.).

Platte Savings Institution—Warner cashier; Railey & Bro.

At Parkville: Ashby, Carmody, Davis, Bueneman (postmaster), Kahm, Dale, Luthy, Dr. Moore, McDonald, Jordan, Pack, Park, Summers.

At Camden Point: Coffey, Hale (postmaster), Dibble (academy), Jack, Kirtley, Pullins.

At Farley: Dr. Holt, Meads (postmaster), Simpson, and Carpenter.

At Iatan: Alexander, Dr. Larry, Smith (postmaster).

At New Market: Armstrong, Allen, Cartwright, Singleton.

At Ridgely: Chrisman, Ellington, Gustin, Dr. Robinson, A. Hill (postmaster).

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Fractional paper currency is largely issued, from 5 cents to 50 cents and it takes the place of silver coins.

JACOB BROADHURST.

Jan. 6—Jacob Broadhurst having died, James A. Broadhurst administered. Bond, \$5,000. Heirs:

- I. JOHN A. BROADHURST. II. JACOB A.
- III. MARGARET A., m'd Nov. 22, 1859, James H. Prather.
- IV. COLUM. W. BROADHURST, m'd Dec. 8, 1875, A. B. Prather.

Jan. 8—A tri-weekly mail is still carried by hack between Weston and Liberty.

WILLIAM LEWIS.

Jan. 20—William Lewis having died, John Hughes administered. Bond, \$15,000. He was born March 5, 1819. He married, first, Charity B. Gibson, born September 1, 1822, and died August 18, 1853. She was an intelligent and graceful woman. Her handsome monument stands in our cemetery. Ch:

- I. DANIEL P. LEWIS (ii), m'd Mollie Day, of Kansas, and died, leaving no children.
- II. MARY J. LEWIS, m'd April 20, 1858, Johnson C. Hughes. (See.) They went to Colorado.
- III. CORDELIA D. LEWIS, m'd Feb. 25, 1858, Thos. A. Gregg. (See.)
- IV. VELINA (ANNIE), m'd Nov. 6, 1864, Rufus O. Larkin. (See.) Mr. William Lewis married, second, Sarah Osborn. Ch:

V. JAMES LEWIS, single.

VI. WILLIAM LEWIS, in railroad service.

VII. ROSETTA LEWIS, b. in 1854; m'd Dec. 22, 1874, Thos. J. Cole, son of William Cole. (See.) After spending his early years in farming, he opened a hardware store in Platte City September 1, 1887, but sold out November 15, 1888, to Pope & Dye. Upon the death (October 7, 1891) of Geo. H. Pope, county treasurer, Mr. Cole was appointed by the governor to fill out his term. July 1, 1893, he succeeded Sanders McComas as postmaster at Platte City. His office was made, in 1895, a presidential office, and he was commissioned for four years. He, as occasion offers, deals in live stock, shipping to Chicago or to Kansas City. He possesses superior business qualifications. Ch:

1. *Lelia F. Cole*, is a graceful and modest, but spirited, young lady, and makes an admirable deputy post-mistress.

2. *William Cole*, is a youth of intelligence and promise.

3. *Jessie O. Cole*. 4. *T. De Witt Cole*. 5. *James L. Cole*.

VIII. FANNIE O. LEWIS, died, childless, Nov. 14, 1883; m'd Feb. 14, 1880, T. J. Lewis (cousin), b. July 24, 1860. He m'd 2d, April 22, 1885, Agnes Belle Douglas.

The Supreme Court of Missouri refuses a mandamus to compel the county court of Platte to issue to the C. & S. W. Railway company the \$100,000 subscribed.

Jan. 27—J. J. Throckmorton buys the St. George Hotel at Weston, for \$8,000.

ADAM BECKLEY

Settles near Parkville. After some ten or fifteen years' residence, he left. He was born in Harrison County, Ohio, July 3, 1838; married September 20, 1859, Sarah Grim. He possessed superior intelligence. Ch:

I. LAURA B. BECKLEY, m'd C. H. Staples. (See.)

II. KITTIE BECKLEY.

III. ELLA M. BECKLEY, m'd Dec. 22, 1886, Thos. B. Naylor.

IV. ABSALOM. V. DIBBIE A. BECKLEY. VI. CHAS. F.

VII. JOHN H. VIII. BART L.

FEBRUARY.

SHOOTING OF C. M. BOYD

Feb. 1—Charles M. Boyd is killed by Joseph Boyd (not related). The two occupied the same house on Main Street, opposite the court-house, in Platte City. Joseph Boyd's store was below, and Charles M. Boyd, with his family, occupied the upper rooms. An outside stairway led to the street. Joseph Boyd, having missed some of his goods, secreted himself in his store, by night, to shoot the robber, if he should again visit the

house. About ten o'clock two shots were heard, the window lights in the front door were blown out, and C. M. Boyd was found dead, on the stairway leading to his rooms. Joseph Boyd testified that he had shot him when in the act of entering the store. Nothing was done, but much scandal was freely spoken.

CHARLES M. BOYD

Was a son of Judge J. R. Boyd and Harriet Henderson, of Tennessee. He was born September 29, 1838; married August 13, 1865, Edmonia Cannon (see), of Platte City. He was a young lawyer of ability and untiring enterprise, and a trusted leader of the Radical party. His mother was a Henderson, and her family embraces some of the best citizens of Platte, whose names will appear in the following notice of

THE HENDERSON FAMILY.

John Henderson, of Charlottesville, Va., a lawyer, married Anna B. Hudson. The family came to Kentucky, and thence to Missouri. Ch:

- I. MARY HENDERSON, m'd Merriwether Jefferson, for whom Jefferson City was named; 3 children.
- II. EMILY HENDERSON, who died June 16, 1864; m'd George Winn, of Tennessee. (See D. D. Burnes, J. E. Ireland, and Emily Winn.)
- III. HUDSON HENDERSON.
- IV. CHARLES HENDERSON, of Kentucky.
- V. HARRIET HENDERSON, m'd Judge John R. Boyd, of Tennessee. Ch:
 1. *Dr. John R. Boyd*, a dentist, now of Leavenworth.
 2. *Georgia A. Boyd*, m'd Stephen Johnston (i). (See.)
 3. *S. Emma Boyd*, m'd 1st, a Mulhurn, who died, leaving: [a] Emma Mulhurn. Mrs. Mulhurn m'd 2d, March 19, 1856, Perry Keith. Mr. Keith first married the widow of Felix G. Cockrill. (See.) Mr. Keith and a large family of children live in Kansas City.
 4. *C. M. Boyd*.
- VI. HETTIE HENDERSON, m'd 1st, a Stalter, and m'd 2d, an Armistead. She lives in Leavenworth.
- VII. SARAH HENDERSON, m'd Gen. G. P. Dorriss. (See.)
- VIII. MARTHA HENDERSON, m'd 1st, James H. Johnston. (See.) She m'd 2d, Sept. 17, 1860, Hon. A. W. Morrison, dead; no children by her second husband.

GEO. B. McADOW.

George B. McAdow having died, his widow, Martha McAdow, administered.

THE McADOW FAMILY

Are descended from John McAdow, an emigrant from Scotland who married Mary Burns and settled in Mason County, Ky. Their children:

I. JOHN McADOW, b. in Kentucky about 1799; d. in California in 1849; m'd March 2, 1843, Mary Bean, d. in 1868, dr. of Benj. Ch:

1. *James W. McAdow*, b. in Platte Sept. 2, 1845; m'd April 2, 1874, Alice G. Steele, b. in 1852, dr. of James W. Steele. Mr. McAdow is well educated and is a thriving farmer in the northern part of the county. Ch: [^a] Ernest McAdow, b. in 1873; [^b] Mary E. McAdow; [^c] Fannie; [^d] Jas. W. (ii).
2. *John McAdow* (iii), b. Oct. 14, 1849; m'd Sept. 22, 1875, Florence M. Dye, dr. of James. (See.) Children: [^a] Henry; [^b] Ben. B. McAdow; [^c] Samuel W.; [^d] John; [^e] Ralph; [^f] Frank McAdow; [^g] Jas.; [^h] Hugh.

Mrs. Mary McAdow m'd 2d, Oct. 12, 1853, Reuben Browning; no children.

II. GEO. B. McADOW, b. in Mason Co., Ky., in 1801; died in Platte in Feb., 1868; m'd Milly Byram. Ch:

1. *Dr. John*. 2. *James A*. 3. *Thomas McAdow*.
 4. *Margaret*. 5. *Nelson*. 6. *Fannie*. 7. *Frank*.
 8. *Mary*, m'd Melvin McKee. She m'd 2d, Silas May.
- Geo. B. McAdow, m'd 2d, Puss Douglas, and m'd 3d, a Rose.

III. DR. SAMUEL McADOW, b. in Kentucky Oct. 27, 1803, went to California, and d. in Nov., 1850; m'd April 7, 1831, Julianna Bean, b. May 17, 1807, dr. of Benj. He took his professional degree at Transylvania in 1827; practiced in Mason until 1838, when he came to Platte, and settled in Marshall Township. He was a boon companion and genial friend. His hospitality and generosity exceeded his means. He was an experienced physician, and his services were in demand. He went to California in 1850, died at sea, and was buried at Panama Dec. 3, 1850. Ch:

1. *Georgeanna McAdow*, m'd Aug. 8, 1850, Dr. Joseph Malin, now of St. Joseph, but formerly of Weston. Ch: [^a] Samuel M. Malin; [^b] Georgeanna, m'd a son of Hon. James Craig; 2 children.
2. *Mary Elizabeth McAdow*, m'd E. W. Bailey. (See.)
3. *Perry W. McAdow*, m'd Clara Tomlinson, of Montana.
4. *William B. McAdow*, m'd Florence Lamme.
5. *Julianna McAdow*, m'd Dr. W. T. Shortridge (second wife), dead.
6. *Henrietta McAdow*, m'd W. A. Malin. Ch: [^a] Jennie Malin; [^b] Hannah.
7. *Ada B. McAdow*, m'd T. B. Ellis. Her first husband was Samuel Alexander, by whom she had: [^a] Willie; [^b] Nellie Alexander, m'd S. Fowler; 2 children.

IV. There was a Moses McAdow, lived in Iatan, but I know nothing further of him.

LEAVENWORTH BRIDGE.

Feb. 3—A deputation of Leavenworth business men held a meeting at the court-house, Capt. Wm. Triplett presiding, to present to our people the project of building a railroad and wagon bridge across the Missouri at Leavenworth.

MELODY CHAPTER, No. 21,

Commenced work under a dispensation dated January 27, 1868. Present: G. W. Belt, H. P.; J. S. Brasfield, K.; F. M. Johnson, S.; W. M. Paxton was secretary. John Cain, R. T. Darnall, H. De Bard, and A. T. Guthrie were charter members. Visitors: Henry Colman, L. R. Ringo, F. H. Lewis, E. C. Cockrill, and S. A. Gilbert, of Weston Chapter, No. 4, Samuel Hardwicke, of Liberty, Lee M. Williams, of Barry, and W. M. Rush, of St. Joseph. A number of petitions were presented, and in the course of a few months, the following were exalted: 1, W. R. Adams; 2, Jas. Adkins; 3, H. A. Anderson; 4, Jerry Beery; 5, James A. Baldwin; 6, Jesse Blakley; 7, W. D. Bonnell; 8, W. P. Brightwell; 9, J. L. Carmack; 10, R. P. Clark; 11, I. P. Cartwright; 12, W. F. Cockrill; 13, J. M. Darnall; 14, A. J. Colman; 15, Thos. Colman; 16, J. W. Coots; 17, W. H. Elliott; 18, J. B. Flannery; 19, J. F. Flannery; 20, J. C. Greenawalt; 21, C. J. Hamblin; 22, C. B. Hawley; 23, G. C. Henson; 24, Dr. J. A. Herndon; 25, Jesse Hodges; 26, L. F. Hollingsworth; 27, L. W. Horner; 28, David Hunt; 29, W. H. Hunt; 30, T. E. Jenkins; 31, Chas. Loan; 32, Henry Meads; 33, E. J. Miller; 34, W. J. Miller; 35, J. G. Minnear; 36, J. M. Oliver; 37, E. J. Park; 38, T. W. Park; 39, John Shepard; 40, W. V. Slone; 41, G. W. Smith; 42, John Spratt; 43, J. R. Swain; 44, Jas. Tate; 45, F. M. Tufts; 46, Jas. Wallace; 47, R. P. C. Wilson; 48, S. C. Woodson; 49, H. S. Yates.

Feb. 14—The Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of Platte City raise, by a festival, \$440, on their church debt.

JOHN S. LIGHT.

Feb. 18—John S. Light having died, Thos. D. Cook administered. Bond, \$1,000. His widow, Hannah, was born in 1808, and died June 10, 1881. Ch:

I. JACOB LIGHT. II. WILLIAM LIGHT.

No. III. JOHN W., m'd May 13, 1894, Rhoda Morgan.

IV. JOSEPH LIGHT. V. NANCY. VI. ASBURY.

Nancy Light married April 28, 1874, Robert Murdock; no children. She was his second wife. His third wife was Carrie Grah (Minter), who subsequently (October 10, 1882) married Jas. H. Mann.

MARCH.

March 7—A Democratic club formed at Weston; S. A. Gilbert president, S. D. Fulton secretary.

A Democratic club formed at Platte City; R. D. Johnston president, G. W. Belt secretary.

March 27—Dr. G. H. Hale removes from Weston to Platte City.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AT PLATTE CITY.

March 29—Up to this time there had been but one Sunday-school in Platte City. In January, 1850, I organized a union school in the old M. E. church, on Lot 3, Block 33. In 1855 this was moved to the Presbyterian church, on Lot 6, Block 31, and when (in July, 1864) this house was burned, I moved the school to the Baptist church. The average attendance was about 40. But now there were three convenient churches in the town, and it was my opinion that three denominational schools would do more good than one feeble union school; and the result proved I was right. Without consulting anyone, but from a sense of duty, I announced at the close of school in the Baptist church, that the next Sabbath I would ring the bell of the M. and P. church, and would invite all to attend. But that I advised that denominational schools be opened in the Baptist church and the Christian church. During the following week my course was severely criticised, and loudly condemned. Yet my advice was followed; and soon 180 scholars were attending the three schools. I have never seen reason to repent my conduct.

APRIL.

April 5—Dedication of the M. and P. church, by Rev. Leftwich.

April 7—H. A. B. Anderson enrolled as an attorney.

April 14—John P. Whitlaw killed Phil. Doerr at Parkville; held to be justifiable homicide.

April 15—Simeon Shearman assassinated near Weston, by someone unknown.

HOWELL JENKINS.

April 25—Howell Jenkins died at Platte City. He was born in Merthy, Wales, July 17, 1812; married Charlotte Evans, born June 21, 1814, and died in Platte City April 25, 1884. They came to Platte City in the summer of 1842. By industry and honesty, they acquired considerable property and the confidence and esteem of the people. He was an excellent stone-mason, and from the native rock hewed and chiseled all the early tombstones of our cemetery. He built for himself the large and beautiful stone dwelling on Lot 4, Block 28, Platte City, which, if not destroyed by fire, will stand for centuries as a monument of his skill. In later life, he was a merchant and postmaster at Platte City. All the original family except Wm. T. Jenkins lie side by side in our cemetery, beneath the shadow of a massive shaft.

I. DANIEL W. JENKINS, b. in Wales Oct. 3, 1839; killed Nov. 12, 1867, at Platte City, by Alf. Hughes (colored) (see), who

was hung for the crime. He m'd Dec. 13, 1866, Phoebe Ella Cain, dr. of John; no children.

- II. THOMAS E. JENKINS, b. in Platte City Sept. 30, 1845; d. April 23, 1883; m'd Dec. 19, 1866, Alice Hall, of Clay, who survives, living in Kansas City. Thomas received a finished literary and business education, and became a merchant in Platte City. His courteous address and native kindness of heart made him a general favorite. He was an ardent Democrat, and was elected treasurer of Platte County. In the war he espoused the cause of the South. He was a zealous Mason, and a punctual attendant on the meetings of the order. Ch:

1. *John Jenkins*, b. Jan. 29, 1868. He graduated in dentistry at Kansas City, and is now practicing at Liberty.
2. *Gertie E. Jenkins*, b. March 7, 1870; m'd in 1893. Wm. Harwood. They live in Kansas City.
3. *O'Fallon (Fal)*, b. April 27, 1875.
4. *Bertha J.*, b. Sept. 20, 1877.

- III. JOHN I. JENKINS, b. Oct. 15, 1848; d. July 20, 1866.

- IV. WILLIAM T. JENKINS, b. Aug. 12, 1853; m'd April 23, 1888, Sallie Guthrie, b. at New Bloomfield, Mo.; d. in Platte City March 5, 1894. She was a delicate and charming beauty, endowed with grace, purity, and loveliness. Mr. Jenkins is an ambitious and rising young man. In June, 1877, he purchased the grocery store of G. W. Smith, and continued the business for several years. In 1886 he received the Democratic nomination for county collector, and in November was elected without opposition. In November, 1888, he was reelected. In August, 1890, he bought the *Landmark* of J. B. Mundy, and has since edited it, and has made it a leading Democratic paper. The loss of his wife was a severe affliction, and he dotes upon her only child, little Ruth, born February 12, 1891. I was fond of Mrs. Jenkins, and, as she lay in her coffin, I wrote in her honor a poem, from which I claim room for one stanza:

She 's gone to the land where there 's rest for the weary,
Her sanctified spirit has fled;

Without her, the world to her husband is dreary,
And bitter the tears he will shed:

And sweet little Ruth will no more have a mother,
For love, consolation, and prayer;
For no one can give to the child of another
Parental affection and care.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Total revenue from taxes, sales of lots, and collected of Bryant.	\$ 80,098.40		
Borrowed of Platte Savings Institution.	21,834.21		
			<u>\$101,932.61</u>
Deduct warrants drawn.	64,319.36		
			<u>\$ 37,613.25</u>
Take this sum.	\$ 5,000.00		
From outstanding warrants.	162,591.35		
Outstanding last settlement.		167,591.35	
			<u>\$129,978.10</u>
Floating debt.			
<i>Bonded debt.</i>			
W. & A. R. R. bonds.	\$43,500		
Interest.	39,630	\$93,130	
P. & G. R. R. bonds.	97,000		
Interest.	2,120	99,120	182,250.00
Due School Funds.			<u>6,608.70</u>
County indebtedness.			<u>\$318,836.80</u>
<i>Expenditures in Detail.</i>			
Bear Creek bridge.	\$ 500.00		
Skinner's bridge.	3,052.00		
Other bridges and roads.	3,944.00		
Poor and insane.	5,668.00		
McGonagle, for court-house and jail.	15,000.00		
Others, for court-house and jail.	10,179.00		
Lightning-rods.	269.00		
Insurance.	605.00		
Jail.	1,376.00		
County Justices (Beery, Brown, and Ham).	1,075.00		
County Clerk (Lewis).	3,495.00		
Treasurer (Belt).	1,200.00		
County Attorneys.	1,440.00		
Sheriff (Ogden).	444.00		
Circuit Clerk (Tufts).	282.00		
Superintendent of Schools (Himrod).	306.00		
Assessor (Stone).	399.00		
Commissioner (Murphy).	634.00		
Registration.	67.00		
Stationery.	306.00		
Printing.	733.00		
Wood.	200.00		
Weston Court.	432.00		
Criminal costs.	1,780.00		
Coupons W. & A. R. R. bonds.	6,690.00		

Judgment on bonds.	\$ 1,010.00
Sundries.	3,233.36

Total warrants. \$64,319.36

Tax Books, 1868.

Lands assessed.	\$3,948,624.00
Lots assessed.	579,825.00

\$4,528,449.00

Horses, 5,266.	293,672.00
Mules, 1,236.	83,755.00
Cattle, 10,148.	163,252.00
Sheep, 13,231.	20,127.00
Hogs, 359,909.	88,419.00
Other property.	1,087,862.00

\$6,265,536.00

Taxes assessed: State, 40 cents and \$1 poll; military tax, 50 cents and \$2 poll; revenue county tax, 80 cents and \$2 poll; total, \$1.70 and \$5 poll. Five-eighths of the county revenue tax was set apart for public buildings.

May 1—Nathan Prior died. He lived near Farley. He married March 4, 1854, Susan Ann Todd (née English), widow of Wm. Todd. (See.) Their only child was Jennie Prior, who married W. G. Holt. (See.)

May 7—The evangelist, D. L. Moody, preached in Leavenworth, Kansas.

May 14—E. H. Norton forms a law partnership with his nephew, N. B. Anderson, at Platte City.

In pursuance of a late law, the county court divides the county into two representative districts, making the Platte the dividing line.

May 17—C. B. and A. Kurtz open a bookstore and variety house in Platte City.

Elder J. M. Waller takes charge of the Christian Church, in Platte City.

The work on the C. & S. W. Railway has commenced.

ASCENSION DAY.

Knights of Weston and of Platte City Commanderies met at the fair ground, and, after an address by Sir Knight N. B. Anderson, proceeded to salute their comrades at their homes.

JUNE.

June 1—Platte City has six saloons, paying \$100 tax each to the town.

June 7—Two sons of M. Olin drowned in Platte River, two miles below Platte City.

June 20—Platte City Water Mills burned. Friction of the machinery caused the fire. Loss to Likins & Cockrill, \$10,000.

John L. De Berry died at his home on Todd's Creek. His widow, Mary A. De Berry (Adams), administered. Bond, \$25,000.

THE DE BERRY FAMILY.

John De Berry, of Simpson Couty, Ky., married Mary Lowe, and from them descended the De Berry family of Platte, who came in 1838, and settled on Todd's Creek. Ch:

I. WILLIAM L. DE BERRY, was an old but highly regarded bachelor. He adopted his niece, Nancy (Cecil), dr. of Robert De Berry, who m'd W. H. Walker. (See.) Mr. De Berry d. Jan. 27, 1875, aged 70.

II. JOHN L. DE BERRY, d. June 20, 1868. He m'd Mary A. Adams, dr. of J. F. Adams, the founder of Ridgely. He was a farmer of superior judgment, social in disposition, successful in his enterprises, and respected by his neighbors. He left several farms, which were partitioned among his children. Ch:

1. *Angus*, m'd Elizabeth Sayle, dr. of Dr. C. W. Sayle, of Ridgely.
2. *Wm. L. De Berry* (ii), d. in July, 1883; m'd Feb. 5, 1873, Lucinda M. Adams. Ch: [*a*] Mary B.; [*b*] Jennie; [*c*] Elston.
3. *James A. De Berry*, m'd Oct. 13, 1869, Phœbe A. Jenkins.
4. *Mary A. De Berry*, m'd March 9, 1859, Thos. L. Turner (see), b. April 7, 1833.
5. *Dr. John F. De Berry*, now practicing in Plattsburg. He m'd Oct. 14, 1885, Mrs. Mary E. Marshall, dr. of James M. Brady (see), and widow of Amos Marshall. (See.) She was b. Feb. 9, 1856. Ch: [*a*] Mary F., b. Oct. 15, 1888; [*b*] Albin, b. May 18, 1890.
6. *Elmira De Berry*, m'd Feb. 23, 1869, J. M. Darnall. (See.)
7. *Elwilda De Berry*, m'd in Dec., 1872, Wylie R. Brasfield. (See.)
8. *Cornelia De Berry*. 9. *Edward*. 10. *Thomas A*.
11. *Sarah F*.

III. JESSE D. DE BERRY, was a merchant of Smithville, and died there April 5, 1886; he m'd 1st, Betsy Lowe (cousin), and m'd 2d, Mary Harness.

IV. ROBERT DE BERRY, b. Aug. 6, 1818; m'd 1st, Mary Gist. Children:

1. *Permelia De Berry*, m'd Feb. 9, 1867, Harry Moore. (See.)
2. *Betsy De Berry*, m'd Aug. 4, 1874, J. E. McDonald.

3. *Nancy (Cecil) De Berry*, m'd Aug. 2, 1877, Willard H. Walker. (See.)
 4. *Joseph De Berry*, went to Oregon.
 5. *Mary J. De Berry*, m'd Dec. 17, 1889, Wm. Runyan.
 - Mr. Robert De Berry m'd 2d, Martha Barnett. Ch:
 6. *Etta De Berry*, m'd Sept. 9, 1884, Jerry Lentz.
 7. *Mattie De Berry*, m'd Lee Marshall.
 8. *Millie De Berry*. 9. *Dee De Berry*.
- V. BETSY DE BERRY, m'd John McDonald. Live in Tennessee.
 VI. DOROTHEA DE BERRY, m'd Jonathan Newby.
 VII. B. F. DE BERRY, b. Aug. 6, 1818.

June 27—James F. Warden died at Farley. He was founder of the town of Farley.

JULY.

July 4—Celebrated at Platte City by the Sunday-schools in Dr. Baldwin's pasture. N. B. Anderson was orator.

WALLER L. BRIGHTWELL.

July 7—Waller L. Brightwell died four miles southeast of Platte City. He was a brother of Ptolemy Brightwell, who has been noticed. (See.) He was born in Spottsylvania County, Va., May 1, 1795; m'd in 1821, Permelia Mitchell, of Woodford County, Ky., b. in July, 1804; d. Feb. 22, 1885. Mr. Brightwell volunteered in Col. Coons' regiment, and served throughout the War of 1812. In 1816 he came to Kentucky, and thence to Missouri, arriving in Platte Nov. 10, 1842. He was large of frame, genial in disposition, and of irreproachable life. He left a large body of land for his descendants. Mrs. Brightwell survived her husband, and married Sept. 14, 1872, Daniel King, and died, leaving no children by him. Ch:

- I. MARGARET BRIGHTWELL, b. in 1824; m'd in 1842, Velora Sample, d. June 15, 1875. They lived north of Parkville. Ch:

1. *Permelia Sample*, b. Jan. 3, 1849; d. Dec. 5, 1882; m'd May 17, 1866, Sim. H. Shield, who d. in 1887. Ch: [a] Lucora, b. in 1878; m'd Dec. 30, 1884, Henry T. Owens; [b] Maggie Shield, b. in 1881; [c] Luther, b. in 1884; [d] Martha, b. in 1887.
2. *Bettie Sample*, dead; m'd Geo. Shannon; 2 children.
3. *Martha A. Sample*, m'd Sept. 30, 1873, S. H. Graden, son of Thos., an enterprising business man, of Parkville. Ch: [a] Addie, m'd Nov. 20, 1895, Theo. Threlkeld; [b] Dora Graden; [c] Annie.

Thos. Graden was born in 1796 in Pennsylvania; removed to Tennessee, and served in the War of 1812, and was at the Battle of Lake Erie.

4. *Daniel Sample*, b. March 29, 1856; m'd April 23, 1882, Mary J. Riley. (See.)
5. *Clay Sample*.
6. *Velora Sample* (ii), m'd Oct. 3, 1878, Lizzie Marble. Ch: [a] Willie Sample; [b] Daniel; [c] Waller; [d] Jacob; [e] Mary; [f] Mima Sample; [g] Samuel.
- II. NAPOLEON BRIGHTWELL, b. in 1828; d. single Dec. 29, 1853.
- III. JOHN WYATT BRIGHTWELL, m'd April 26, 1853, Angeline Oliver, and died June 5, 1858, leaving:
 1. *Lura Brightwell*, who m'd Nov. 23, 1871, Douglas George, b. Aug. 5, 1846. She is a well-developed and handsome woman. Ch: [a] Willie; [b] Ella; [c] Peyton George; [d] Ora; [e] Jenkins; [f] Bee; [g] Aletha.
- Mrs. Brightwell m'd 2d, Jan. 2, 1866, R. F. Gaines. (See.)
- IV. ELIZA BRIGHTWELL, b. in 1829; m'd Feb. 10, 1853, Granville J. Oliver, b. in Fauquier County, Va., Oct. 23, 1823; d. in Platte May 14, 1884. He came with his brothers to Platte in 1851, and settled near Hickory Grove. He was elected a justice of the peace several terms, was an enthusiastic Methodist, and a highly esteemed citizen. Ch:
 1. *Fannie Oliver*, m'd May 10, 1888, John McDonnell, son of Tim; no children.
 2. *Mary Isabel Oliver*, m'd March 17, 1881, Franklin Payne. Ch: [a] Maud Payne.
 3. *Mattie Oliver*, m'd Feb. 25, 1886, Henry Verline; 2 children.
 4. *Ella (Puss) Oliver*, m'd Marion B. Payne; one child: [a] Willie.
- V. WILLIAM PTOLEMY BRIGHTWELL, b. July 17, 1833, in Woodford Co., Ky.; m'd Sept. 12, 1858, Bettie Oliver, sister of Granville (above). He lives near Hickory Grove, and is a genial, hearty, jovial farmer, and takes much pride in Masonry. Ch:
 1. *Thomas D. Brightwell*, b. April 29, 1861; m'd March 1, 1888, Sallie Hughes, dr. of Arch. Ch: [a] Claude.
 2. *John T. Brightwell*, b. Dec. 8, 1863; m'd July 26, 1886, Mary J. Naylor, dr. of Wesley. Ch: [a] Floy.
 3. *Annie Brightwell*, b. Sept. 3, 1867; m'd Dec. 8, 1886, Geo. A. Ferrel. Ch: [a] Birdie; [b] Fannie Ferrel.
 4. *Charlie Brightwell*, b. April 5, 1870; m'd Feb. 17, 1897, Katie Carson.
- VI. GRANVILLE LEWIS BRIGHTWELL, b. in 1836; m'd Martha Hoy, dead. (See.)
- VII. PRESTON BRIGHTWELL, m'd Mary Jane Sharp, dr. of Willis. Ch:
 1. *William T. Brightwell*, m'd Annie Coons.
 2. *Addison J. Brightwell*, m'd Nov. 25, 1891, Jennie Offutt. (See.)

3. *Mattie Brightwell*, m'd March 10, 1891, Thomas H. Koker.

VIII. MARY F. BRIGHTWELL, b. in 1843; m'd June 17, 1860, Thos. King, b. March 1, 1822. They live near Hampton. Children:

1. *Lizzie King*, b. Aug. 20, 1861.
2. *John*, b. Oct. 7, 1862.
3. *Eva King*, b. in 1866; m'd Aug. Niter.
4. *Daniel B. King*, m'd Eva Drewry.
5. *Kittie King*.
6. *James King*, b. June 20, 1875.
7. *Margaret*, b. in 1880.
8. *Marie*, b. Nov. 10, 1883.

July 8—Assessor Jas. A. Stone resigns, and S. F. Rhea is appointed.

July 10—The *Reveille* hoists, for the national Democratic ticket, the names of Seymour and Blair.

July 20—Democratic meeting at Platte City, R. D. Johnston chairman, to appoint delegates to the Congressional Convention.

July 24—Alf. Hughes (colored), who murdered Daniel Jenkins, is hung in Clinton.

The 14th amendment of the United States Constitution declared ratified.

I. JOHN MAGET.

July 29—John Maget having died, Gid. L. Brown administers. Bond, \$10,000. Two sons of William Maget, of Knox County, Tenn., John and Rufus, came to Platte in 1847, arriving April 4th. John was born in Tennessee about 1810; married, in 1835, Nancy Martin, born in Tennessee in 1807, and died in Platte January 27, 1889. Ch:

I. WILLIAM MAGET (ii), dead; m'd Oct. 24, 1858, Mary A. Roach; 3 children.

II. AMANDA MAGET, d. May 10, 1879; m'd March 8, 1866, Gid. L. Brown, son of Judge T. J. Brown, of Buchanan County. He was born July 26, 1842, entered the Southern army Aug. 6, 1861, and served to the end. Ch:

1. *Emma L. Brown*, m'd Henry Bledsoe.
2. *Henry Brown*.
3. *Nannie*.

Mr. G. L. Brown m'd 2d, Dec. 6, 1879, Laura Squires.

III. MARTHA C. MAGET, m'd Dec. 22, 1857, Thomas Brown (cousin).

IV. MARY MAGET, m'd Oct. 24, 1858, Dudley Henry Roach.

V. JOHN D. MAGET, b. March 5, 1848; m'd Dec. 5, 1876, Eliz. Ross.

VI. RUFUS MAGET (ii), b. Sept. 12, 1850; m'd in 1869 Cornelia Brown.

II. RUFUS MAGET (ii).

Second son of William (i), of Knox County, Tenn., born January

25, 1818; died June 27, 1884; married, in Tennessee, Telitha J. Minett, born August 25, 1818; died June 28, 1884 (one day after her husband). He was a man of tall and ungainly person, but gentle manners and stern integrity. Ch:

- I. SARAH MAGET, b. in Tennessee Jan. 1, 1846; m'd Oct. 19, 1885, Wm. H. Downing. They separated; no children.
- II. WILLIAM T. MAGET, b. July 3, 1847; m'd March 28, 1878, Nannie Fouts, b. March 22, 1860; d. Feb. 2, 1895. Ch:
 1. *James E. Maget*, b. April 20, 1879.
 2. *Nellie*, b. Feb. 1, 1881.
 3. *Robert E. Maget*, b. July 16, 1882.
 4. *Rufus W.* (iii), b. Sept. 6, 1884.
 5. *Estel* (boy), b. Sept. 26, 1886.
- III. MARTHA C. MAGET, b. March 16, 1849; d. in Aug., 1893; m'd March 6, 1870, James N. Hays. Ch:
 1. *Morgan*. 2. *Montie*. 3. *Ethel*. 4. *Delia*.
 5. *Mattie Hays*.
- IV. JOHN D. MAGET, b. May 27, 1851; d. July 19, 1888; m'd Feb. 7, 1874, Eliza Downing. (See.)
- V. JAMES MAGET, b. Oct. 5, 1853; d. Nov. 30, 1879.
- VI. ALICE J. MAGET, b. Jan. 30, 1856; m'd Aug. 5, 1884, W. W. Brown, son of James R. Ch:
 1. *Wm. L. Brown*, b. Sept. 25, 1886.
 2. *Cecil Brown*, b. Oct. 22, 1888.
- VII. HARRIET MAGET, b. April 9, 1859; m'd Feb. 10, 1881, Chas. Ross. Ch:
 1. *Lee Ross*. 2. *James Ross*. 3. *A girl*.
- VIII. BETTIE LEE MAGET, b. Jan. 23, 1862; m'd 1st, Jan. 22, 1885, Fielding Hyatt. He died, leaving:
 1. *Elmer Hyatt*.
She m'd 2d, Richard Ross, brother of Charles; one child:
 2. *Scott Ross*.

C. B. VAUGHN.

July 31—C. B. Vaughn having died, Jerry Clay administered. Bond, \$12,000. He married Elizabeth W. Clay, daughter of Wm. Their children: 1, Susan Vaughn. 2, Nancy J.; 3, Fannie G.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—Picnic of colored people in Brill's pasture, near Weston.

Bankrupts: The following took their discharges in bankruptcy: A. C. Bell, J. W. Elam, Jos. Murphy, Samuel Moore, James E. Moore, Geo. Story, Ben. Wood.

Aug. 6—Mason & Swain, in excavating for a new house on Lot 11, Block 25, Platte City, undermined the wall of Florence Brady's house so that it fell, causing much damage, which was paid.

WILLIAM T. BENNING.

Aug. 7—William T. Benning having died, Thos. A. Cook administered. Bond, \$4,000. Ch:

I. M. O. BENNING. II. KATE. III. HENRY.
IV. ANN BENNING.

Aug. 10—The Christian Church at Platte City buy a \$200 bell, and erect it on a lofty frame, at the rear of the church.

Aug. 14—A new line of steamers start between St. Louis and Weston; their names are *Cora*, *Octavia*, and *St. Luke*.

Aug. 15—The Radicals hold township meetings for the election of delegates to the Congressional Convention at Liberty September 4th.

Aug. 26—Gen. James Shields nominated for Congress by the Democrats.

Aug. 30—Platte City is building a brick public school, on Block 38. W. V. Stone has the contract.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—The seventh annual fair, five days. W. K. Faulconer elected president and Geo. Robertson secretary.

Sept. 6—The Baptist church at Weston dedicated.

Sept. 8—Radicals at Liberty nominate R. T. Van Horn for Congress, P. Lucas for circuit judge, and G. S. Park for State senator.

Sept. 10—The annual conference of the M. E. Church, South, held at Weston.

Sept. 11—Gen. James Shields spoke at Platte City.

Rev. W. H. Lewis, by appointment of the M. E. Conference, takes charge of the Weston High School.

ROBERT CAIN.

Sept. 14—Robert Cain died, and was buried on his farm. He was born in Fauquier County, Va., April 5, 1791; came to Kentucky in 1805, was a soldier under Capt. Dudley Williams from the beginning to the close of the War of 1812, drew a pension for his services, came to Missouri in 1819, and to Platte in 1836, before the Indian title to our lands had been purchased; settled at the fine spring at the crossing of Todd's Creek, kept the ferry at the Fort, opened a large prairie farm, and supplied the garrison with provisions and stock, took contract to furnish supplies for the men and animals, and became a great favorite by his honesty, candor, and generosity. No other name, except that of Z. Martin, is so intimately connected with the early settlement of our county. He married first, July 8, 1813, Jane Burnett, of Shelby County.

Ky., but born in Christian County, Ky., in 1797, and died in Platte October 11, 1845. Ch:

- I. JOHN B. CAIN, b. Dec. 31, 1816; d. in California Dec. 10, 1879; m'd March 25, 1840, Martha Bivens, b. in 1823, dr. of Truman Bivens, of Clay. John Cain was a kind-hearted Christian gentleman, and owned the T. G. Cockrill farm, of 320 acres of the best land in the West; but he engaged in distilling, and, like all others who have pursued that business in Platte, died insolvent. Ch:

1. *Margaret A. Cain*, b. April 17, 1841; m'd William Carey, son of Nathaniel, a brother of Daniel. Ch: [a] Ella A. Carey, b. Dec. 22, 1864, who was killed by lightning, and she m'd 2d, Rozin Price. Children: [1] Bernard Price, b. in 1874; [2] Francis M., b. in 1877; [3] Thompson, b. in 1879.
2. *Mary E. Cain*, b. June 5, 1846; m'd March 10, 1868, John W. Scott, b. July 26, 1838. Live at Edgerton. Ch: [a] John B. Scott, b. Nov. 1, 1869; [b] Alex. B., b. March 11, 1871; [c] Wade Scott, b. Nov. 17, 1872; [d] Arthur, [e] Ada (twins), born Dec. 31, 1877; [f] Geneva A. Scott, b. in Dec., 1881.
3. *Phoebe E. Cain*, dead; m'd Dan'l Jenkins. (See.)
4. *Malinda F. Cain*, m'd James Myles. (See.)
5. *Lafayette Cain*, married twice; lives in Washington.
6. *Caro B. Cain*, lives in California.
7. *Newton J.*, lives in California.
8. *John Cain* (ii), lives in California.
9. *Sue Cain*, m'd Lee Morgan, b. April 17, 1851; live in Edgerton. Ch: [a] Myrtle Morgan; [b] Arthur; [c] W. Clarence; [d] Anne; [e] Lewis; [f] Harry C.
10. *Wm. H. Cain*, m'd Kate Alexander; live in California.

- II. WILLIAM R. CAIN, b. April 1, 1827; d. April 9, 1893; m'd March 16, 1843, Mary Loan, b. March 24, 1824, dr. of Joseph. In 1856 they removed to Falls City, Neb. He was an ardent Methodist, and a leader in every good enterprise. Mrs. Cain still lives with several children.

- III. ISAAC NEWTON CAIN, b. Aug. 27, 1820; m'd Feb. 12, 1857, Susan Myles, née Brasfield, a sister of Judge Jno. S. They live at College City, California.

- IV. BETTIE A. CAIN, b. Dec. 2, 1827; m'd March 11, 1850, Thos. McGrath. They live in Kentucky.

Mr. Robt. Cain married second, August 10, 1849, Elizabeth May, née Burnett, widow of Dr. W. S. May. (See.) Ch:

- V. BURNETT CAIN. VI. EMMET CAIN. VII. FRANK. VIII. HENRY.

After Mr. R. Cain's death, Mrs. E. Cain went to California, and there died.

Sept. 21—The Democratic Convention at Liberty nominated

John Wilson for judge, J. H. Birch, Jr., for senator, and John Chrisman for circuit attorney.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—The registration for 1868 is 2,020, against 1,350 for 1867. There is much excitement over it.

JOHN W. O'DANIELS.

Oct. 5—John W. O'Daniels having died, J. H. Nash, administered. Bond, \$8,000. Ch:

I. ELIZABETH. II. MARGARET.
III. THOS. W. O'DANIELS.

Oct. 21—L. F. Hollingsworth having been nominated by Democrats for sheriff, and Maj. J. M. Clark for assessor, and disfranchised by the board of registration, their places are supplied by Belt for sheriff and Kaufman for assessor.

Oct. 25—Dr. William Baldwin announces his intended removal from Platte City to St. Paul, Minn.

Oct. 27—Democratic barbecue at Ridgely.

NOVEMBER.

ELECTION.

Governor—John S. Phelps, 790; J. W. McClurg, 543.
Congressman—James Shields, 792; R. T. Van Horn, 537. In the District—Shields, 4,560; Van Horn, 5,427.
Senate—J. H. Birch, Jr., 785; G. S. Park, 531.
Representatives—East District, A. Burge, 302; M. Miles, 278. West District, T. F. Warner, 513; T. Quinn, 225.
Circuit Judge—Jno. Wilson, 772; P. Lucas, 553.
Circuit Attorney—John Chrisman, 618; J. G. Woods, 524.
County Court Justices—B. R. Morton, 792; J. M. Mulkey, 691; T. H. Talbott, 803; Jacob Hamm, 641; Standiford, 529; F. Luthy, 527.
Assessor—F. Kaufman, 785; Hall, 541.
Sheriff—G. W. Belt, 808; G. W. Hood, 491.
Treasurer—J. B. Flannery, 798; P. Thomas, 533.
Surveyor—Wm. V. Slone, 758; Hamm, 552.
Coroner—E. D. Cord, 788.
Superintendent of Public Schools—Himrod, 785; Miles, 542.
Public Administrator—W. F. Yocum, 787; M. Campbell, 540.
Constitutional Amendment—For, 273; against, 1,000.
Presidential Vote of the State—Seymour, 59,788; Grant, 85,671.
Vote of Senatorial District—Birch, 1,769; Park, 1,362.
National Vote for President—Grant, 3,015,071; Seymour, 2,709,613.

H. H. Hedges was elected marshal of the Weston Court of Common Pleas.

THE MARSHALL TRAGEDY.

Nov. 2—Mrs. Jane Marshall and her two sons, John T. and Wm. A. Marshall, lived on her farm of 160 acres, two miles west of Barry. She and her son, John T. Marshall, are found brutally murdered in different places near the house on the 2d day of November, 1868. Suspicion falls, at once, upon William A. Marshall, who is the only heir of the property. Many circumstances point to his guilt; the people raise \$1,000 for the conviction of the murderer, and the county court, as well as the governor, increase the sum. William A. Marshall is indicted, but is found not guilty, on a change of venue to Ray County.

DANIEL CARY.

Nov. 6—Daniel Cary died five miles southeast of Platte City. He was born in Tennessee April 22, 1802; married January 29, 1834, Mary Ann Bevins, born March 15, 1817, and died in 1895. They came from Tennessee in 1837, and opened a large farm on Todd's Creek, traded largely with the Fort, and died wealthy. His education was limited, but his natural judgment good. Ch:

I. **MARTHA A. CARY**, b. April 5, 1835; m'd April 4, 1854, Jeff J. Park, son of Sol. B., b. in Estill Co., Ky., Feb. 12, 1835; d. in Humansville, Mo., Jan. 14, 1891. He was a Knight Templar, and esteemed for sense and enterprise. They were divorced. He went to Kansas and m'd 2d, a daughter of W. J. Norris. (See.) Mrs. Martha A. Park lives in Liberty, Mo. Ch:

1. *Sidney J. Park*, b. Jan. 27, 1855; m'd Feb. 27, 1877, Hattie B. Collins, b. September 26, 1857. Children: [a] Garland Park, b. May 25, 1878; [b] Maud Park, b. Feb. 23, 1883; [c] John D., b. Nov. 9, 1884.

2. *Mortimer C. Park*, b. Oct. 16, 1859; m'd March 21, 1878, Lucy Maupin; live in southern Missouri.

3. *Annie Park*, b. Nov. 10, 1861; m'd John Daugherty, lawyer, of Liberty.

4. *Daniel E. Park*, b. Feb. 12, 1858; m'd Fannie Simmons.

II. **ANNA CARY**, b. Oct. 5, 1839; m'd Dec. 7, 1858, L. B. Daugherty, son of Maj. John Daugherty and Mary Hertzog. He was born in Clay Dec. 7, 1828. He is a banker of Liberty. Children:

1. *Flora Daugherty*, m'd John C. Courtney.

2. *John L. Daugherty*.

III. **MATTIE F. CARY**, b. Feb. 7, 1845; m'd Oct. 2, 1874, R. Edwards. Ch:

1. *Katie Edwards*. They live in Montana.

IV. **WARE S. CARY**, b. Feb. 1, 1842; m'd Ella White. (See.)

V. **MARY (MAGGIE)**, b. March 6, 1854.

VI. JOE W. CARY, b. Aug. 29, 1850.

VII. ROBERT CARY, b. May 22, 1837.

VIII. WILLIAM CARY, b. April 29, 1856.

Nov. 13—Teachers' institute at Platte City.

Nov. 16—M. M. Nagle's estate administered on by T. F. Warner. Bond, \$10,000.

The first snow. The Missouri Valley Railroad progressing. The bridge over Platte is nearly complete.

Nov. 30—A new county road from Platte City to Leavenworth, by way of the Missouri River bridge, established.

Elder T. W. Bassett closed a meeting at Hazlewood, with 22 additions to the Weston Baptist Church.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 21—Lord Wellington Owens (Giles) buys the F. G. Cockrill farm at Tracy, for \$68.50 per acre.

1869.

OFFICERS.

Governor, J. W. McClurg; Congressman, R. T. Van Horn; Senator, James H. Birch, Jr.; Circuit Judge, P. Lucas; Circuit Attorney, J. G. Woods; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; Treasurer, J. B. Flannery; Surveyor, W. V. Slone; Superintendent of Common Schools, S. A. Himrod; Supervisor of Registration, C. S. Crockett; Representatives, A. Burge and T. F. Warner; Circuit Clerk, F. M. Tufts; Probate Judge, S. A. Gilbert; County Court, Morton, Hamm, and Talbott; County Attorney, M. Campbell; Sheriff, G. W. Belt; Assessor, F. Kaufman; Coroner, E. D. Cord; Public Administrator, W. F. Yocom.

PRICES.

Apples, \$1.25; bacon, hams, 23 cents; butter, 30 cents; coffee, 25 cents; coal oil, 60 cents; eggs, 25 cents; pork, gro., 8 cents; potatoes, 60 cents; sugar, crushed, 20 cents; wood, \$4.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Baker, Campbell, Connelly, Fleshman, Greenawalt, Herndon, Hollingsworth, Merriyman, Norton, Park, Paxton, Pitt, Wilson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Guthrie, Hale, McDonald, Johnson. Smith (postmaster), succeeded by Kurtz.

Merchants, etc.—Brady, Burge, Burckhardt, Colman, Carson, Eiseman, Flannery, Hawley, Hunt, Jenkins, Krause, Kurtz & Bro., Likins, Lutes, Perry, Pope & Morin, Redman, Keith & Tribble, Recht, Smith & Co., Swain & Mason, Wilkinson, Young, Zarn.

Bank—Farmers' Savings Institution, A. Tribble cashier.

Preachers—T. P. Haley (Chris.), A. Batte (Epis.), R. A. Austin (M. E.), J. J. Felts (Bap.).

Lodge—Neb. 12, N. E. Wilkinson, N. G.

Platte County Agricultural and Mechanical Association—W. K. Faulconer president.

At *Weston*: Attorneys—Beller, Burnes, Coburn, Doniphan, Fulton, Georgen, Gilbert, Hitt, King, Roney, Watts.

Physicians—Beaumont, Bowlby, Bonifant, Peters, Price, Shortridge.

Merchants, etc.—Allen, Allison, Barnhart, Beller (postmaster), Brashear, Blanjour, Briggs, Carpenter, Calvert, Cockrill, & Co., Deckelman, Deitz, Doppler, Ellifrit, Evans, Frank, Gerner, Hood, Ilkenhans, Keller, Kyle, Kurtz, Lewis, Magers, Miller & Steele, Moore, Newhouse, Noble, Oliphant, Perry, Renz, Rohring, Schneider & Bro., Termier, Throckmorton, Warner, Wilhite, Wood, Yocom.

Banks—Platte Savings Institution, W. F. Perrin cashier; Bailey & Bro.

Weston Court of Common Pleas—Burnes, judge; Yocom, clerk; Hedges, marshal.

Weston High School—W. H. Lewis principal.

Newspaper—The *Landmark*, Gilbert & Scott editors.

Preachers—Barrett (Bap.), Clark (Pres.), Batte (Epis.), Miller (M. E.).

The census of Weston, taken by Kaufman, assessor—Whites, 1,356; blacks, 279; total, 1,635.

At *Parkville*: Bueneman (postmaster), Carmody, Davis, Dooley, Dzieubon, Kahm, McDonald, Ringo, Spencer, Dr. Moore, Pack, Park, Summers, Wood.

At *Camden Point*: Dibble (academy), Coffey, Hale (postmaster).

At *Farley*: Meads (postmaster), Dr. Holt, Simpson.

At *Iatan*: Smith (postmaster), Dr. Larry.

At *New Market*: Armstrong, Cartwright, Singleton.

At *Ridgely*: Chrisman, Gustin, Carpenter, A. Hill (postmaster), Dr. Robinson.

Major-General J. M. Schofield, commander at Fort Leavenworth. Joshua Thorne, United States assessor at Kansas City.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Elder T. P. Haley buys the Dorriess homestead, 80 acres, at \$60 per acre.

Jan. 4—The county court appoints Milton Campbell county attorney.

The assessment made by J. A. Stone was so defective that new books were necessary, and L. E. Bradley and W. M. Paxton were employed to make them out. Their book was the first that was made observing the numerical order of the townships and sections.

The Leavenworth bridge over the Missouri is let out to Boomer & Co., of Chicago, at \$700,000.

Secretary of State Rodman incurs much condemnation for manipulating election returns so as to put Radicals in office.

Jan. 20—Charles B. Kurtz is appointed postmaster at Platte City.

Eliza Ann Mitchell, widow of Governor Reynolds, died in Platte, and her son, A. D. Reynolds administers. The administrator seems to have been the only heir.

FEBRUARY.

RUSSELL H. ROGERS.

Feb. 1—Russell H. Rogers having died at his home, six miles southeast of Platte City, his widow, Elizabeth, administers. Bond, \$4,000. Ch:

I. JAS. M. ROGERS. II. WILLIAM.
III. SARAH, m'd John R. Hughes. (See.)
IV. JOHN ROGERS.

V. MARY J., m'd Nov. 25, 1873, Jas. M. Lynch.
VI. DAVID ROGERS, m'd Oct. 10, 1878, Mary Lynch.

PARKVILLE & G. R. R. BONDS FUNDED.

The county court offered, as a compromise, to pay three-fourths of the principal and interest of the bonds, by issuing new bonds, at 20 years, bearing 10 per cent interest. Under this arrangement, \$109,000, in new bonds, were issued. Other bonds were paid in full.

Major Jesse Morin buys the Frost house, on N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Block 37, in Platte City, for \$1,000, and removes into town.

E. O. Waller bought the Hunt farm, at \$44 per acre.

The Library and Literary Club of Platte City hold weekly meetings.

Capt. Geo. S. Story starts a daily hack between Weston and Platte City.

JOHN D. MURRAY.

Feb. 4—John D. Murray died. He was born in Washington County, Tenn., November 12, 1812, where he married Frances A. McAlister. They came to Platte in 1838, and built a house in Martinsville. In 1840 he removed his house over into Platte City,

and reërected it on Lot 12, Block 33. It is probable that this is the oldest frame house now standing in Platte County. For many years he sold goods in Platte City, in partnership with Henry J. Freeland. He left considerable estate to his children. His wife was born February 9, 1815, and died February 25, 1880.

Children:

I. JAMES M. MURRAY, was reared in Platte City, was well educated; studied law; m'd Margaret Parker; was admitted to the bar in 1862, and went to southern Kansas, where he has been quite successful.

II. CARRIE MURRAY, b. in Aug., —; m'd Jan. 7, 1863, Hon. R. P. C. Wilson, b. in Boonville, Mo., Aug. 8, 1835; graduated at Centre College, Kentucky, in 1853, studied law, went to Texas, returned and settled at Leavenworth, Kansas; represented the county in the Kansas Legislature; removed to Platte; elected to the Missouri Legislature in 1879, chosen speaker of that body; Democratic elector in 1872; elected to the State Senate in 1876; chairman of the Missouri delegation to the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis; elected to a second term in the State Senate in 1886; member of Congress in 1889, and is now enjoying a lucrative practice at the Platte City bar. Mr. Wilson is handsome in person, urbane in his manners, a chaste and forcible speaker, and has a clear and trumpet-toned voice, which can be heard a mile. As an orator, he has no superior in the State. In person he is commanding, his reasoning is profound, and every sentence is a garland of rhetoric. Mrs. Wilson is a charming woman, graceful in every movement, amiable in disposition, and brilliant in conversation. They live just east of the border of Platte City, in one of the most commodious houses in the county.

Children:

1. *Francis M. Wilson*, a graduate of Centre College, Kentucky, is a young lawyer of talents, independence, and ambition. He is a partner of his father in the practice of law, and is the present prosecuting attorney of the county.

2. *Robert Wilson* (ii).

III. JOHN T. MURRAY, m'd 1st, June 22, 1874, Mary E. Belt, dr. of Geo. W. They parted, and she has married again.

Children:

1. *Wilson Murray*, lives with his aunt, Mrs. Robert Wilson in Platte City.

Mr. J. T. Murphy m'd 2d, Annie Baker. (See.)

JACOB COX.

Feb. 13—Jacob Cox died. T. H. Talbott administered. Bond, \$25,000. He was born in Tennessee, removed to Indiana, and thence to Platte, settling near New Market. He married

four times: 1st, a Gatliffe; 2, a Duncan; 3d, Susan Pettigrew; and 4th, September 18, 1856, Melissa Wilson, who still lives. Children by his first wife (Gatliffe):

- I. JAMES COX, lives in Oregon.
- II. SALLIE COX, m'd Geo. Gabbert. (See.)
- III. CYRENE, m'd James Wydener.
- IV. JOHN, went to Oregon.
- V. EMILY COX, m'd Alf. Richards.
- VI. SAMANTHA, m'd M. H. Galbert (i). (See.)
By second wife (Duncan):
- VII. HENRY COX, lives in Andrew County.
By third wife (Pettigrew):
- VIII. HENRIETTA COX, m'd March 25, 1868, Michael H. Gabbert (ii), b. April 30, 1846. Ch:
1. Nannie, m'd James Risk. (See.) 2. Jesse B. Gabbert.
3. Bessie. 4. Jakie. 5. Elenora.
By fourth wife (Wilson):
- IX. OLIVER S. COX.
- X. SPEED S. COX, m'd Julia Williams, dr. of Bud.
- XI. KATIE COX, m'd Jan. 23, 1882, A. Ben Siler, son of Elias. (See.)

Feb. 16—The Missouri Valley Railroad, from Kansas City to Parkville, complete.

Feb. 19—Henry Meads, writing to the *Border Times*, maintains that one-half the citizens of Missouri had been disfranchised.

Ad. Burge, whose seat in the House of Representatives of the State had been contested by M. Miles, is received.

Baseball has attacked Weston.

There are literary and debating clubs in both Platte City and Weston, holding weekly meetings.

Weston Court of Common Pleas—There is an effort to extend the jurisdiction of the court over the whole county, and a counter-effort to dissolve the court.

ANCHISES G. BROWN.

Feb. 20—Anchises G. Brown having died, Swain & Mason administered. Bond, \$16,000. He was a son of Rowland Brown, and lived near Waldron. He married Ruth Ann ———, who still lives on the homestead. She m'd 2d, January 8, 1873, James Hearn. Rowland Brown came from Tennessee, and married a sister of Zadock Martin. He had but little education, but was well informed upon the topics of the day, and at one time was a candidate for delegate to a Constitutional Convention. His son, A. G. Brown, surpassed his father both in native talent and culture. His bold and outspoken opposition to secession first brought him into notice. During the war "that tried men's souls," he was fearless of danger, and despised the sneers cast upon him. He was unflinchingly for the Union, at a time when it

was dangerous to be loyal. In March, 1867, he was appointed a county judge, with Beery and Hamm as associates, and was in office until a few months of his death. His children are scattered, though his lands are undisposed of.

Feb. 22—The St. Joseph branch of the Supreme Court of Missouri decide P. Lucas was elected circuit judge over John Wilson.

Feb. 25—James R. Burckhardt buys of T. Quinn 80 acres of land, at \$55 per acre.

Feb. 27—T. F. Warner, Democrat, is granted a seat in the House of Representatives over T. Quinn, his contestant.

MARCH.

WILLIAM BOYDSTON (ii).

March 8—William Boydston (ii) died. Born in Tennessee in 1800, he married 1st, in 1830, Diana Smith, born in 1810; died in 1843; daughter of Stephen. He married 2d, in Platte, Mrs. Mary Ann Green, who survived him, and died February 22, 1883. He came to Platte in 1841, and settled west of Platte River, four miles north of Platte City. The father of William (ii), was Nathaniel, who was born in North Carolina, and emigrated to Tennessee, and there married Nancy Forby, daughter of William. The grandfather of William (ii) was William Boydston (i), who served in the Revolution. Children of William Boydston (ii) and Diana Smith:

I. MOSES BOYDSTON, b. in Tennessee July 1, 1831; m'd March 8, 1862, Rachel Boydston, b. in 1842, daughter of Ben and granddaughter of Thomas. Ch:

1. *Mary T. Boydston*, b. April 2, 1864; m'd April 25, 1882, Willis French, b. in Rockcastle County, Ky., Oct. 30, 1849, son of John French and Lottie Kelly. Ch: [a] Lottie O. French, b. in 1885; [b] Leona, b. Oct. 11, 1890.

But Mr. French married first, in 1868, Bettie Stone. Ch: [c] Monie French, m'd Chas. Nixon; [d] May, m'd Ben Boydston. Ch: [1] Bessie. [e] John French; [f] Claude; [g] Strother.

2. *Henry Boydston*, b. Sept. 7, 1885; m'd Dickie Frazier. Live near the Junction. Ch: [a] Albert; [b] Willie; [c] Paul.
3. *John W. Boydston*, b. Oct. 9, 1868; m'd Feb. 19, 1890, Eliza Town, dr. of William. Ch: [a] Enroe; [b] Naaman.
4. *Nancy P. Boydston*, b. Nov. 10, 1870; died single.
5. *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 26, 1873.
6. *Emma L.*, b. Nov. 12, 1877.
7. *James M. Boydston*, b. May 16, 1881.

- II. STEPHEN BOYDSTON, b. Aug. 4, 1835; m'd May 20, 1866, Mrs. Mary Ellen Green, née Fugate, widow of Wm. Green.
- III. NANCY BOYDSTON, m'd F. Marion Fugate. Ch:
 1. *Ezekiel*. 2. *John Fugate*. 3. *Nathaniel*.
 4. *Diana Fugate*, dead; m'd F. Amos. 5. *Mary Fugate*.
 6. *Nannie*, m'd A. Hardman.
- Children of William Boydston and Mary Ann Green:
- IV. WILLIAM BOYDSTON (iii), m'd a Roy.
- V. NATHANIEL BOYDSTON (iv), m'd Aug. 8, 1875, Margaret A. Hoover. Ch:
 1. *Wesley Boydston*. 2. *Abe*. 3. *Nathaniel* (v).
- VI. JACOB BOYDSTON.
- VII. SAMUEL, m'd 1st, Eliz. Henson, m'd 2d, July 5, 1890, Lula St. John.
- VIII. BEN. BOYDSTON, m'd Oct. 11, 1890, Emma M. French, dr. of Willis. (See.)
- IX. JOHN G. BOYDSTON, m'd a Cook.

March 10—Dr. G. W. Smith's new brick store, on Lot 11, Block 25, Platte City, is complete.

A tri-weekly hack from Weston to Liberty is run by Joseph Gossage.

March 20—A county teachers' institute meets at Weston. H. M. Aller is president, and L. W. Ringo secretary. Members: D. M. Conway, J. M. Clements, R. S. Donnell, J. R. Dulin, A. S. Foster, Geo. E. Hatfield, D. G. Himrod, V. P. Kelly, W. H. Lewis, Absalom Miller, Joel M. Owens, Mrs. M. M. Platte, Geo. C. Ransdall, S. J. Walker, T. J. Williamson, J. M. Williamson, Lou and Ella Wilson, Helen C. Wingo.

APRIL

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

At Weston—J. A. Price was chosen mayor, and W. N. Kenny marshal.

At Platte City—Trustees: W. M. Carson, J. B. Flannery, C. B. Hawley, Ira Norris, Jr., N. E. Wilkinson, John Zarn.

WESTON FINANCES.

Receipts of revenue the past year, \$10,013.65; expenses, \$9,986.66.

April 1—Flour is sold at Weston by E. Downing, D. Holliday, M. J. Moore, B. E. Perry, W. A. Singleton, E. Wilhite.

Talk of war with England over the Alabama claims.

Planchette is the rage.

Grand jury at April term: 1, W. H. Ballard; 2, J. S. Brasfield; 3, K. B. Cecil; 4, W. G. Cox; 5, Steve Crockett; 6, Isaac Dean; 7, R. Doggett; 8, Levi Hinkle; 9, J. C. Harris; 10, Jas. M. Kuykendall; 11, Burke McComas; 12, C. C. Redman; 13, Henry Roney (foreman); 14, John A. Spratt; 15, J. W. Steele; 16, John Stone; 17, G. S. Story; 18, J. R. Burekhartt.

FAILURE OF INSURANCE COMPANIES.

The Life Association of America, the Hannibal State Mutual Insurance Company, and the Kansas City Fire and Marine Insurance Company solicited subscriptions to stock, and when Weston and Platte City had taken largely, they conveniently broke, entailing heavy losses on our people.

FUNDING OF COUNTY DEBT.

April 9—The county court made an order to fund all outstanding county bonds and warrants, and Ira Norris, Sr., was appointed to do the work. The new bonds were to be due at twenty years, with ten per cent interest coupons.

April 12—Jas. L. McCluer is enrolled as an attorney.

ZENAS BRITTON.

April 14—Zenas Britton, a lawyer of Leavenworth, came with a jolly crowd to the Fleshman House, and at midnight strolled out, and fell over a three-foot excavation, at the side of the street. His leg was broken, and subsequently amputated. He sued Platte City for damages in the United States Court, and obtained judgment for \$8,000. This was for years resisted, and finally compromised by the issuance of city bonds. Years of heavy taxation followed, until the bonds, with accrued interest, were paid.

April 20—A. G. Beller is appointed postmaster at Weston.

April 21—Nebraska Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F., dedicate the room they had built over G. W. Smith's new store, with appropriate ceremonies, and a festival at the court-house.

April 27—The county court appropriates \$1,500 to build an iron bridge over the Platte at Platte City. Slone and McDuff are appointed commissioners.

The Odd Fellows of Weston have a grand celebration, E. H. Norton orator.

Grasshoppers return, but do little damage. Crops and fruits, except peaches, are promising.

Parkville is on a boom! The Valley Railroad has reached the place; population 400; the old stone hotel is to be an eating-house for passengers. F. Luthy is mayor. There are 7 stores, 2 mills, 2 hotels, 1 saddler shop, 1 tinner, 3 physicians.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Receipts from all sources	\$71,870.69
Add warrants sold to Platte Savings Institution, upon which only \$16,960 were realized	21,200.00
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	\$93,070.69
Other warrants drawn	73,796.02
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Surplus	\$19,274.67

Purposes of Expenditure.

Judgments for bonds, etc.	\$12,997.00
Insurance of court-house.	503.00
Registration.	492.00
Criminal costs (Tufts).	5,191.00
Coupons paid by warrants.	5,500.00
Smith's Fork bridge.	1,435.00
Muddy Creek bridge.	410.00
Marshall Township bridge.	2,158.00
Roads and bridges.	5,280.00
Poor and insane.	4,240.00
Court-house.	402.00
Court-house wall and pavement.	18,221.00
County Attorneys (Wilson & Campbell).	1,731.00
Jail.	1,015.00
Printing.	1,986.00
County Court Justices.	1,711.00
Weston Court of Common Pleas.	557.00
Wood.	209.00
County Clerk (Lewis).	3,617.00
Assessor (Rhea).	856.00
Sheriff (Ogden and Belt).	2,744.00
Circuit Clerk (Tufts).	280.00
School Commissioner (Himrod).	237.00
Treasurer (Belt and Flannery).	2,000.00
Sundries.	24.02
Total.	\$73,796.02

Assessment: Land, \$4,167,451; personal, \$1,976,767; total, \$6,144,218. County tax levied, \$92,783.19.

COUNTY DEBT:

Bonds outstanding and interest.	\$171,226.00	
Due School Funds.	9,394.96	\$180,620.96
Bonds for roads and bridges.	1,036.94	
Outstanding warrants.	150,000.00	151,036.94
		\$331,657.90
Deduct excess of receipts last year (above).		19,274.67

Debt. **\$312,383.23**

Levy—\$1.60 for county and 50 cents for State; total, \$2.10.

May 5—The stonework of the Kansas City bridge is complete.

May 7—Work on the C. & S. W. Railroad commenced at the Leavenworth end.

Grasshoppers doing some damage. Drilled wheat is promising, but where sowed broadcast, is nearly a failure.

May 10—The last rail of the Missouri Pacific Railroad is laid. Weston has a brass band. So has my cedar bucket—three of 'em.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

The following were arrested for violations of law: Col. J. E. Pitt, for practicing law without United States license; Mat. Calvert, for keeping hotel; and Dr. G. H. Hale, for practicing medicine. They were released on payment of the license fee.

Jas. L. McCluer purchases an interest in the *Landmark*.

PLATTE CITY IRON BRIDGE.

May 21—W. V. Slone and Peter McDuff prepare a plan and specifications for an iron bridge, at Platte City, to cost \$15,000. They let out a contract to W. H. Culver to remove the drift that has lodged against the middle pier, to build the pier higher, and prepare the approaches, for \$3,800.

May 25—Weston is building bridges on Spring Street and on Thomas Street. A heavy rain damages both.

The first velocipede appears in Weston.

The Platte City iron bridge is let out for \$8,500, with two ten-foot tracks, 164 feet long.

May 29—Teachers institute at Platte City.

MRS. MAHALA BAKER

Died at Platte City. Her maiden name was Shackelford. She was born March 22, 1822; married December 19, 1839, Jacob Baker, born April 21, 1814; died March 6, 1897. He was a son of Stephen Baker, born in Ohio County, Va., January 7, 1791, and Sallie McKnight, born in Pennsylvania December 18, 1785. He came to Platte and settled in Martinsville in 1839, and was the oldest citizen in Platte City by residence, but R. F. Mason is older by birth. Ch:

I. HARRY J. BAKER, b. Dec. 18, 1849; m'd Nov. 27, 1872, Tempie Fisher, b. Oct. 23, 1852. Ch:

1. *Frank P.*, b. Oct. 12, 1875.

2. *William C.*, b. April 7, 1882.

3. *Ruby*, b. March 3, 1884.

4. *Jacob S.*, b. March 6, 1891.

II. FRANK P. BAKER, b. Nov. 20, 1852.

III. EDWIN BAKER, b. Jan. 6, 1859.

IV. CHARLES E., b. July 14, 1862.

V. ANNIE BAKER, b. Dec. 19, 1869; m'd, in 1893. John T. Murray. (See.)

JUNE.

THE ORPHAN SCHOOL.

June 1—At a late protracted meeting, at Weston, conducted by Elders Proctor, Allen, and Jones, of the Christian Church.

arrangements were proposed for an Orphan School at Camden Point; and the matter was deferred until June 1st. Pursuant to this arrangement, a meeting was held, and an organization effected. Dr. Thomas Beaumont was chosen president, W. C. Wells treasurer, and A. L. Perrin secretary. The directors chosen were, W. F. Perrin, Arch. Leavel, J. W. Steele, and J. M. Railey. Elders Allen, Proctor, and Jones were authorized to solicit funds.

PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Prisoners Cary, Clark, Neal, and others escape from the new Platte City jail, by removing a rock from the wall. One Carroll had built the jail, and by contract four cannon balls, two above and two below, between all the stones, were to hold them firmly in place. The cannon balls were to be let into sockets between adjacent rocks, so that no single rock could be removed. But in some way the cannon balls for one rock, just in the right place, had been left out. The rock was so shaped and so placed that, with a chisel or any sharp instrument, it could be slipped into the jail, leaving a hole large enough for a man to pass through. At night the prisoners removed noiselessly the rock, and escaped. There were some noted prisoners brought to our jail from neighboring counties. The facts show conclusively that there was a plan formed, and successfully carried out. But it is impossible to name the conspirators.

June 3—Morris Ellinger's saloon in Weston burned.
N. B. Anderson appointed county attorney.

PLATTE CITY CEMETERY.

The county court granted to the town of Platte City Blocks 1 and 2 and the street between them for burial purposes, and appointed Ira Norris, Sr., to make the deed, which is found of record in Book V. 408. The conditions are as follows: "To have and to hold the same forever, for burial purposes, in trust that the said incorporated town of Platte City will, under proper regulations and ordinances, make Block 1 a public burying ground forever; and will make a cemetery of Block 2 and the street east thereof; and from time to time shall lay off and sell out lots from the same; and after inclosing the whole grounds, shall appropriate the net proceeds of such sales to beautifying and adorning such cemetery; or shall from the proceeds of such sales, or any part thereof, form a fund to be loaned out, and the interest thereof applied to such purposes as aforesaid."

The donation was accepted, and the fund established. In 1895 lots had been sold to form a principal of \$1,700.

PLATTE CITY BRIDGE

The contract to build the bridge was taken by Barbareaux & Co., of Louisville, Ky., at \$8,500, and it is to be complete prior to September 1, 1869.

PRESTON TOWNSHIP STRIP BONDS.

June 9—The county court orders a special election in Preston Township, to determine whether \$50,000 in bonds shall be issued to the C. & S. W. Railway. A similar order was made for Green Township, and the election appointed for August 17th.

The grasshoppers leaving.

Track-laying on the C. & S. W. Railway is in charge of N. P. Ogden. The crossing of the Missouri Valley Railroad and the Chicago and Southwestern Railway is christened Beverly, and the depot there is under way.

COMMENCEMENT AT PLATTE CITY.

June 24—Graduates: Maggie Young, Julia Southard, Sallie Aker, and Vernie McNamar. The faculty: F. G. Gaylord president, with Prof. A. G. Higgason, Misses Tillery and Aker assistants, and Mrs. Maggie Park teacher of music.

Rain! Rain!! Rain!!!—Mud!

June 30—A slight earthquake. Platte River over its bottoms. The first train over the Kansas City bridge.

JULY.

July 4—Celebrated at Weston in Wells' pasture. Declaration of Independence read by T. M. S. Kenney, and oration by Rev. W. L. S. Clark.

Bridge celebration at Kansas City.

July 5—Geo. Masoner's estate administered by Elisha Gwin.

THE MASONER FAMILY.

Teter Masoner (the ancestor) was born in Green County, Tenn., October 20, 1803, and died in Platte, near Ridgely, March 14, 1886. He came to Platte about 1850. His first wife was Elizabeth Ottinger. Ch:

- I. AGNES MASONER, b. March 7, 1829; m'd May 25, 1854, Elisha Gwin, b. April 19, 1834, in Clay Co., Mo.; d. Jan. 2, 1892. He was a son of David Gwin and China Cameron, of Tennessee, and a man of influence and high standing. Ch:
 1. *David Gwin* (ii), b. Feb. 10, 1855; m'd April 27, 1887, Mattie R. Robertson. Ch: [a] Windle; [b] a babe.
 2. *Josie Gwin*, b. June 29, 1857.
 3. *Elizabeth Gwin*, b. Dec. 16, 1858.
 4. *Ben. F. Gwin*, b. Dec. 14, 1860; d. April 4, 1886; m'd Nellie Kesine. Children: [a] Cora; [b] Katie; [c] Myrtle.
 5. *China F. Gwin*, b. Nov. 16, 1862; d. Sept. 4, 1886.
 6. *Wm. H. Gwin*, b. Oct. 8, 1864; m'd Oct. 1, 1885, Katie Collins, dr. of Peter.

7. *Debbie A. Gwin*, b. Nov. 17, 1866; d. Dec. 19, 1887.
8. *John N. Gwin*, b. Oct. 15, 1870; m'd Jan. 7, 1889, *Ida Smith*.
9. *Hattie Gwin*, b. Aug. 24, 1873; m'd Feb. 12, 1891, *J. M. Cockrael*.
- II. *NANCY MASONER*, m'd *Kimsey Gwin*. Live in Kansas.
- III. *MOLLIE MASONER*, dead, m'd *Jas. Grady*; 10 children.
- IV. *SALLIE MASONER*, dead; married *John McCoy*, dead; 2 children;
- V. *GEORGE MASONER* (ii), b. in 1830; d. in June, 1869; m'd 1st, *Caroline Ingram*, dr. of *Thos.* He was three years in the Confederate army. Ch:
 1. *George A.*, went to Texas.
 2. *Edward*, went to Texas.
 3. *Jeff Masoner*, m'd Nov. 3, 1890, *Nora Owens*.
 4. *Berton Masoner*, b. March 31, 1865; m'd Dec. 31, 1891, *Mrs. Dolly Finney*, née *Williams*. Children: [a] *Roberta*.
 Mr. *Geo. Masoner* (i) m'd 2d, *Mrs. Meritt Davis*, née *Jennings*. Ch:
 5. *Geo. Masoner* (ii), b. May 27, 1869; m'd April 7, 1890, *Flora Endicott*, dr. of *Thos.*
 Teter *Masoner* married second, *Elizabeth Toby*. Ch:
- VI. *ANGELINE*, dead; m'd *T. J. Ingram*, dead. Ch:
 1. *James*. 2. *Bettie*. 3. *Amanda*. 4. *Ollie*. 5. *Katie*. 6. *Barton*. 7. *Clemons*.
- VII. *KATHERINE MASONER*, m'd *Geo. Leeper*. Ch:
 1. *Effie Leeper*. 2. *Hugh Leeper*. 3. *Laura*. 4. *William*.
- VIII. *JAMES H. MASONER*, m'd *Kittie Wilkerson*. Ch:
 1. *Lucy*. 2. *Millard Masoner*. 3. *Laura*.
- IX. *LAURA MASONER*, dead; m'd Feb. 22, 1868, *John Liggett*. Children:
 1. *Thomas Liggett*.
- X. *AMANDA I. MASONER*, m'd Feb. 11, 1874, *Milton Gustin*. Children:
 1. *Charles Gustin*. 2. *Nettie*. 3. *Stella*.
- XI. *TETER MASONER* (ii), m'd *Minnie De Armond*. Ch:
 1. *Oscar*

BIBLE VERSES RECITED.

July 6—On a contest among scholars of the M. and P. Sunday-School of Platte City, Miss *Katie Pitt* recited 12,887 verses, and Miss *Mary E. Brady* recited 12,757 verses.

July 8—*Ira Norris*, county commissioner, announces that the new funding bonds are ready for delivery.

Harvest, and wheat turning out well, notwithstanding the grasshoppers.

The new bridge on *Thomas Street*, *Weston*, is complete.

PONTOON.

July 10—While the Platte City bridge is in the course of construction, John Morin & Co. form a pontoon from the flooring and timbers of the old bridge, and charge ferriage. They did a large business during the fair.

A badger weighing 56 pounds is killed by E. M. Dobson.

July 31—The snagboat *S. H. Long* tries to open the channel of the Missouri River opposite Weston, but effects nothing.

JOHN C. PARR.

In 1869, settled at Weston, where he lived until 1896. He bought out Oliphant's drug store, and continued the business. He was born in Germany September 18, 1831. His parents were Andrew and Elizabeth (Merhardt) Parr. The family came to the United States in 1837, and settled at Cincinnati, Ohio. His parents died in 1851 and 1852. The son engaged in the drug business, studied medicine in private, and completed his professional education by graduating at the Ohio Medical College in 1859. He removed to Covington, Ky., and thence came to Platte. He gave his chief attention to his store, but did a small practice. He married March 27, 1868, Elizabeth Kunselman, a native of Germany. They have no children, but have adopted a young lady, known as Caroline Parr, who married December 31, 1879, Jacob Bentz. The family went to California in 1896.

AUGUST.

ELECTION OF PROBATE JUDGE.

Aug. 3—S. A. Gilbert was elected over R. P. Clark by 159 votes. Only 563 votes were cast, out of a registration of 1,250.

A large Methodist Episcopal camp-meeting on Bee Creek, five miles from Weston.

Aug. 7—A partial eclipse of the sun.

A baseball club formed at Platte City.

Good Templars, saloons, and drunkenness flourish!

GREEN TOWNSHIP STRIP BOND ELECTION.

Aug. 17—For the bonds, 93; against, 69. But the county court declares the election void, because, besides other reasons, there was no registration. But, upon a change of justices, the bonds were issued and interest paid. Yet after much litigation, the Federal courts decided the bonds void.

PARKVILLE & G. R. RAILROAD BONDS.

Aug. 20—Several suits are instituted on these bonds, and the county court pays them in full.

Aug. 25—Dr. A. S. Tebbs (ii) buys A. Burge's stock of drugs, and continues the business in Platte City.

Aug. 26—Weston Public Schools are reorganized, with Prof. Bradford superintendent, and John T. Dunbar, Mrs. Lou Dunbar, A. F. Martin, P. Phillips, and A. M. Avarne assistants.

Aug. 27—Pork-house at Weston built by Perry Bros. & Co.

The Missouri River is high, and boats are landing at the wharf of Weston.

The Missouri Valley Railroad is now running trains through from St. Joseph to Kansas City.

Aug. 31—Teachers' institute at Platte City.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 6—A light frost.

CHARLES A. MANN.

Sept. 9—Charles A. Mann is brutally attacked by a man named Bullock, and receives injuries of which he dies. He was a farmer, living eight miles east of Platte City, and possessed a large heart and generous feelings. His violent death was much deplored, but the culprit escaped. He was born in Virginia September 22, 1804, and married November 11, 1829, Elizabeth Blanton, born February 29, 1812, in Virginia. She was a daughter of Lawrence Blanton and Gilley Colley. They came in 1840 to Clay County, and thence, in 1843, to Platte, settling on Second Creek, where the widow yet resides. Ch:

- I. ELLIJAH W. MANN, b. Aug. 17, 1830; m'd Jan. 11, 1866, Mary Ruth Johnson. Ch:
 1. *Anna*, m'd Sept. 5, 1886, I. C. How.
 2. *Morris*. 3. *Nina*.
- II. LAURA A. MANN, b. March 10, 1832; m'd Feb. 3, 1853, John F. Swope. Ch:
 1. *Jacob*. 2. *Alice J*. 3. *William*. 4. *Albert*.
 5. *Fannie Swope*. 6. *Kate*.
- III. HENRY C. MANN, b. Sept. 4, 1834; m'd Dec. 15, 1875, Luanna Christy, dr. of Jas. W. Christy (see); no children.
- IV. HUGH J. MANN, b. Jan. 24, 1837; d. Aug. 12, 1870; m'd Jan. 1, 1863, Mary Sue Dunlap, who d. March 2, 1872. Ch:
 1. *Chas. A. Mann* (ii).
- V. MARTHA H. MANN, b. Feb. 27, 1842; m'd Oct. 2, 1890, S. G. Young.
- VI. MARY E. MANN, b. Dec. 26, 1843; m'd March 12, 1884, John W. Young.
- VII. LUCY F. MANN, b. April 4, 1848; d. June 4, 1876.

Sept. 10—The material for the Leavenworth bridge arriving.

CROPS.

Wheat and corn, the yield is large, but the quality inferior; apples, immense; peaches, scarce; grapes, badly injured by grasshoppers. John B. Wells exhibited at the fair an apple weighing 2½ pounds. Potatoes excellent.

Sept. 17—The C. & S. W. Railway complete to Platte City. Trains cross the Missouri on a ferry boat.

Sept. 18—The county court refuses to issue the Green Township Strip bonds. W. H. Thomas and W. E. Stitt oppose them.

Sept. 19—A heavy and general rain. The trestles supporting the Platte City bridge are washed away, but the structure stands. The pontoon and ferryboat are gone, and Jerry Beery does a lively business with his skiff.

ALBERT G. WILLIAMS.

Albert G. Williams died. He was a man of superior judgment and of uncommon business qualifications. He was a son of John Williams and Unity Stanley, of Henry County, Ky., and was born January 7, 1807. After receiving a good English education at St. Mary's College, Marion County, Ky., he married October 31, 1833, Ellen M. Owens, born July 1, 1818, and yet living at the homestead, three miles east of Weston, known as Hazelwood. In 1838 the family came to Monroe County, Mo., and thence to Platte in 1854. Mr. Williams traded in land and stock while farming, and accumulated a large estate. Ch:

- I. AMANDA ANN WILLIAMS, b. Aug. 29, 1838; d. Feb. 7, 1883; m'd May 13, 1859, M. S. Allgair, who was born Jan. 1, 1828, a merchant at Weston, and removed to Clinton, where he filled the office of sheriff several terms. He is a man of marked intelligence, courage, and independence. His son,
 1. *Albert W. Allgair*, m'd April 11, 1882, Lottie Harris, dr. of John M. (See.)

He has six other children living in Clinton.

- II. JOHN S. WILLIAMS, b. March 16, 1843; m'd Fannie Hager, of Monroe County. They live between Weston and Platte City.
- III. ELIZABETH ELLEN WILLIAMS, b. March 16, 1846; d. Nov. 21, 1878; m'd March 19, 1868, Dr. Samuel Rixey. (See.)
- IV. EVA A. WILLIAMS, b. July 18, 1852; m'd F. P. Vaughn, of Monroe County.
- V. SARAH ADA WILLIAMS, b. Jan. 8, 1856; dead; m'd H. E. Hornbuckle.
- VI. ALBERT O. WILLIAMS, b. Jan. 25, 1858; d. June 18, 1881.
- VII. MARY ANN WILLIAMS, b. July 11, 1836; d. April 2, 1856; m'd Walker Lasley, dead.
- VIII. EDWARD W. WILLIAMS, b. March 24, 1859.
- IX. LAURA B. WILLIAMS, b. Sept. 8, 1861; m'd May 26, 1883, C. D. Hall, who came to Platte from Front Royal, Va., and

is buying the several interests of the heirs in Hazlewood. He is a well-educated and refined gentleman.

THE OWENS FAMILY.

Mrs. Ellen M. Williams was a member of this distinguished family. Her parents were Nathaniel Owens, a wealthy and influential citizen of Green County, Ky., and Ann Yates. The children were liberally educated, and filled high positions in the society of Platte County and elsewhere. Ch:

I. NANCY OWENS, m'd J. W. Vineyard. (See.)

II. MARY S. OWENS, b. in Green County, Ky., Sept. 29, 1808; m'd March 27, 1841, Jesse Vineyard (see), and was the mother of Benjamin, John, and Kate Vineyard. I often met Mrs. Vineyard in her declining years, and even then she was handsome, dignified, and refined. In the life of Lincoln by Herndon and Weik, I find an interesting episode of a love-affair between the martyred President and the lovely Mary S. Owens. The letters of the lovers are copied. His are full of devotion, and dwell upon his humility and poverty; but hers are cold, formal, and polite, and contain not a word of love. No engagement took place, and each sought another partner.

III. A DAUGHTER, m'd a Newman, and was mother of:

1. *William A. Newman.*

IV. ELLA M. OWENS, m'd A. G. Williams. (See.)

V. JOHN OWENS, m'd a Cunningham.

Sam. Owens, the distinguished pioneer merchant of Independence, who fell at Sacramento, was a half-brother. He married Fannie ———, a sister of Eliza Ann, wife of Gov. Reynolds. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Fannie Owens came to Platte to live with her kindred, and died here in June, 1848.

Sept. 23—Black Friday. The Cubans are in revolt. Platte City bridge complete.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—The Camden Point Orphan School incorporated. The directors appoint T. P. Haley to solicit funds, and \$10,000 is secured.

M. E. S. appointments: W. E. Dockery presiding elder, Jos. Devlin at Platte City, J. H. Pritchett at Weston, W. H. Lewis president of Weston High School.

The Missouri River is higher than usual at this season.

Oct. 4—William Forman licensed, and enrolled as an attorney.

The Platte County Medical Society met at Dr. McDonald's office, in Platte City.

Oct. 7—The first passenger car from Leavenworth arrived at Platte City.

The grand jury, October term: 1, John Beery; 2, Jesse Brashear; 3, W. T. Brooks; 4, A. N. Burkhead; 5, G. S. Cline; 6, Talbott Cunningham; 7, E. M. Dobson; 8, John Ellet; 9, R. C. Ellifrit; 10, Clint. Heath; 11, Richard Maupin; 12, P. E. Miller; 13, David Newman; 14, G. J. Oliver; 15, Jos. Todd; 16, W. A. White; 17, S. P. Yocom.

Oct. 12—The fair was a success—netted \$1,400. R. D. Johnston was elected president, and I. P. Cartwright secretary.

Knapp and Cantwell are contractors for the construction of the C. & S. W. Railway from Platte City to Cameron, 41 miles. Confederate reunion the last day of the fair.

Oct. 13—Casper Beechler died at Weston.

Oct. 18—Ben Calvert died. He was not related to Smith and Lewis. (See Calvert Family.)

Oct. 19—Beverly T. Lampton died. He was a brother of Ben L. Lampton, but did not come until after the war. He was born in 1816.

Oct. 20—A two-foot stratum of coal, of excellent quality, discovered at Leavenworth, 700 feet below the surface.

Oct. 27—Now that we have railroad connections, Capt. Geo. S. Story ceases to run his daily hack between Weston and Platte City. An express office is opened at Platte City, with G. S. Story agent.

A. R. Murdock's barn, above Weston, burned.

Oct. 30—Prof. Gaylord's school makes an excursion, by railroad, to the Leavenworth bridge.

NOVEMBER.

THE CECIL FAMILY.

Nov. 1—John A. Cecil (ii) died, and K. B. Cecil administers. He was a son of K. B. Cecil. Thos. J. Cecil (i) was the progenitor. He married Nancy Thompson in Virginia, and in 1832 removed to Pike County, Mo. We are interested only in their son, Kimsey B. Cecil, who was born in Russell County, Va., October 4, 1830. When a youth he came west and engaged in freighting on the plains. In 1859 he settled in the Missouri bottom, in Platte, opposite Leavenworth, where he now resides on a large and productive farm. In 1894 his foot was crushed between railroad cars, and it had to be amputated. He married, first, in June, 1861, Sarah Ann Henderson, daughter of Thomas. She died July 21, 1878, leaving:

I. THOMAS C. CECIL, b. Oct. 2, 1861; m'd Birdie Flannery, who died in 1896. (See.)

II. LILBURN CECIL, b. June 22, 1865.

III. SAMUEL MARION CECIL, m'd Oct. 6, 1890, Ada Olvis.

IV. BELLE, m'd Dec. 4, 1895, Ed. Tomlin. V. ELBERT.

In February, 1880, Mr. K. B. Cecil married, second, Ruth Ellington, daughter of Pleasant W. Ellington. Ch:

VI. OTIS CECIL. VII. ESTELLA CECIL.

Nov. 5—Mrs. Amanda Remington sells her 160 acres, two miles east of Platte City, to Ad. Burge, for \$20 per acre; and Mrs. Remington buys of J. M. Mulkey his house and lot in Block 30 of Platte City, for \$1,500.

Nov. 8—Milton Campbell married Clara E. Allen, of Kansas City, and removes to Weston, and thence to Kansas City.

TRACY FOUNDED.

Nov. 15—James N. Burnes buys of L. W. Owens and of Andrew Tribble a body of land in Sec. 26, T. 53, R. 35, forms a company, and lays off the town of Tracy.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—A pavement is laid on the east side of Second Street in Platte City. The town incurs the expense to the town limit, and Prof. Gaylord paves thence to the Academy.

The grand jury for the December term: 1, James M. Kuykendall (foreman); 2, W. H. Ballard; 3, Jas. N. Boydston; 4, Noah Beery; 5, W. J. Bemis; 6, K. B. Cecil; 7, W. G. Cox; 8, John Cain; 9, John Collins; 10, E. R. George; 11, Burke McComas; 12, Joshua Pumphrey; 13, C. C. Redman; 14, W. H. Roney; 15, J. W. Steele; 16, J. H. Wilhite; 17, A. B. Woolston; 18, N. E. Wilkinson.

Dec. 12—Rev. Edmond Wright, agent of the American Bible Society, held a meeting at Platte City, and raised a collection. John R. Swain and W. M. Paxton were made life members of the society, by a contribution of \$30 for each.

HENRY T. SCHLOSSNER

Died at Weston. He was a discharged Russian soldier, who for twenty years had been tyler for the lodge, chapter, and commandery. He had no family, and bequeathed his whole estate of \$2,000 to Weston Commandery, No. 2. He was buried with knightly honors.

GEO. SPRINGER

Having died, David Fleming administered. Bond, \$10,000. Ch:

I. HARVEY SPRINGER. II. NANCY McCONNELL.

III. CHILDREN OF GESHMAN SPRINGER.

IV. JANUARY SPRINGER. V. PAULINA BRYANT.

VI. GABRIELLA WARNER.

Dec. 24—Christmas-trees everywhere. W. E. Stitt's house, fully insured, burned.

Garland Smith died near Camden Point. He was the father of Asa L. Smith, Dr. G. W. Smith, and Mrs. R. M. Parrish. (See all.) His age was 70.

D. Holliday and the Perrys have slaughtered 8,000 hogs.

Dec. 30—A festival for the M. & P. Church at Platte City, netted \$264.

1870.

OFFICERS.

Governor, J. W. McClurg; Congressman, R. T. Van Horn; Senator, J. H. Burch, Jr.; Circuit Judge, Phil. Lucas; Circuit Attorney, J. G. Woods; Sheriff, G. W. Belt; Assessor, F. Kaufman; Coroner, E. D. Cord; Public Administrator, W. F. Yocom; Representatives, A. Burge and T. F. Warner; Probate Judge, S. A. Gilbert; County Justices, Talbott, Hamm, and Morton; County Attorney, N. B. Anderson; County Clerk, D. P. Lewis; Treasurer, J. B. Flannery; Surveyor, W. V. Slone; Superintendent of Schools, S. A. Himrod; Supervisor of Registration, C. S. Crockett.

CENSUS OF 1870.

United States, population	38,558,371
Missouri, population	1,721,295
Missouri, wealth	\$1,284,922,897
Missouri, assessment	571,166,523
Platte County, population	17,352
Of which negroes	1,192
Wheat, bushels	196,060
Corn, bushels	1,470,861
Oats, bushels	152,114
Wool, pounds	24,577
Butter, pounds	311,495
Hay, tons	2,802
Horses	6,525
Mules	1,476
Cows	4,487
Oxen	535
Cattle	7,442
Sheep	11,702
Swine	35,985

Flour-mill.	1
Distilleries.	4
Saw-mills.	12
Pork-houses.	2
Foreign population.	993
Platte City, population.	599
Weston, population.	1,614
Camden Point, population.	77
New Market, population.	167
Iatan, population.	129
Ridgely, population.	121
National debt.	\$2,386,000,000
Clay County, population.	15,564
Leavenworth, population.	20,665

PRICES.

Corn, 60 cents; flour, \$7; hemp, \$140; hogs, 7 cents; wheat, 90 cents.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—H. A. B. Anderson, N. B. Anderson, Clark Forman, Greenawalt, Herndon, Merryman, Norton, Park, Paxton, Pitt, John Wilson, R. P. C. Wilson.

Physicians—Guthrie, Hale, Johnson, McDonald, Smith, Tebbs.

Merchants, etc.—Brady, Basye, A. J. Colman, Thos. Colman, Carson, Flannery, Hatton, Hawley, Hunt, Jenkins, Krause, Kurtz & Bro., Likins, Lutes, R. Perry, Pope & Park, Redman, Keith & Tribble, Recht, Swain & Mason, Wilkerson, Young, Zarn.

Postmaster—C. B. Kurtz.

Hotels—S. D. Park, Van Noel & Parker.

Lodges—Zerubbabel, No. 191, F. M. Tufts, W. M.; Melody Chapter, No. 21, N. B. Anderson, H. P.; Nebraska, No. 12, J. W. Littlejohn, N. G.

Bank—Farmers' Savings Association, A. Tribble cashier.

Preachers—J. J. Felts (Bap.), T. P. Haley (Chris.), Jos. Devlin (M. E. S.), A. Batte (Epis.).

Platte City Academy—Gaylord president, Higgerson assistant.

Public School—G. G. White (principal), Lou. Wilson, and M. Jack.

Platte County Agricultural and Mechanical Association—R. D. Johnston president, I. P. Cartwright secretary.

At Weston: Attorneys—Beller, Burnes, Campbell, Coburn, Doniphan, Fulton, Gilbert, Georgen, Hitt, King, Reynolds, Roney, Scott, Watts.

Physicians—Beaumont, Bonifant, Bowlby, Grasmuck, Peters, Price, Shortridge, Wilson.

Merchants, etc.—Beller (postmaster), Barnhart, Brashears, H. Basye, Blanjour, Briggs, Carpenter, Calvert, Crowder.

& Harper, Deitz, Donnell, Doppler, Ellifrit, Evans, Frank, Jacquemin & Hamm, Gerner, Ilkenhans, Graves & Mason, Keller, Kyle, Kenney, Kurtz, Lewis, Magers, Maitland, Miller & Steele, Moore, Newhouse, Noble, Ogden, Perrys, Raileys, Ringo, Rohring, Siler, Termier, Throckmorton, Weber, Wood, Yocom.

Weston Court of Common Pleas—Burnes, judge; Yocom, clerk; Hedges, marshal.

Banks—Platte Savings Institute, Moore cashier; Railey & Brother.

Lodges—Phoenix, No. 30, G. M. Doppler, N. G.; Frontier Encampment, No. 2, J. S. Maitland, C. P.; Star of the West, No. 81, A. Schneider, W. C. T.; Lola Lodge, No. 150, J. S. Maitland, W. C. T.; Platte Div. S. of T., John Garvin, W. P.

At Parkville: Bueneman (postmaster), Carmody Bros.; Davis & Dooly, Dzinbon, Kahm, Bemis, Bosch, Luthy, Ringo, Park, Dr. Spencer, Summers, Wood.

At Camden Point: Hale (postmaster), Farris, Dr. Coffey, Parrish.

At Farley: Bledsoe, Dr. Holt, Meads (postmaster), and Simpson.

At Iatan: Abbott, Gedultig, Dr. Larry, Smith (postmaster).

At Hampton: J. W. McDaniel.

At East Leavenworth: Stewart, Weisse.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bryant, Ferrel, Leavel, Raffington, Singleton.

At Ridgely: Chrisman & Conway, Ellington, Gustin, A. Hill (postmaster).

At Waldron: L. E. Scott (postmaster), Griswold, Waldron.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—The county sells \$50,000 of stock in the W. & A. Railroad Company, for \$7,850.

PARKVILLE & G. R. R. BONDS.

The \$200,000 of bonds issued to the P. & G. R. Railroad were all paid in full, with interest, except some \$1,200 never presented for payment. There were \$3,000 paid in as taxes.

THE JAMES BOYS.

These outlaws are producing consternation throughout the State, and G. W. Belt, by authority from the governor, raises a company of militia to be in readiness in case their services are required.

Farmers' Savings Association—Deposits, \$29,203; bills receivable, \$8,201.

SUSANNA BALLARD.

Jan. 3—Susanna Ballard having died near Barry, J. W. Anderson administers. Bond, \$2,000. Ch:

I. LYDIA BALLARD (HORNER). II. DAVID.
 III. ANGELINE. IV. ELLA BALLARD. V. EZRA.
 VI. WILLIAM. VII. HENRIETTA. VIII. MINNIE.

Abner Whiteley is shot at several times Pat Lynch, but no damage is done. Lynch is apprehended, but nothing further is done.

Jan. 14—The depot at Tracy is nearly finished. Two trains daily run between Leavenworth and Tracy. Platte City now wants a daily mail, and Camden Point and New Market ask a tri-weekly mail.

THE JONES FAMILY.

Jan. 16—Mrs. Serena Jones died. She was a sister to D. J. Adkins, of Liberty, and widow of Thompson T. Jones, whose death we have mentioned. William and Daniel Jones were brothers, and lived in Virginia.

I. WILLIAM JONES (i).

We are interested in only one of his children:

- I. WILLIAM E. JONES, m'd in Virginia, Eliz. Eastham. Ch:
1. *Sarah E. Jones*, m'd in Virginia, J. W. Blackwell.
 2. *Mary V. Jones*, m'd in Virginia, Dr. Chas. Kemper.
 3. *Geo. William Jones*, b. in Virginia Sept. 22, 1825; came west in 1838; m'd 1st, in Sept., 1850, Frances Bywaters. She died in June, 1853, leaving: [^a] Allie E. Jones, b. in 1851; m'd in 1876, J. M. Elliott, dead; 3 children. Geo. Wm. Jones m'd 2d, M. A. Tillery, dead. Ch: [^b] Thos. L. Jones, b. Jan. 8, 1857; m'd Nov. 12, 1879, Mary W. Styne. Geo. Wm. m'd 3d, Belle H. Hudson. Children: [^c] Mattie B. Jones; [^d] Jesse B.; [^e] Eunice B.; [^f] Dilburn D.
 4. *Charles E. Jones*, m'd in Virginia, Flora Smith.
 5. *Lucy Jones*, m'd in Virginia, Lewis George.
 6. *Byrd Jones*, fell at Ft. Donelson.

II. DANIEL JONES (i).

- I. THOMPSON T. JONES (see), m'd Serena Adkins, d. Jan. 16. 1870. Ch:

1. *Geo. T. Jones*, m'd Sept. 26, 1883, Delia Maxfield.
2. *Mary E. Jones*, m'd Anderson Reed; live in Colorado.
3. *James L. Jones*, went to Montana.
4. *Jesse M. Jones*, m'd Nov. 18, 1880, Mary E. Tinder. Ch: [^a] Thompson D. Jones; [^b] Jesse M.
5. *Maggie Jones*, m'd M. Owens; live in Texas.
6. *Thomas W. Jones*, lives in Kansas City.

II. GEO. WASHINGTON JONES, married, but left no issue.

III. DANIEL JONES, married, and left:

1. *John W. Jones*.

IV. SAMUEL JONES, insane.

V. JAMES B., lived in Virginia.

VI. MAHALA, died single, in Platte.

VII. MARGARET JONES, m'd Jesse Miller (ii). (See.)

VIII. RODHAM JONES, died. leaving:

1. *Daniel T. Jones*, dead. 2. *Mary A.*

3. *John W. Jones.* 4. *Robert.*

DORCAS AND MITE SOCIETIES IN PLATTE CITY.

These societies hold weekly meetings throughout the winter, and are attended by old and young. No refreshments are allowed, except apples and parched corn. Each guest was expected to contribute 5 cents to some charitable purpose. The Christian Church patronized the Mite Society, and the Dorcas Club was under the auspices of the Methodists.

Jan. 26—The Weston Board of Education determined to build a spacious public school-house; but nothing came of it.

Jas. W. Coburn's abstract of titles is advertised.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—Dr. A. S. Tebbs sells his stock of drugs to Jenkins & Johnson.

Z. A. Britton sues Platte City for \$25,000 for the loss of a leg. (See.)

Tracy has become a lively town.

In Weston, the Baptist, the Episcopalian, the Presbyterian, and the Lutheran pulpits are vacant.

JOHN P. SRITE.

John P. Srite having died, his widow, America, administers. He was a worthy farmer living on Todd's Creek. He married America Rule, daughter of William S. Rule. Ch:

I. ELIZABETH SRITE, m'd Jas. Rogers.

II. ALBERT, m'd Minnie Eppard.

III. EMMA SRITE, m'd Geo. Dunlap.

IV. LAVINIA, died; m'd James Earl.

V. CORA SRITE, m'd Jas. Colley. VI. LETTIE.

VII. ANNA, m'd Nov. 8, 1883, Thornton Coons.

Feb. 8—The Mites of Platte City met at E. C. Cockrill's, three miles west of Platte City, and the conductor (Layton) of the C. & S. W. Railway construction train took out and returned a large crowd of guests.

GEO. W. YOCOM (i).

George W. Yocom (i) died in Marshall Township. He married Catherine Montgomery. Ch:

I. GEO. W. YOCOM (ii), d. in June, 1883; m'd Susan Funderberg, who survived him, and married 2d, Daniel Johnson. The Yocom children:

1. *Julia Yocom*, m'd Daniel E. Bailey.
2. *Amanda E. Yocom*, m'd Eugene McQueen; live at Winthrop.
3. *Sarah Yocom*, m'd Dr. West; live in Kansas.
4. *Catherine Yocom*, m'd Tone Turpin; no children.
5. *Martha Yocom*, m'd Geo. Voose; live in Kansas.
6. *Isaac R.* 7. *Daniel W.* 8. *Maud M.*

II. MATTHIAS YOCOM.

III. SARAH J. YOCOM, b. in Ohio April 3, 1837; m'd June 14, 1860, Alfred B. Woolston, b. in New Jersey Sept. 7, 1830. He was reared as a merchant, and for some years was engaged in that business. He is now farming near Sugar Creek Lake. His parents were Robert Woolston and Annette M. Harrison, of New Jersey. He came west, and reached Platte Nov. 28, 1858. He sojourned on his way hither in Iowa and Nebraska. Ch:

1. *Annette M. Woolston*, b. July 30, 1861; m'd E. B. Barnes. Ch: [^a] Alfred Barnes; [^b] Walter. They live in Gower, Mo.
2. *Noah Woolston*, b. Jan. 8, 1863; m'd Sept. 3, 1893, Carrie C. Butcher, b. Sept. 1, 1845.
3. *John E. Woolston*, b. Sept. 24, 1864; m'd Lola Coates. Ch: [^a] Birdie W. Woolston; [^b] Harry; [^c] Willie.
4. *Geo. A. Woolston*, b. March 7, 1867.

IV. JOHN P. YOCOM, lives in Nebraska.

V. NANCY YOCOM, m'd Geo. Iden, dead; lived in Holt.

VI. EDWARD YOCOM, dead; m'd three times, and left only:

1. *Sophia C.*

VII. JOSEPH YOCOM, died, leaving:

1. *Geo. W. Yocom* (iii), lives in Holt.

GEO. W. BOWMAN.

Feb. 14—George W. Bowman having died, Jacob Suman administers. Bond, \$1,500. He was a son of Samuel Bowman. (See.) His children:

I. SARAH J. BOWMAN. II. MARY A. BOWMAN.

III. ELIZA E. IV. CLINTON C. BOWMAN.

Uriah Dale's body is found in Platte River. Three months ago he wandered in a demented condition. No further explanation is given.

Feb. 16—Adelphi Lodge, No. 365, organized and chartered at Edgerton.

Feb. 19—Platte City Academy took fire in the roof, and the promenade consumed.

MARCH.

March 1—Small-pox at Weston.

MAJ. JOHN W. FORBIS.

March 2—Maj. John W. Forbis died in Buchanan County. He came from near Stanford, Ky., about 1846, and settled near Camden Point. He was an educated and refined gentleman, and had been licensed to practice law, though he did little in that line. The firm of Forbis & Flack was engaged in the mercantile business at Camden Point before the war. He married in Kentucky, and, after his first wife's death, he married February 16, 1865, a Shanks. His first wife was the mother of his children:

- I. MARY E. FORBIS, m'd Thos. E. Park. (See.) They removed to Kansas.
- II. JOHN F. FORBIS. III. HARRIET R. IV. WILLIAM F. V. EDWARD. VI. EDWARD FORBIS. VII. PERCY.
- VIII. A DAUGHTER, m'd Loomis, and was mother of:
 1. *Florence Loomis.*

THE McCORMICK FAMILY.

March 6—Rev. Samuel N. McCormick died to-day, near Parkville. His father, William McCormick, had two sons, Samuel N. and William. We will notice them successively.

I. SAMUEL N. McCORMICK

Was born February 7, 1799, in Fleming County, Ky.; married Jane McClelland, of Montgomery County, Ky.; came to Platte in March, 1858. His wife died in Iowa in August, 1865. He was a teaching elder in the Christian Church, and devoted his services to the Lord. Ch:

- I. THOMAS A. McCORMICK, b. Nov. 23, 1843; went to California, and yet resides there.
- II. JAMES A. McCORMICK, b. in Montgomery Co., Ky., Dec. 18, 1830; came with his father to Platte, and now owns the homestead. He m'd Aug. 24, 1853, in Kentucky, Susan S. Trumbo. They are a happy couple, surrounded by friends and possessed of a competency. Ch:
 1. *John M. McCormick*, d. Nov. 25, 1884.
 2. *Emma F. McCormick*, b. June 17, 1854; m'd Nov. 7, 1877, Alex. Ireland, son of Jas. E. Ireland (see). Ch: [a] Edwin, b. June 27, 1881.

II. WILLIAM McCORMICK (ii)

Was a son of William (i). William (ii) married Mary Dunlevy, born in Kentucky in 1809. Ch:

- I. FRANK M. McCORMICK, has been successively a brick-mason, farmer, merchant, and distiller. He m'd 1st, Emily McCormick, dr. of Sam'l L., of Bath Co., Mo. He m'd 2d.

Mary C. Coons, dr. of Joseph, and widow of Wm. Kimsey. Mr. McCormick came to Platte in 1861. He now lives in Kansas City. He is a genial and generous gentleman. No children.

March 9—The T. T. Jones farm, three miles east of Platte City, sold to E. O. Waller for \$9,244.

March 20—The Masons of Platte City purchase a library for the craft. It was soon scattered and lost.

ELIAS B. JACKS.

Elias B. Jacks died. He was an early settler, and an industrious, wealthy, and worthy farmer. He married Polly Warden, who survived him. Ch:

- I. WILLIAM JACKS, lives in Wyandotte Co., Kansas.
- II. RICHARD JACKS, went to California.
- III. ELIAS B. JACKS (ii), m'd a Buxter, and went to California.
- IV. WARDEN T. JACKS, m'd Mary Rogers, dr. of Jack.
- V. ALEX D. JACKS, m'd a Prather, and went to Kansas.
- VI. MARGARET JACKS, m'd Nathan A. King.
- VII. EMILY C. JACKS, m'd Dec. 23, 1860, Jerry C. Masterson.
- VIII. MARY JACKS, m'd Wm. Stokes, of Tennessee, and died leaving:

- 1. *Elias Stokes.* 2. *Polly.*

March 28—The first daily mail to Platte City.

March 30—The 15th amendment of the United States Constitution declared adopted.

APRIL.

April 1—Chas. Blakley, constable and collector of Platte City, advertises many lots for sale for taxes.

Municipal elections went by default in Platte City and Weston—no aspirants for office. J. A. Halderman is chosen mayor of Leavenworth.

April 4—The county printing is taken by the *Landmark*, for \$249, for the coming year.

Teachers' institute at Weston, with printed programme.

DOCTOR R. SMITH.

April 4—Dr. R. Smith having died in Preston Township, Hiram Smith administered. Bond, \$1,000. Ch:

- I. HIRAM D. SMITH. II. NANCY I., m'd a Dennis.

April 12—The Missouri is very high.

Grand jury for April term: 1, J. A. Beery; 2, J. H. Burt; 3, J. Cain; 4, K. B. Cecil; 5, Jas. Grady; 6, John Kinneman; 7, A. Freeze; 8, Burke McComas; 9, John P. Miller; 10, S. D. Park;

11, Richard Pemberton; 12, T. W. Pumphrey; 13, Charles Rice; 14, John Spratt; 15, John Stone; 16, Joseph Todd; 17, N. E. Wilkinson.

April 16—A heavy frost and fruit seriously damaged.

April 20—W. H. Field and wife sell to A. J. Snider 140 acres adjacent to Tracy, for \$3,700.

The Farmers' Savings Association at Platte City is sold to a company composed of F. M. Tufts, F. M. Johnson, Thos. Herndon, I. P. Cartwright, and others. Herndon is made president, and Cartwright cashier. This is the first step in the formation of the "ring."

April 22—Judge Austin A. King died in St. Louis. He was born in Sullivan County, Tenn., September 20, 1801; came to Missouri in 1830; was member of the Legislature in 1834-6, judge of our circuit in 1837-40, governor in 1848, congressman in 1863.

April 26—Fine rains and crops recovering from the late frost. Henry De Bard, Jr., while drunk, shot Henry Lanzer, but not fatally.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Revenue collected.....	\$69,630.76
Warrants drawn.....	65,028.71

Expenditures in Detail.

Platte City bridge.....	\$2,441.00
Rialto bridge.....	235.00
New Market bridge.....	329.00
Skinner's bridge.....	1,090.00
Bee Creek bridge.....	184.00
Sugar Creek bridge.....	100.00
Weston bridge.....	1,000.00
Roads.....	2,438.00
Court-house wall.....	1,751.00
Printing bonds.....	182.00
Commissioner funding.....	7,800.00
Commissioner (Norris).....	1,000.00
Platte Savings Institution, for bonds.....	16,952.00
Funding bonds paid.....	6,575.00
P. & G. R. Railroad bonds paid.....	157.00
Election expenses.....	71.00
Criminal costs.....	4,689.00
W. & A. Railroad bonds paid.....	630.00
Road Commissioner (Slone).....	671.00
Poor and insane.....	3,541.00
Court-house.....	548.00
Jail (Hunt).....	155.00
Assessor (Kaufman).....	731.00

County Court Justices.. . . .	\$ 488.00
Circuit Clerk (Tufts).. . . .	681.00
County Clerk (Lewis).. . . .	3,509.00
Sheriff (Belt).. . . .	918.00
Treasurer (Flannery).. . . .	950.00
County Attorney (Clark).. . . .	333.00
Superintendent of Schools (Himrod).. . . .	180.00
Stationery.. . . .	571.00
Printing.. . . .	737.00
Wood.. . . .	662.00
Weston Court.. . . .	1,077.00
Insurance of court-house.. . . .	515.00
Sundries.. . . .	1,137.71

\$65,028.71

County tax levied.. . . . \$97,859.00

Assessment.

Lands.. . . .	\$3,569,115.00
Lots.. . . .	347,264.00
Horses, 7,745.. . . .	364,296.00
Mules, 1,540.. . . .	91,762.00
Cattle, 13,201.. . . .	212,316.00
Sheep, 12,810.. . . .	14,804.00
Hogs, 43,775.. . . .	155,753.00
Brokers.. . . .	12,440.00
Corporations.. . . .	11,480.00
Bonds and notes.. . . .	1,479,331.00

Total.. . . . \$6,258,561.00

County Debt.

W. & A. Railroad bonds.. . . .	\$ 2,000.00
P. & G. Railroad bonds.. . . .	39,300.00
Funding bonds.. . . .	184,348.14
Funding bonds, second series.. . . .	85,371.15
Due School Funds.. . . .	13,116.61
Estimated warrants.. . . .	20,000.00

Debt.. . . . \$344,135.90

Amount less cash on hand.. . . . \$339,569.85

The next year the clerk corrected amount by adding.. . . . 50,379.06

Correct amount of debt.. . . . \$389,948.91

May 1—J. M. Lee killed by James Eastburn, near Sugar Creek Lake.

A. Kurtz circulated a subscription for a Catholic church at Platte City, and raised \$1,000.

May 21—Picnic at the fair grounds. The conductor of the construction train kindly took the children on an excursion to the Missouri River bridge.

May 24—Ascension Day. James Adkins and E. J. Miller are visited. Supper at the asylum for the knights and ladies. Excursion to Columbia.

There is to be a barbecue at Camden Point on the 4th of July, and the C. & S. W. Railroad is to be finished that far by the 4th.

JUNE.

CAMDEN POINT ORPHAN SCHOOL.

June 1—Prof. R. A. Broadhurst is chosen principal, his term to commence June 1, 1871. In the meantime Miss Tabitha Burnes, of Cynthiana, Ky., is to have charge.

June 7—The middle pier of the Missouri River bridge at Leavenworth gave way, and three workmen were drowned.

June 10—Beverly has a post-office; J. M. Cameron is post-master.

“SOREHEADS.”

June 17—The *Reveille* has an article headed “Soreheads,” and this became the common name of the party opposed to the “ring.” From this date, the war commenced between the two factions of the Democratic party in Platte. We will take but little notice of them.

Tournament at New Market. J. F. Farra was champion, and Mollie F. Williams queen.

June 19—The Platte City Presbyterian Church is reorganized. Rev. James Lafferty is to supply the pulpit at Platte City the first and third Sabbaths, and preach at Weston the second and fourth.

MASONIC FESTIVAL AT PLATTE CITY.

June 24—Lodges represented: 1, Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 191, Platte City; 2, Unanimity, under Dis. Weston; 3, Rising Sun, No. 13, Barry; 4, Fidelity, under Dis. of Farley; 5, Camden Point, No. 169; 6, Compass, No. 120, Parkville; 7, Weston, No. 53. John M. Price, of Atchison, was orator.

Others present: Jas. Adkins, H. A. B. Anderson, N. B. Anderson, Jerry Beery, G. W. Belt, Henry Colman, A. J. Colman, Thomas H. Colman, R. T. Darnall, T. R. Darnall, H. De Bard, J. E. Frost, F. G. Gaylord, A. T. Guthrie, W. C. Hatton, C. B. Hawley, W. H. Hunt, Thos. E. Jenkins, Ed. McDonald, Henry Myles, T. W. Park, W. M. Paxton, C. C. Redman, Stephen Remington, J. R. Swain, A. S. Tebbs, F. M. Tufts, W. C. Wells, N. E. Wilkinson, John Wilson, R. P. C. Wilson.

June 27—The Leavenworth Coal Company commences operations.

JULY.

July 1—The name of "Daughters' College" is given to Platte City Female Academy.

WILLIAM FULTON.

William Fulton died three miles north of Platte City, aged 77 years. He served in the War of 1812; came to Platte in 1838. He married Margaret Sample, born June 1, 1793; died February 3, 1875. Ch:

I. HUGH FULTON, m'd May 15, 1843. Judy M. Thornburg. Children:

1. *Margaret Fulton*, m'd Robert Collier, son of Sim. Ch. [a] Mary Collier; [b] Elizabeth; [c] Thomas; [d] James; [e] Wade; [f] Annie Collier; [g] Clío.
2. *Mollie Fulton*, m'd Jan. 22, 1871, Dan. Crutchfield; no children.
3. *Melissa Fulton*, m'd 1st, Samuel Nichols. They separated, with one child: [a] Hugh, who m'd Dec. 23, 1896, Ida R. Mitchell, dr. of O. B. Melissa m'd 2d, Aug. 2, 1888, D. A. Miller. (See.) She lives.
4. *Susan Alice Fulton*, m'd Nov. 19, 1884. John L. Miller, son of D. A.
5. *Mrs. Noah Miller*. 6. *Mrs. Thos. Roberts*.
7. *Atchison Fulton*.

July 4—The Leavenworth Sunday-schools spend the day at our fair grounds.

Weston has a celebration. The following were present: A. G. Beller, P. Blanjour, M. Campbell, Wm. Carpenter, S. D. Fulton, S. A. Gilbert, J. D. Harper, J. J. Hitt, N. C. Hindman, D. Holladay, T. C. Magers, W. Magers, N. P. Ogden, J. A. Price, Mat. Schindler, T. F. Warner.

July 5—A fine rain.

July 7—Picnic at Todd's pasture.

Merryman, Paxton & Cockrill open a bank at the northwest corner of Main and Third Streets in Platte City. They purchased Carson's house and, a year later, moved it to the back end of the lot, and erected the house occupied now by the Exchange Bank. It was a private bank, and T. G. Cockrill was cashier.

CROPS.

July 8—The *Reveille* states: The yield of wheat is largely above an average; grain fine and large; crop of the State large; price, \$1. Fruit promising.

Mails to Platte City daily by railroad, and by horse from Weston.

The Christian church of Platte City remodelled and recovered; the pulpit changed from the front to the rear.

The "passive policy" suggested.
The Franco-Prussian War.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—Waldron rapidly improving.

Walnut timber is in demand. Vast quantities are being removed—much goes to Europe.

S. A. Gilbert reelected probate judge.

THOMAS A. MERCHANT.

Aug. 5—Thomas A. Merchant having died, J. L. Merchant administers. Bond, \$2,000. He was born in Virginia; removed to Woodford County, Ky.; married Martha Kincaid, daughter of Robert, came west, and settled near New Market. Ch:

I. JOHN I. MERCHANT, b. in Woodford Co., Ky., Dec. 14, 1825; served in the Mexican War under Cassius Clay; m'd Aug. 3, 1848, Elizabeth Wakefield, b. in Nelson Co., Ky., Jan. 1, 1822. Ch:

1. *Margaret A. Merchant*, b. Jan. 31, 1851; m'd Jos. Davidson. Children: [*a*] John Davidson; [*b*] Elizabeth; [*c*] Eugene; [*d*] William.

2. *Mary T. Merchant*, m'd Dec. 3, 1875, Egbert Wilhoit. Ch: [*a*] John Wilhoit; [*b*] Virgie; [*c*] Lewis; [*d*] a babe.

3. *Elizabeth Merchant*, m'd Thos. W. Shortridge, son of Lewis. Ch: [*a*] Frank Shortridge; [*b*] Eva.

4. *Lucretia Merchant*.

T. A. Merchant married, second, in 1859, Winnie A. Robertson, who married, second, Farmer A. Osborn, and died in 1896. (See.)

Aug. 6—A glorious rain redeems corn.

Aug. 7—Capt. W. A. Wash is chosen principal of the public school of Platte City. He is a graduate of the Kentucky Military School, class of 1861; served as a Confederate captain in the war; wrote and published a volume upon his military experience, which was chiefly in Federal prisons. He was a hearty, genial, generous soul, a zealous Methodist, a merry companion, and a true friend. He went to Oregon, and is publishing, at Dallas, a spirited paper, the *Polk County Itemizer*.

Judge Gilbert has surrendered the *Weston Landmark* to the editorial management of J. T. Reynolds and J. L. McCluer.

A donation party to Rev. Jos. Devlin at Platte City.

Aug. 12—Col. Rice Davenport, of Clay, died, aged 73, an officer of the Black Hawk War; came to Clay in 1825.

Aug. 13—Democratic mass-meeting at Platte City, to select a central committee, E. H. Norton chairman. Others mentioned:

J. O. Abbott, J. N. Boydston, G. S. Cline, T. W. Davis, Isaac Dean, W. K. Faulconer, Thos. Herndon, John S. Holland, Dan Kern, D. Lanter, J. L. McCluer, S. A. Gilbert, Thos. Rose, W. A. Singleton, Marion Todd, R. P. C. Wilson.

Aug. 19—The C. & S. W. Railway is finished to Camden Point. An excursion from Leavenworth to Camden Point.

Aug. 20—Radical Convention at Platte City, L. Georgen chairman. Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Smith, R. T. Van Horn, and others speak.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—Disastrous defeat of the French at Sedan. On the 4th France is proclaimed a republic.

Baseball rages.

JOHN MOORE.

Sept. 20—John Moore died. His widow, Nancy, administered. He was born in Estill County, Ky., in 1789; married, first, Elizabeth Noland; came to Howard County, Mo., in 1817, thence to Jackson County in 1822, and to Platte in 1837, and settled on a claim near Waldron. He was short of stature, his hair was perfectly white, and he was full of life and courage. Ch:

- I. TENNIE MOORE, m'd Buck Malott. She lives in Kansas.
- II. JAMES MOORE, b. in March, 1810, in Estill Co., Ky.; d. March 4, 1889; m'd 1st, in Nov., 1836, Catherine Malott, dr. of John S. He m'd 2d, Ann Sewell, dr. of Alex. Children by his first wife:

- 1. *William* (ii). 2. *Thos. S. Moore*. 3. *Sarah J. Mary*, m'd a Ducate, and died childless.

By second wife:

- 5. *Almeda*, b. Nov. 27, 1852; m'd Jan. 27, 1875. Thos. E. Stallard, b. Aug. 28, 1838; son of Randall.
- 6. *Julia A. Moore*, m'd Feb. 9, 1882, Geo. H. Tudor, b. Aug. 4, 1852. Ch: [*a*] John T. Tudor; [*b*] Lyc. S.; [*c*] Ann B.; [*d*] David R.; [*e*] Polly E.; [*f*] Jettie F.
- 7. *James Moore* (ii), m'd Emily Johnson.
- 8. *Margaret Ellen*, m'd John W. Riley. Ch: [*a*] Ruby; [*b*] Myrtle, etc. (See J. T. Riley.)

I will here record Mr. James Moore's (i) story of his life. "I remember but little of my residence in Kentucky. We came to Missouri in 1817, on packed horses, without wagons or tent, crossed the Mississippi River at Smelser's Ferry. We crossed the Ohio at Louisville, below the falls. My father was not able to buy land, but took up a claim, which he afterwards sold; he then rented land of Elisha Todd, until he removed to Clay County. I saw no Indians, though there were forts for protection. Old Franklin

was then the county seat. We lived ten miles away. In the spring of 1820 we removed in a wagon to Clay County, found ferries over the rivers, took a lease of land for two years of young Fowler, and at the end of the term went to Jackson County. Our residence in Clay was seven miles east of Liberty and three miles from the Missouri. In Jackson County my father settled on government land, two and a half miles southwest of Independence. At the land sales my father bought 110 acres. He lived there until in 1837, when he came to Platte. The first steamboat I ever saw was at Ducker's Ferry, at Independence Landing. Friends came on here from Kentucky, and I went to meet them. I worked at the carpenter's trade, as I could get work, and at other times helped my father. I often worked at ten cents a day; as a carpenter I got \$10 per month. I remember making 3,000 rails, at 25 cents per 100. When we went to Jackson County, it was with the first emigration. Father took up a choice piece of land. I was at the first lot sales in Independence. That was some two years after our arrival. The first year we traded over in Clay. When we went, the Osages had just sold out. Only friendly Indians were seen. In March, 1837, I came to Platte, and took up a claim near Hampton. We got our grinding done at horse-mills in Clay, and did our trading at Martinsville. I remember their building the first mill at the falls. My neighbors were Philemon Higgins, Jacob Gregg, Sidney Ray, Wm. Alexander, John Grooms, Jacob Boydston, David Magill, and Jas. Mooneyham."

III. LUKE MOORE, married Maria Hix, and was father of Richard Moore, who married Victoria Babcock, dr. of Richard.

IV. WILLIAM MOORE. (See.)

V. JOEL TURNER MOORE. b. in Howard Co., Mo., June 22, 1817; m'd 1st, Polly Malott, dr. of J. S.; m'd 2d, Ann Redman, dr. of Green. He was a genial and companionable farmer, and a typical backwoodsman. He d. May 4, 1889, of hydrophobia. He had been bitten by a mad-dog, and tried a mad-stone, which adhered and then fell off. He thought there was no longer danger, but he was taken with convulsions, and after long and intense agony, was relieved by death. In border ruffian times he was sheriff (the first) of Leavenworth Co., Kansas. Children by first wife:

1. *Maggie Moore*, m'd a Hedges, and lives in Leavenworth. Children by second wife (Redman):

2. *Mary E. Moore*, b. in 1848; m'd Alex. Sewell. Ch: [a] Davis.

3. *Davis Moore*.

4. *Thomas Moore*, b. July 6, 1861; m'd Jan. 15, 1889, May Bright, dr. of William. Ch: [a] Frank Moore.

5. *Robert Moore*, b. Oct. 9, 1863. 6. *Nettie*. 7. *John*.

8. *Bertie*.

- VI. LIZZIE MOORE, m'd Washington Smith. (See.)
 VII. SERILDA MOORE, m'd Richard Babcock. (See.)
 VIII. PAULINE (PHENA) MOORE, m'd Chas. Babcock. (See.)
 IX. CYNTHIA MOORE, m'd a Wilson.

Sept. 27—The fair; J. W. Steele chosen president, and W. P. Chiles secretary.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—Registration is going on throughout the month.

Oct. 4—The county court again refuses to issue the Green Township bonds, but they are subsequently issued, and dated October 4, 1870.

Oct. 13—Fidelity Lodge, No. 339, A. F. & A. M., chartered at Farley.

Oct. 14—A. Comingo is nominated by the Democrats for Congress.

The Prussians are bombarding Paris.

Oct. 25—Zenas A. Britton has judgment against Platte City, in the United States District Court, for \$8,458 for damages for a broken leg, by falling over an embankment.

Oct. 29—A Democratic primary election.

Oct. 30—A four-inch rain.

Oct. 31—The Democratic delegates elected the 29th meet at the court-house. Jesse Morin is dissatisfied with the course of a majority, and withdraws.

E. B. WORTH.

E. B. Worth came this year from Illinois. He was born in Chester County, Pa., in 1816. After residing in Pennsylvania until 1853, he came to Illinois. In 1843 he married Rachel Alexander, dead. Ch:

- I. JOHN WORTH. II. MATTIE, m'd H. M. Stites.
 III. CARRIE, m'd Willie Stites, and IV. RACHEL R. (twin), m'd John Stites.

V. PASCHAL.

VI. ANNIE WORTH, m'd Sept. 6, 1874, Watson Reed, b. June 16, 1855; d. March 3, 1897. Ch:

1. *Albert.* 2. *Elmer.*

Mr. Reed killed Newton Winn in our court-house August 16, 1895. (See date.)

NOVEMBER.

Nor. 1—Platte River is up, only two feet lower than in 1858.
 W. C. Hatton sells to B. W. Evans his half interest in the grocery store of Hatton & Flannery, in Platte City.

GENERAL ELECTION.

Governor—B. Gratz Brown (Liberal), 2,160; J. W. McClurg (Radical), 493.

Congressman—A. Comingo (Liberal), 2,170; Geo. Smith (Radical), 494.

Representatives—W. H. Ballard (Liberal), 830; Thos. Quinn (Radical), 551; R. P. C. Wilson (Liberal), 903; Noah Beery (Radical), 270.

County Court Justices—J. S. Brasfield, 1,810; W. H. H. Dougherty, 683.

Circuit Clerk—F. M. Tufts, 1,567; J. J. Settle, 1,064.

Probate Judge—H. H. Hedges, 1,455; L. Shepard, 931.

County Clerk—T. W. Park, 1,386; D. P. Lewis, 1,023; W. H. Roney, 213.

Sheriff—G. W. Belt, 1,394; T. F. Warner, 764; F. M. McCormick, 510.

Treasurer—R. T. Darnall, 1,916; John Zarn, 661.

Assessor—H. T. Hamm, 1,515; C. A. Smith, 398; S. M. McComas, 679.

School Commissioner—S. C. Woodson, 1,553; A. F. Martin, 304; J. Dunbar, 793.

Nov. 8—N. E. Wilkinson was elected coroner, but failed to qualify, and Jas. H. Chinn was appointed.

The 5th Constitutional amendment carried nearly the full vote. This enfranchised all.

Geo. S. Story was chosen marshal of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, and W. F. Yocom clerk.

Nov. 12—John T. Lykins killed near Leavenworth by J. Raddock.

Nov. 13—Gale C. Henson's house burned. Insurance, \$1,200.

The Dorcas Society and the Mite Society are reorganized in Platte City, for the coming winter.

Nov. 20—H. H. Hedges qualifies as probate judge, but Gilbert holds the office.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—J. M. Carpenter issues a comedy in verse, of 48 pages, entitled "The Legend of Hob-or-nob." It is out of print.

Dec. 3—Ex-Confederate reunion; R. D. Johnston president, and W. P. Chites secretary. Others present: Col. J. T. Child, Col. Donan, Dr. E. McD. Coffey, Col. Elijah Gates, Maj. Jas. L. McCluer, Thos. McCarthy, Maj. W. H. Woodson, N. Newby, Maj. T. W. Park, Col. J. E. Pitt, Hon. John Wilson, Col. J. H. Winston, Capt. W. A. Wash.

GEORGE ROBERTS.

Dec. 8—George Roberts died at Parkville, aged 56. He married Elizabeth Harris, daughter of John and sister of Norman. She survived him, and administered, giving bond for \$5,000. She died in May, 1872. He was a merchant in Parkville, partner of A. J. Goodyear, and possessed sound judgment and business ability. Ch:

- I. ELVIRA (ELZIE) ROBERTS, m'd 1st, Feb. 3, 1867, Capt. W. H. McPike, of the Confederate army, b. in Buchanan County March 12, 1838; d. at Spring Hill, Kansas, April 27, 1877, leaving a daughter, Lizzie McPike. His remains were brought back to Parkville for interment. Mrs. McPike m'd 2d, Nov. 20, 1881, William J. Fulton, b. in New Jersey Nov. 10, 1832. They live in Parkville. He is a large real estate proprietor, and was owner of all the stock of the Parkville Bank. He is enterprising and energetic, and ready to take hold of any undertaking that offers a profit. He is well educated, and has the polish of a gentleman. He has succeeded in his business ventures, and is wealthy. By his first wife, he had:
 1. *James Fulton*, who was postmaster at Parkville.
- II. MARY E. ROBERTS, m'd Jan. 29, 1873, Dr. W. G. Scott.
- III. PAULINA A. ROBERTS, m'd a Rhodes.
- IV. GEO. WYLIE ROBERTS.
- V. JENNIE ROBERTS.

JAMES L. BROWN.

Dec. 16—James L. Brown having died, his widow administered. Bond, \$20,000. He married Rebecca Weaver, and they came from Tennessee in 1838, settling three miles north of Platte City. He was a brother of Gideon L. Brown, of the northern part of the county. Ch:

- I. ANDREW L. BROWN, b. Jan. 9, 1833; m'd Nov. 16, 1865, Missouri Evans. But he m'd 1st, Sarah J. Hays, by whom he had 2 children:
 1. *James S. Brown*, m'd Feb. 2, 1894, Ella Cook, d. in Sept., 1895.
 2. *Mollie Brown*, m'd John Roy.
 By second wife (Evans):
 3. *Harry Brown*. 4. *Abner*. 5. *Jacob*. 6. *John*. 7. *Lewis*, b. Sept. 2, 1877. 8. *Lee May*.
- II. MARGARET BROWN, m'd Thos. A. Snoddy. Ch:
 1. *Elizabeth Snoddy*, m'd Jas. Pennington.
- III. JACOB BROWN, killed by N. R. Green. He m'd Jane Donnelly. Ch:
 1. *James Ed. Brown*.
 2. *Jakie Brown*, m'd John Brown, a grandson of Gid. L.
- IV. JANE L. BROWN, b. Oct. 5, 1845, m'd Feb. 8, 1866, Jos. E.

Sexton, b. July 8, 1836. He came from Maysville, Ky., in 1856. He possesses sound judgment, enterprise, and honor. Ch:

1. *James. H. Sexton*, b. Jan. 1, 1867. He was principal of the Platte City Public School, and stands high in the educational profession. He m'd in 1896 May Busey.
2. *Frank Sexton*, b. April 21, 1872. He succeeded his brother as Principal of the Public School of Platte City.

Mr. Jos. Sexton commanded a company in Marmaduke's division of the Southern army. His men were enlisted in Arkansas. He served to the end and participated in many battles.

V. CYNTHIA E. BROWN, dead; m'd A. E. Stanton. Ch:

1. *William*. 2. *Alfred*.

VI. JAMES F. BROWN, b. Dec. 4, 1853; m'd Oct. 4, 1874, Rowena Buford, b. June 5, 1855. They live on a farm on the Buchanan line. Ch:

1. *O. Frank Brown*, b. Aug. 6, 1875.

VII. LEWIS G. BROWN, lives in Andrew County.

SIMON P. YOCOM.

Dec. 16—Simon P. Yocom having died, J. H. Burt administered. Bond, \$900. Mr. Yocom came in 1841, and lived in the Missouri River bottom, opposite Leavenworth. He was above the medium, both in natural and acquired abilities, and held the office of justice of the peace for several terms. He married in 1827, America ———, born May 28, 1808, and died November 27, 1893. Ch:

I. PRISCILLA YOCOM, m'd a Vallandigham.

II. ALONZO A. YOCOM.

III. HARRIET YOCOM, b. March 24, 1831; m'd May 25, 1848. Capt. John H. Burt, b. in Ripley Co., Ind., July 26, 1826; d. Feb. 8, 1878. He was a son of John Burt and a grandson of Moses Burt. He came west in 1840, with his parents, John Burt and Margaret Hess, and settled near Farley, in the Missouri bottom. In the fall of 1862 he raised a company for home service, known as Company E., 39th Regiment of Enrolled Missouri Militia, which was disbanded in 1864. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow. Ch:

1. *William H. Burt*, b. May 7, 1850; d. April 10, 1879; m'd Jan. 1, 1878, Ellen Calvert.
2. *Hiram M. Burt*, b. Oct. 1, 1852; m'd March 31, 1878. Mary C. Pitts, dr. of Hillory Pitts. She was b. Nov. 19, 1851. Mr. Burt is an intelligent and enterprising farmer and stock-raiser; and is a worthy and influential citizen. Ch: [*a*] Edith Burt, b. Feb. 16, 1880; [*b*] Bertha, b. Aug. 25, 1882; [*c*] Mary Burt, b. Feb. 8, 1885; [*d*] Katie F., born May 15, 1888;

- [*e*] Royal H. Burt, b. April 28, 1890; [*f*] John R., b. Jan. 11, 1892.
3. *Margaret Isabella Burt*, b. Nov. 9, 1854; m'd March 11, 1873, Wm. McKee, son of Charles, of Ireland. He was born in Ireland about 1845, and died March 18, 1879. He was a prosperous farmer, living near East Leavenworth, a Mason and an Odd Fellow. Mrs. McKee lives at the old homestead. Children. [*a*] Sarah H. McKee; [*b*] William.
4. *John S. Burt*, b. April 20, 1863; m'd March 6, 1890, Ida Pitts.
5. *Huldah H. Burt*, b. Nov. 11, 1868; m'd June 14, 1888, Alex H. Calvert.
- IV. *HULDAH YOCOM*, m'd 1st, Henry Venemen, who was killed in the war. She m'd 2d, Jan. 1, 1865, Dan Leahy.

H. A. B. ANDERSON.

Dec. 30—H. A. B. Anderson accidentally shot himself while hunting; he was buried at Pleasant Grove, by Belt Commandery. He was a son of G. W. Anderson (see) and Mary Roberts, and was born September 11, 1842. He studied law, was licensed, and was just entering upon a promising career, when removed by death. He married September 23, 1863, Nannie M. Bywaters, daughter of John C. (See.) He left one child, Lidie. Mrs. Anderson married, second, Marcus Todd (see), and they have Lee (boy) and Leah Todd.

1871.

OFFICERS.

Governor, B. Gratz Brown; Congressman, A. Comingo; Representatives, W. H. Ballard and R. P. C. Wilson; State Senator, J. H. Burch, Jr.; Circuit Judge, Phil. Lucas; Circuit Attorney, J. G. Woods; Sheriff, G. W. Belt; Assessor, H. T. Hamm; Coroner, J. H. Chinn; Public Administrator, W. F. Yocom; Circuit Clerk, F. M. Tufts; Probate Judge, S. A. Gilbert; County Justices, Brasfield, Hamm, and Talbott; County Clerk, T. W. Park; Treasurer, R. T. Darnall; School Commissioner, S. C. Woodson; Surveyor, W. V. Slone.

PRICES.

Bacon, hams, 12 cents; butter, 20 cents; Corn, 40 cents; coffee, 15 cents; eggs, 10 cents; flour, \$3.50; hogs, 5 cents; potatoes, 40 cents; salt, \$3; sugar, 13 cents; wheat, 90 cents.

Fruit good, abundant, cheap.

Dramshops abundant and cheap, but not good; 19 in the county, licensed at \$25 State and \$25 county tax.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—N. B. Anderson, Forman, Herndon, Merryman, Norton, Paxton, Pitt, Wilsons.

Physicians—Guthrie, Hale, Johnson, McDonald, Smith.

Merchants—Brady, Burge, Callahan & Jones, Cockrill & Blakley, Colmans, Flannery & Evans, Hawley, Hickman, Hunt, Kiefer, Krause, Jenkins & Co., Chas. Kurtz (postmaster), Kurtz & Bro., Lutes, Myles, Redman, Keith & Tribble, Recht, Smith, Swain & Mason, Wilkinson, Young, Zarn.

Newspaper—*Reveille*, T. W. Park editor.

Platte County Agricultural and Mechanical Association—J. W. Steele president, W. P. Chiles secretary.

Public School—W. A. Wash principal.

Banks—Farmers' Savings Association, I. P. Cartwright cashier; Merryman, Paxton & Cockrill.

Lodges—Zerubbabel, No. 191; Melody Chapter, No. 21; Belt Commandery, No. 9; Nebraska Lodge, No. 12, G. R. Carnahan, N. G.

Preachers—Jos. Devlin (M. E. S.), T. P. Haley (Chris.), J. J. Felts and J. W. Brown (Bap.).

Daughters' College—F. G. Gaylord principal.

Preachers at Other Points—At Elm Grove and Pleasant Ridge, Isaiah Williams; at Elm Grove, Mt. Zion, Bee Creek, and Taos, Jerry Clay; at Parkville, Asa Bird.

At Weston: Attorneys—Burnes, Campbell, Coburn, Doniphan, Fulton, Gilbert, Georgen, Hitt, McCluer, Reynolds, Roney, Watts.

Physicians—Beaumont, Bower, Peters, Shortridge, Wilson.

Merchants, etc.—Allen, Barnhart, Brashear, Briggs, Brill, Carpenter, Crowder, Dietz, Donnell, Doppler, Ellifrit, Evans, Frank, Harper, Holladay, Hamm, How, Ilkenhans, Graves & Mason, Jacquemin, Keller, Kenney, Kurtz, Lewis, Lipscomb, Magers, Maitland, Miller & Steele, Moore, Newhouse, Noble, Ogden, Parr, Perrys, Raileys, Reed, Ringo, Rohring, Schenkner, Siler, Story & Tatman, Termier, Throckmorton, Warner, Weber, Winzer, Wood, Yocom.

Newspaper—*Landmark*, Reynolds editor.

Lodges—Phoenix, No. 30, Chas. Kay, N. G.; Frontier Encampment, No. 2, S. Bower, C. P.; Weston, No. 53, A. G. Beller, W. M.; Unanimity, No. 366, S. A. Gilbert, W. M.

Public School—Dunbar principal.

At Parkville: F. M. McDonald, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Moore, Dr. Spencer, Bemis & Nash, Bueneman (postmaster), Busch, Carmody, Davis & Dooly, Dziubon, Halsey, Kahm, Luthy, Mitchell, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld, Wood.

At Block's Mill: A. B. Woolston.

At Camden Point: Dr. Coffey, Farris (postmaster), Woodson.

At East Leavenworth: Stewart Weisse.

At Farley: W. G. Holt, Meads (postmaster), Bledsoe; Lodge 177, Odd Fellows, W. Malott, N. G.

At Hampton: Funk, McDaniel.

At Iatan: Abbott, Dr. Larry, McKee, Smith (postmaster).

At New Market: Armstrong, Bryant, Cartwright, Ferrel, Johnson, Raffington.

At Ridgely: Carrington, Chrisman, Fitzgerald, Conway, Gustin, Hill (postmaster), Lampton.

At Tracy: John Ryan.

At Waldron: Griswold, Scott (postmaster), Waldron.

JANUARY.

Jan. 3—Lawson, Donnell & Simpson engage in the banking business in New York city.

B. W. Gilbert and Ira Norris, Jr., are deputies of T. W. Park, county clerk.

Jan. 5—Hon. R. P. C. Wilson, our representative, is elected Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives.

Jan. 24—Farmers' Savings Association reports: deposits, \$43,984; loans, \$9,909; stock, \$5,000.

Thos. H. Colman's brick house, opposite the court-house in Platte City, is complete.

Jan. 27—George Reed shoots and kills Thomas Brown, at Ridgely, for which he is indicted and sent to the penitentiary for ten years.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 14—The county court, consisting of Brasfield, Hamm, and Talbott, issued \$50,000 Green Township Strip bonds, dated October 4, 1870, bearing 10 per cent interest. The court paid the first year's interest, but the bonds were afterwards litigated, when Jas. S. Owens was sole judge, and declared void.

Feb. 25—Howard Mills killed by a fall from a fruit tree.

MARCH.

March 1—Mrs. Elizabeth May, Lee and Ed Williams, B. L. May, and Samuel Park remove to Coffey County, Kansas.

March 6—Proceedings of courts are now published in the *Reveille*.

Stephen Waldron, tried for the murder of Ignatius Naylor (ii) in Ray County, is convicted of manslaughter, and fined \$500.

March 11—Jas. H. Chinn is appointed coroner, in place of N. E. Wilkinson, who failed to qualify.

March 16—The house of Col. J. E. Pitt, a mile south of Platte City, is burned.

APRIL

April 1—C. B. Hawley's store is now on the southwest corner of Main and Third Streets, Platte City, and "Hawley on the corner" becomes his motto.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Platte City Board—Cartwright, Clemings, Evans, Flannery, Herndon, Jenkins, Swain.

Parkville Board—Bemis, mayor; Kahm, Mitchell, Moore, Rhodes, Ringo, and Spencer, council.

April 3—R. P. C. Wilson spoke at Platte City. His speech was published in the *Reveille*.

Citizens are setting out shade trees in the public square.

J. R. Swain, county commissioner, reports that he had erected hitching-posts and chains on three sides of the public square, at a cost of \$246.

W. V. Slone is cleaning off, grading, and sowing in grass the public square.

Workmen are laying the foundation of the Catholic church at Platte City.

H. N. Jenks died recently in Massachusetts. He was county surveyor of Platte County for several terms, and was a man of some scientific attainments. He married August 26, 1855, Martha Miller.

ADAM RENNER.

Adam Renner died near Parkville. John Klam administered. Bond, \$2,000. He was a highly esteemed German. His wife's name was Elizabeth, and his children:

I. MARY RENNER.

II. JOHN RENNER, m'd Dec. 22, 1892, Lena Eckart, dr. of Geo.

April 8—A severe wind storm blew away part of the porch of Daughters' College.

April 10—Jo Simpson's mill burned. Loss, \$600.

Grand jury at April term: T. W. Davis (foreman), T. W. R. Brasfield, K. B. Cecil, F. G. Cockrill, H. Colman, Sr., Jos. Irving, W. K. Faulconer, John Kinnaman, Pembert McComas, James B. Moore, D. D. Newman, C. C. Redman, J. W. Steele, Wm. Stephens, Jos. Todd, D. J. Thorp, N. E. Wilkinson.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Revenue collected.. . . .	\$77,440.32
Warrants drawn.. . . .	70,370.64
Surplus.. . . .	\$7,069.68

Levy, county and State, \$2.05. Assessment of the whole State, \$571,166,523.

Assessment of 1870.

Lands.. . . .	\$3,630,389.00
Lots.. . . .	487,280.00
Brokers.. . . .	12,440.00
Corporations.. . . .	320,800.00
Horses, 8,624.. . . .	466,155.00
Mules, 1,799.. . . .	136,220.00
Cattle, 15,514.. . . .	276,000.00
Sheep, 11,352.. . . .	13,552.00
Hogs, 55,126.. . . .	271,945.00
Other property.. . . .	1,206,785.00

Total assessment.. . . . \$6,821,566.00

Specific Expenditures.

P. & G. R. Railroad bonds.. . . .	\$13,821.00
P. & G. R. Railroad bonds.. . . .	7,138.00
Delinquent school taxes.. . . .	263.00
Bridge Commissioner (Slone).. . . .	997.00
Bee Creek bridge.. . . .	618.00
Pleasant Ridge bridge.. . . .	439.00
W. G. Cox's bridge.. . . .	550.00
Downing's Mill bridge.. . . .	190.00
Prairie Creek bridge.. . . .	163.00
Iatan bridge.. . . .	350.00
Marshall Township bridge.. . . .	203.00
Bridge north of New Market.. . . .	200.00
Bridge near T. Clay.. . . .	268.00
Bridges on Bee Creek and Rush.. . . .	5,396.00
Weston Court of Common Pleas.. . . .	682.00
Stationery.. . . .	554.00
Printing.. . . .	706.00
Wood.. . . .	470.00
Criminal costs.. . . .	810.00
Jury fees.. . . .	188.00
Registration.. . . .	724.00
Commissioner (Ira Norris).. . . .	432.00
Insurance of court-house.. . . .	500.00
Interest paid on county warrants.. . . .	18,970.00
Roads.. . . .	2,057.00
Poor.. . . .	3,046.00
Court-house.. . . .	650.00
Jail.. . . .	348.00
County Judges.. . . .	705.00
Assessor (Kaufman).. . . .	505.00
Assessor (Hamm).. . . .	116.00
County Clerk (Lewis).. . . .	3,217.00
Circuit Clerk (Tufts).. . . .	374.00

Sheriff (Belt).....	\$ 471.00
Superintendent of Schools (Himrod).....	387.00
Superintendent of Schools (Woodson).....	113.00
County Attorney (Anderson).....	500.00
Treasurer (Flannery).....	951.00
Sundries.....	2,298.64
Total.....	\$70,370.64

County Debt.

P. & G. R. Railroad bonds and interest.....	\$ 29,300.00
W. & A. Railroad bonds.....	20,790.00
Funding bonds.....	304,400.00
Interest.....	10,146.66
Due School Funds.....	13,636.95
Interest.....	454.56
County warrants out.....	6,708.71

Total.....\$364,854.78

But the clerk corrects the last statement (1870) by adding interest as follows:

Indebtedness as shown in 1870.....	\$339,569.85
Interest on \$2,000 W. & A. Railroad bonds.....	1,950.00
Interest on \$39,300 P. & G. R. Railroad bonds.....	39,000.00
Interest on \$269,758, four months.....	8,991.84
Interest on \$13,116 four months.....	437.22

True debt May 1, 1871.....\$389,948.91

May 3—Dr. Ed. McDonald is building a large frame residence on Lot 1, Block 30, Platte City.

D. R. Anthony purchases the Leavenworth *Times*.

May 18—Ascension Day observed by Belt Commandery, No. 9, with a festival at the Green House. Among the distinguished guests present were: John D. Vincil, Grand Commander of Missouri; R. R. Rees, Past Grand High Priest of Kansas; Geo. W. Belt, Grand Captain-General of the United States; F. M. Tufts, Grand Captain-General of Missouri. The attendance was large, and good order prevailed. At the election of officers for Belt Commandery Sir Knight J. S. Brasfield was chosen Eminent Commander.

May 20—Edgerton is selected for the depot on the C. & S. W. Railway, and at once becomes an important point. It absorbs Ridgely.

A Farmers' Club meets weekly at New Market to discuss agricultural subjects; P. P. Shouse is president.

LEWIS S. CORBIN.

May 24—Lewis S. Corbin died at his home three miles east of Platte City. He was born in Henry County, Ky., July 26, 1809. His father was John R. Corbin, an emigrant from England to Virginia. His mother was Sidney Owen, a native of Virginia. Mr. Lewis S. Corbin married June 17, 1830, in Bourbon County, Ky. Elizabeth Dickinson, who was born January 11, 1811, and died October 11, 1874. They came to Platte in 1843. He was a man of intelligence, courage, and spirit. As a farmer he was successful, and as a citizen was highly esteemed. Ch:

- I. FANNIE CORBIN, b. May 15, 1831, in Kentucky; m'd Dec. 10, 1859, Mat Owens, of Kentucky. Ch:
 1. *Luella Owens*, b. April 6, 1861; m'd Feb. 12, 1882, Chas. H. Shortridge.
 2. *Fannie F. Owens*, b. Nov. 28, 1870. She lives with her half-sister in Colorado.
- II. SIDNA C. CORBIN, b. Sept. 15, 1834; m'd May 31, 1855, C. B. Close. Live in De Kalb County, Mo.; 5 children.
- III. JOHN D. CORBIN, b. Nov. 12, 1832; m'd Feb. 11, 1858, Sallie A. Allison, dr. of Jas. H. He was drowned June 2, 1858, in Castile Creek, Clinton County, Mo. Ch:
 1. *Rachel D. Corbin*, m'd April 2, 1882, Ben F. Boyles.
 - Sallie, the widow, m'd 2d, Aaron Combs.
- IV. WILLIAM H. CORBIN, b. Sept. 8, 1836; m'd Feb. 19, 1852, Cinderella Stone, dr. of James (see); 3 children. Live in Clay.
- V. LEWIS S. CORBIN (ii), b. Oct. 15, 1838; m'd Mollie Dupey, of Clay. She is dead. He lives in Bates County.
- VI. EMILY S. CORBIN, b. in Kentucky April 5, 1841; m'd April 14, 1864, Geo. W. Farmer, b. Nov. 5, 1839. Ch:
 1. *Lewis Farmer*, b. July 20, 1867.
 2. *Geo. D. Farmer*, b. March 10, 1869.
 3. *Thomas C.*, b. July 4, 1877.
 4. *Lela A.*, b. Aug. 28, 1880.
- VII. ANN E. CORBIN, b. in Shelby County, Mo., June 18, 1843; m'd April 17, 1866, John Calvin Davis. Ch:
 1. *John William Davis*, m'd June 6, 1894, Anna Brightwell, dr. of R. T. (See.)
 2. *Delia*. 3. *Jephtha H.*
- VII. LAURA A. CORBIN, b. in Platte Feb. 26, 1846.
- IX. MELISSA D. CORBIN, b. Nov. 15, 1848; m'd July 27, 1875, W. W. Davis (brother of J. C.) Ch:
 1. *Dudley Davis*.
- X. THOMAS O. CORBIN, b. June 10, 1852; m'd Sallie M. Wade. Children:
 1. *Eddie Corbin*, lives in Clay.
- XI. JOS. A. CORBIN, b. March 28, 1856; m'd May 1, 1878, Susan Robertson. (See.)

May 27—The C. & S. W. Railway has been completed to Cameron, and by the kindness of S. C. Woodson, the children of Platte City were treated to an excursion to Cameron. The cars were packed, hilarity prevailed, no accident occurred, and all were delighted.

JUNE.

June 1—County court borrows \$8,000 of School Funds, at 10 per cent interest.

The first sale of lots in Edgerton.

June 2—The last issue of the *Reveille*; it is consolidated with the *Landmark*, and Park and McCluer are editors.

Strawberry and ice cream festival at the court-house, to raise money to buy a Methodist parsonage.

June 6—L. Shepard issued his first *Ventilator*. They were handbills published and disseminated over the county, charging extravagance and corruption on the county court and officers. They were opportune in their appearance, as the enormous debt of the county had alarmed the people, and a ready ear was given to the charges. The voters only wanted a leader, and found one—at least fearless, if not discreet—in Mr. Shepard. Instead of answering Mr. Shepard's glaring charges, supported by figures, the *Landmark* treated them with scorn and contempt, which convinced the public that the charges were true. Three numbers were printed by Shepard, in Leavenworth, and were generally read. Men took sides, and the war between "Ring" and "Sore-head" was inaugurated.

The first number of the *Landmark* issued at Platte City by Park and McCluer.

June 10—Tournament at New Market. Jas. Dean and Geo. Cartwright were victors, Laura Duty was Queen of Beauty, and Ellen Dean was Queen of Love.

June 11—The corner-stone of the Catholic church at Platte City laid by Bishop Hogan.

Two daily mails at Platte City.

The new railroads kill much stock and produce litigation.

The county borrows \$20,000 of Platte Savings Institution to meet the July interest on bonds.

It is said \$30,000 have been raised for the Orphan School, of which \$20,000 is for a permanent fund.

June 27—Daughters' College Commencement exercises. Graduates: Helen Cockrill, Mollie Darnall, M. J. Holland. The address was made by N. B. Anderson, and the diplomas presented by Rev. T. P. Haley.

Corn is promising. Jeff. J. Park's house, five miles east of Platte City, is complete.

JULY.

July 4—Smithville had a large picnic, addressed by T. P. Haley, O. D. Allen, and Henry Smith. Parkville had an impromptu meeting, and New Market a railroad meeting.

July 8—A second number of the *Ventilator* issued by L. Shepard, and discontent intensified.

"Sorehead" meeting at Prairie Point. J. E. Merryman spoke, resolutions passed, favoring economy in county expenditures. The "Ring" papers published them with ridicule. The "Soreheads" have no paper, but the hostile feeling is growing.

NEWSPAPERS.

The *Landmark* is removed to Platte City, and the *Reveille* ceases. The *Border Times* stops. For two weeks there is no paper in Weston. The first number of the *Platform* announces the death of the *Border Times*, and publishes its obituary. Then comes the *Missouri Commercial*.

Geo. Reed pleads guilty of murder in the second degree, for killing Thomas Brown at Ridgely January 27, 1871, and is sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years.

July 13—A severe storm; corn is damaged.

July 17—Levi Hurst cut a bee-tree with three distinct swarms of bees—and a five-foot blacksnake.

Henry Basye takes the Green House at Platte City.

The people of Atchison, Kansas, vote to take \$50,000 stock in the Atchison branch of the C. & S. W. Railway.

Dr. E. McDonald's residence in Platte City is complete.

The Missouri River is casting a bar in the port of Weston.

July 22—Tournament at the fair grounds. William Blakley, the victor, chose Jennie Remington as Queen of Love, and Lizzie Belt as Queen of Beauty.

Prairie Point church and school-house burned by an incendiary. A subscription was raised, and another building was soon up.

Apples are good, abundant, and cheap. C. C. Redman is buying and shipping at Tracy.

July 25—St. Jacob's Day observed at Weston.

An affray at Platte City between James Pope and Thomas Madden—both badly hurt.

PLATTE CITY MILLS.

A. L. Freeze, for \$450 paid by Clinton Cockrill, agrees to remove the steam mill frame, and erect it on the foundation of the water mill, which had been burned. The work was satisfactorily done.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—The distillers announce in the papers that they will give one gallon of brandy for 8 bushels of apples or peaches.

Emancipation Day observed by the negroes of Weston.

Aug. 5—Three picnics near Platte City to-day.

Aug. 8—Tournament in Cain's pasture. Jas. D. Adkins was the successful knight; Lula Pitt was chosen Queen of Beauty, and Delia Chestnut Queen of Love.

The Platte City & Weston Turnpike sold by the sheriff, under execution, and bought by the plaintiff, William Jewell College. The county bought it of the college, and made a public road of it. It is still the worst road in Platte County.

Aug. 11—"Sorehead" meeting at the fair grounds; A. Tribble chairman, James Adkins secretary. Addresses by Adkins, Burge, Merryman, Morin and Shepard. Herndon spoke for the "Ring." Resolutions were passed favoring one judge for county court, the treasurer to be *ex-officio* collector, the reduction of the number of county officers, the abolishment of the office of road commissioner and county attorney, and the grand jury system, only two terms of circuit court, reduction of county printing to \$200, etc. The county papers were charged with encouraging extravagance, and a new paper to advocate reform was suggested. The proceedings were ordered to be printed in the Leavenworth papers.

A shooting affray on Main Street, in Platte City, between J. H. Jones and Gar. Chesnut. No one hurt.

Sam Fulton advertises his Weston property for sale, with a purpose of leaving. He went south and west, became an enthusiastic evangelist, did a vast amount of missionary work, and, though broken down by arduous labors, is still zealously preaching the gosepel in California.

The fair-ground booths rented for \$996.

H. T. Hamm has the contract to re-build Prairie Point church.

Aug. 17—Picnic at the fair grounds, for the Catholic Church at Platte City.

Aug. 20—Tournament at Mrs. Taylor's; William Alderson victor, and Nannie Foley Queen of Love.

Aug. 22—Dalman, Robinson & Co. take the contract to build the Atchison Branch of the C. & S. W. Railway at a little over \$9,000 per mile.

Aug. 23—Tournament at St. Joseph; W. L. Blakley and other Platte County boys take the honors.

The Leavenworth *Commercial* espouses the cause of the "Sore-heads."

An omnibus is run by Blakley and Cockrill between Platte City and Weston.

Aug. 28—The ladies of Weston give a concert for the benefit of the Kansas City Orphans' Home.

Aug. 30—L. Shepard issues another *Ventilator* against the "Ring." The *Landmark* of the 8th of September replies.

Aug. 31—The last rail of the through line of the C. & S. W. Railway is laid.

Wheat is a fair average; corn is excellent.
Generous rains.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—A project is on foot to start a "Sorehead" paper. It might have failed, had not the *Landmark* bitterly attacked and ridiculed its friends.

Platte City Public School opened with 105 scholars. W. A. Wash is principal, and Martha Jack assistant.

Sept. 3—W. K. Faulconer is elected president of the fair, and J. F. Flannery secretary.

Sept. 8—James W. Bane becomes insane, advertises in the *Landmark* as an attorney, a jury finds him incapable of managing his affairs, and he is sent to the Lunatic Asylum. Dr. A. T. Guthrie is appointed his guardian.

Dr. B. F. Spencer, of Parkville, removes to Platte City, and opens a dentist's office.

The following Knights and ladies attended the Triennial Conclave at Baltimore: N. B. Anderson, J. Beery, G. W. Belt, I. P. Cartwright, A. J. Colman, T. H. Colman, F. Y. Flannery, W. H. Hunt, B. W. Gilbert, Thos. E. Jenkins, E. J. Miller, T. W. Park, F. M. Tufts.

Sept. 10—Tracy is improving. John Ryan has finished his hotel. C. C. Redman is purchasing quantities of apples.

Sept. 14—Weston petitions the county court to order an election to authorize that city's subscription of \$75,000 stock in the Central Railroad. The election was ordered for October 10, 1871.

DR. THOMAS BEAUMONT.

Sept. 25—Dr. Thomas Beaumont died one mile east of Platte City, where he was living. He was born in Yorkshire, England, December 21, 1811. At 8 years of age he came to the United States, and settled at Lisbon, Ohio. His professional education was received at the Medical College of Philadelphia. He was a man of literary acquirements, and one of the best bred and most urbane gentleman of the day. His delicacy of sentiment and re-

finement of manner rendered him an agreeable companion; and his professional education and courtesy elevated him among his fellows of the healing art. His handsome and commanding person and the civility of his address rendered him charming in society. He first married Miss Nace, who was mother of:

I. GODFREY BEAUMONT, m'd Mattie Newsome. Ch:

1. *Eddie*. 2. *Forney*. 3. *A girl*. 4. *Joseph*. 5. *Katie*.

They live in Texas

Dr. Beaumont married, second, in Lafayette Co., Mo., Mary Emerson. Ch:

II. DAVID BEAUMONT. He lives in Kansas.

Dr. Beaumont married, third, Lucy Sanford, b. Nov. 29, 1836; d. June 16, 1867. Ch:

III. ELLA BEAUMONT, b. April 3, 1854; m'd April 10, 1877, Jacob S. Hamm, b. July 2, 1844, son of Judge Hamm. Ch:

1. *Beaumont Hamm*, b. March 16, 1878.

2. *Lucy Leona Hamm*, b. July 31, 1881.

IV. TANEY BEAUMONT. (See.)

V. WILLIAM P. BEAUMONT, b. July 9, 1858; m'd Mattie Evans. Ch:

1. *Louise Beaumont*.

VI. ROBERT LEE BEAUMONT, b. April 27, 1861; m'd Sept. 2, 1884, Emma Davis, dr. of R. T. Ch:

1. *True Davis Beaumont*. 2. *Lucy Beaumont*. 3. *Mary*.

Dr. Beaumont married, fourth, Amanda Queen, née Hunt. (See). Dr. Beaumont spent the years of his early manhood in Louisiana. He thence removed to Lexington, Mo., and finally came to Platte. He was a zealous member of the Christian Church, his feelings were enlisted in favor of the Orphan School at Camden Point, and he was president of the board of trustees of that institution. He was active and far-seeing in every enterprise for moral, social, or religious improvement.

Sept. 28—Telegraph wires are up to Tracy.

Sept. 30—The great fire at Chicago.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 4—Hallie McDonald, daughter of F. M. McDonald, of Parkville, accidentally burned to death.

The following from Platte City attended the St. Louis fair: Belt, Brasfield, Gilbert, Johnson, Talbott.

Oct. 7—Reinterment of Confederate soldiers killed at Camden Point July 13, 1864.

Platte River extremely low.

PLATTE COUNTY CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Oct. 10—The election resulted: 216 for, 161 against, the proposed subscription of \$75,000. The bonds were defeated, as the law requires two-thirds. The railroad also failed.

Oct. 15—The school-house near Simpson Park's burned. Col. W. P. Chiles was teacher.

Rebecca P. Redman, wife of C. C. Redman, died at Platte City. The family removed to California.

The Catholic church at Platte City dedicated by Bishop Hogan.

Daughters' College, the public school, and Prof. Conway's private school, all at Platte City, are largely attended.

THE McCLAIN FAMILY.

Oct. 21—Thomas McClain died at his home, on Bee Creek. Three brothers, William, George, and Thomas McClain, came to Platte about 1837.

I. WILLIAM McCLAIN

Is frequently mentioned in early records of Platte. He started to California and died on the way.

II. GEORGE McCLAIN

Married Catherine Roberts, and died in September, 1866. Ch:

I. JOHN McCLAIN, b. in Montgomery Co., Ky., Oct. 31, 1813; d. Feb. 21, 1897; m'd 1st, his cousin, Rachel McClain, dr. of Thomas. They came to Boone Co., Mo., and thence, in 1837, to Platte. In 1841 they went to Nodaway Co., but returned in 1866. They settled on Bee Creek. Ch:

1. *Emily McClain*, married Albert Hair. Children: [a] Sallie Hair, m'd Dec. 25, 1890, Albert Montgomery. Ch: [1] Ruth. [b] Mary Ellen Hair; [c] Birdie; [d] Daisie.

2. *Catherine McClain*, married Elijah Ford. Children: [a] Jas. A. Ford. They live in Nodaway.

3. *Andrew J. McClain*, b. May 5, 1841, m'd Lucy Jameson. Ch: [a] John McClain (iii); [b] Jasper N. McClain; m'd Feb. 11, 1890, Eliza English, dr. of William A.; [c] Ida McClain, m'd Dec. 20, 1891, Ed. C. Lindsay. Ch: [1] Thurman Lindsay; [d] Cora McClain; [d] Luda McClain; [f] James; [g] Noble.

4. *Sarah McClain*.

5. *Malinda*, m'd Geo. Mozee; no children.

6. *James McClain*, b. March 7, 1855.

7. *Mary McClain*.

John McClain (i), m'd 2d, Cynthia Winn; no children.

II. SALLY ANN McCLAIN, m'd Hiram Groves. Live in Nodaway.

III. GEO. McCLAIN (ii), m'd Jane Baker, of Nodaway.

IV. KATIE McCLAIN, m'd Geo. Arm; both died in Nodaway.

V. JAMES McCLAIN, died in Nodaway.

II. THOMAS McCLAIN

Was a man of large frame, sound judgment, and stern integrity. Reared in Montgomery County, Ky., he came first to Boone County, Mo., and thence to Platte, in 1837, settling on Bee Creek. He died in 1871. Ch:

I. JOHN McCLAIN (ii), m'd a Lanter, and lives in Kansas.

II. LEVI D. McCLAIN, killed in the Confederate army; m'd Elizabeth Yohe, dead. Ch:

1. *William T. McClain*, b. May 30, 1857; m'd Feb. 14, 1886, Julia Jones, dr. of John. Ch: [a] Harry Lee, b. Nov. 6, 1886.

III. LUCINDA McCLAIN, m'd Edward Smith. (See.)

IV. RACHEL McCLAIN (above).

V. ELIZABETH McCLAIN, dead; m'd Jan. 6, 1848, David Laswell, d. July 7, 1884. Ch:

1. *Ruth Laswell*, m'd Isaac Laswell (cousin). Children: [a] Elizabeth; [b] David; [c] Racket; [d] Bettie.

VI. MALINDA McCLAIN, dead; m'd Wm. Baxter, of Kansas.

Oct. 21—The County Medical Society met at Weston.

PLATTE COUNTY "DEMOCRAT."

Oct. 27—L. Shepard issued the first number of the *Democrat*. Its motto was "Economy," and its policy was to expose the extravagance of the "Ring" party then in power. It arraigned the county court for contracting a debt of \$400,000, and the officers generally for dealing in county warrants; and it demanded retrenchment and reform in county affairs. It made open war on all the other papers, because they supported the "Ring."

Oct. 31—John Foley killed in Platte City by Dan Kenney. Nothing done.

Arch. Hill, postmaster at Ridgely, is detected in opening letters and robbing the mail, and sent by the United States District Court to the penitentiary, for ten years.

The post-office at Ridgely and Union Mills discontinued.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 1—A monument unveiled at Camden Point, erected to the memory of the Confederates who fell there September 13, 1864. R. P. C. Wilson made the address.

J. F. Flannery's store in Platte City partly burned.

Nov. 8—Thos. E. Park, in an article in the *Democrat*, attacks R. P. C. Wilson's "passive policy."

Nov. 10—Democratic meeting at the court-house; Norton and R. P. C. Wilson spoke. Resolutions were passed for the abolishment of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, in favor of only two terms of circuit court, and against the \$18 tax upon the county for juries.

THE BRITTON JUDGMENT.

It is considered by a public meeting at Platte City, and it is resolved to oppose its execution by every legal means.

THOMAS J. THOMAS.

Nov. 24—Thomas J. Thomas killed by a railroad train near Parkville. His widow, Malinda, administered. Bond, \$2,000. She died in 1883. Ch:

- I. MARTHA J. THOMAS, b. April 1, 1824; m'd 1st, a Martin, and was mother of John Martin (ii). She m'd 2d, Charles Merrit, b. June 24, 1821. He is a worthy farmer, and they reside near Waldron; no children.
- II. GEO. W. THOMAS, m'd Feb. 29, 1866, Roberta Hopkins.
- III. SARAH M. THOMAS, m'd Wm. Compton.
- IV. JULIA A. THOMAS, m'd a Cornwell.
- V. NOBLE C. THOMAS, m'd Aug. 10, 1879, Emily Jameson.
- VI. NANCY THOMAS, m'd a Stoner.
- VII. MALINDA THOMAS.
- VIII. JOHN H., died leaving:
 1. *Thomas J. (ii).*

DECEMBER.

JAMES NASH.

Dec. 1—James Nash died at his home, five miles north of Platte City. He was a son of Samuel Nash, of Virginia, and came, a youth, to Platte County, where he married, December 23, 1847, Sarah Wallace, born in Ireland December 28, 1822. She was a daughter of Andrew Wallace, and sister of James, of East Leavenworth. Ch:

- I. JOHN W. NASH, b. Feb. 15, 1844; m'd Dec. 12, 1881, Bettie Hulett, dr. of Ambrose. Ch:
 1. *W. Allen Nash.* 2. *Verdie.*
- II. MOLLIE NASH, b. Oct. 10, 1846; m'd Sept. 6, 1871, W. A. Pyles. Live in Kansas City, Kansas; no children.
- III. KATE NASH, b. Nov. 18, 1853; m'd March 8, 1894, John H. Dillingham, b. in Sept., 1853. (See.)
- IV. WILLIAM NASH, b. Nov. 10, 1857; m'd Feb. 19, 1882, Anna Hulett. Ch:
 1. *Howard Nash.* 2. *Mabel.*
- V. SALLIE NASH, b. June 2, 1858; d. Nov. 3, 1895; m'd March 14, 1889, John R. Allen. Ch:
 1. *Grace Allen.*

Dec. 2—The Missouri River bridge at Leavenworth is complete.

ABEL GILBERT.

Abel Gilbert died at Weston. He was born in Hastings, Canada, August 12, 1812, came to Illinois in 1831, thence to Independence, Mo., in 1838, and to Weston in 1839. In 1851 he engaged in the Salt Lake City trade, and made many trips across the plains. In his mercantile ventures, he sometimes made largely, and at other times lost. But while he left little property to distribute to his children at his death, he was able to give them finished educations, and promising starts in life. He was an enthusiastic Mason, and all his sons inherited his love of the mystic art. He married in Joliet, Ill., August 6, 1835, Hannah Pasto, born December 23, 1814, daughter of Joseph Pasto and Elizabeth Fist. She still lives in Weston. Ch:

- I. SAMUEL A. GILBERT, b. May 19, 1836, in Joliet, Ill.; m'd in Weston April 14, 1859, Martha McConnell. After a classical education, Samuel studied law, and commenced practice in Weston. When the war broke out he took a decided stand for the Union, insomuch that, in November, 1861, Secessionists carried him off to the South. But when discharged, he returned to his home, and retained his loyalty. March 7, 1862, he was appointed probate judge, and, by repeated elections, held the office for ten years. In November, 1864, he was chosen a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, with W. A. Morton, of Clay, as his associate. But here he found himself in a minority. He was too liberal and conservative in his sentiments. The Ousting Ordinance took from him his judicial position, but the people, at the next election, restored it to him. In August, 1873, he removed to Atchison, Kansas. But he soon returned, and, in January, 1875, was appointed judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas. He resigned October 4, 1875, and July 6, 1878, he received the appointment of deputy insurance commissioner for the State. Since that time he has been unsettled, and was in Texas a year or two ago. For versatility of talent, legal acumen, oratory, and repartee, he is unsurpassed, but he is too vacillating and irresolute. Ch:

1. *Alice Gilbert*, b. in Weston April 2, 1860.

2. *S. R. Gilbert*, b. Feb. 12, 1874.

- II. FRANKLIN GILBERT, b. April 9, 1840; d. April 10, 1877; m'd May 13, 1858, Martha E. Reynolds, b. Feb. 25, 1836; d. June 30, 1883. She was a daughter of William Reynolds. Children:

1. *Ada M. Gilbert*, b. Jan. 8, 1859; m'd Jan. 20, 1879, Jas. P. Mundy. (See.)

2. *Birdie H. Gilbert*, b. July 19, 1864; m'd April 15, 1885, W. C. Dickson.

- III. CYRUS P. GILBERT, b. April 9, 1840; d. Aug. 2, 1876; m'd Dec. 13, 1865, Mary E. Purdy, daughter of David. Ch:

1. *Cora S. Gilbert*, b. Oct. 6, 1866.

2. *Cyrus H.*, b. Dec. 23, 1875.
- IV. WILLIAM WOODS GILBERT, b. Feb. 25, 1842; m'd Nov. 2, 1864, Mollie Taylor. Ch:
1. *Arlington*.
 2. *Eula*.
 3. *Winnogena*.
- V. BEN WOOD GILBERT, b. April 26, 1846; d. Aug. 9, 1878; m'd Nov. 2, 1875, Belle Armstrong (Miller), dr. of C. P. Mrs. Gilbert survived her husband, and m'd 2d, S. F. Goodson, of Omaha, Neb. Mr. Gilbert was deputy county clerk, and was literary in his tastes and convivial in his habits.
- VI. CELESTIA GILBERT, b. Aug. 26, 1848; m'd Oct. 20, 1869. Hector Lithgow. Ch:
1. *Ella Lithgow*, b. Feb. 1, 1871.
 2. *Frank*, b. March 18, 1873.
- VII. THOMSON A. GILBERT, b. July 26, 1851; m'd Nov. 2, 1875. Ella Story, b. March 15, 1855, dr. of Capt. G. S. Story. Ch:
1. *Leta*, b. Aug. 31, 1876.
 2. *Waller*, b. Dec. 4, 1878.

Mr. Gilbert is a handsome and military-looking gentleman. He spent several years in Utah; had the experiences of a Western merchant, was agent for the K. C., St. J. & C. B. Railroad at Weston, and is now living at St. Joseph. He takes delight in Masonry, and other occult orders.

Dec. 4—William C. Wells licensed as an attorney.

Dec. 6—The Legislature met. The "Soreheads" circulated a petition, which was largely signed, praying the Legislature for certain reforms.

J. L. McCluer sells his interest in the *Landmark* to N. B. Anderson. McCluer becomes agent for the Ætna Insurance Company for the State of Kentucky, and removes to Louisville.

Dec. 21—The criminal costs bill of Platte County for the year 1871 was \$9,130.68—more than any other county in the State, except St. Louis. The announcement of this fact creates much dissatisfaction, and strengthens the "Sorehead" party.

1872.

OFFICERS.

Governor, B. Gratz Brown; State Senator, Col. J. H. Birch (ii); Circuit Judge, P. Lucas; Circuit Attorney, J. G. Woods; Sheriff, G. W. Belt; Treasurer, R. T. Darnall; Superintendent of Schools, S. C. Woodson; Surveyor, W. V. Slone; Representatives, W. H. Ballard and R. P. C. Wilson; Circuit Clerk, F. M. Tufts; Probate Judge, S. A. Gilbert; County Justices, Brasfield, Hamm, and Talbott; County Clerk, T. W. Park; Assessor, H. T. Hamm; Coroner, J. H. Chinn; Public Administrator, W. F. Yocom.

PRICES.

Apples, 75 cents; butter, 20 cents; chickens, \$3; corn, 30 cents; bacon, hams, 12 cents; beeves, 5 cents; flour, \$5; hemp, \$60; wheat, \$2; hogs, \$4; wood, \$3.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Forman, Herndon, Merryman, Norton, Paxton, Pitt, Wells, Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Guthrie, Johnson, McDonald, Smith, Spencer.

Merchants, etc.—Basye, Blakley & Cockrill, Brady, A. J. & T. H. Colman, English, Fleshman, Gaylord, Hatton, Hawley, Hickman, Hunt, Jenkins, Kiefer, Krause, Chas. Kurtz (postmaster), A. Kurtz, Lutes, Myles, Park, Recht, Swain & Mason, Smith, Wilkinson, Young, Zarn.

Newspapers—The *Landmark*, Park and Anderson editors; the *Democrat*, Shepard editor.

Platte County Agricultural and Mechanical Association—Faulconer president, Hatton clerk.

Lodges—Belt Commandery, No. 9, Brasfield, E. C.; Bernard Commandery, U. D. Anderson, E. C.; Melody Chapter, No. 21, Anderson, H. P.; Zerubbabel No. 191, Park, W. M.; Neb. Lodge, No. 12, T. Herndon, N. G.

Banks—Farmers' Savings Association, Cartwright cashier; Merryman, Paxton & Cockrill, Cockrill cashier.

Schools—Public, Wash principal; Daughters' College, Gaylord president; Conway, private school.

Preachers—J. W. Brown (Bap.), T. P. Haley (Chris.), D. R. Shackelford (M. E. S.), S. W. Cope presiding elder.

At Weston: Attorneys—Burnes, Campbell, Coburn, Doniphan, Fulton, Gilbert, Hitt, Reynolds, Roney, Watts.

Physicians—Bonifant, Peters, Price, Shortridge.

Merchants, etc.—Allen, Bernhart, Blanjour (postmaster), Briggs, Brill, Carpenter, Crowder, Deitz, Doppler, Ellifrit, Evans, Graves & Mason, Ellinger, Frank, Harper, Holladay, How, Inkelhans, Jacquemin & Hamm, Keller, Kenney, Kurtz, Lewis, Lipscomb, Magers, Maitland, Martin, Millar & Steele, Moore, Newhouse, Noble, Nolly, Parr, Perry, Raileys, Reed, Ringo, Rhoring, Schneider, Sesson, Siler, Story & Tatman, Weber, Weiser, Wood, Yocom.

Weston Court of Common Pleas—J. Doniphan, judge; Yocom, clerk; Story, marshal.

Lodges—Commandery, No. 2, Miller, E. C.; Royal Arch Chapter, No. 4, Newhouse, H. P.; Lodge No. 53, Newhouse, W. M.; Unanimity, No. 366, Lewis, W. M.; Phoenix, No. 30, Maitland, N. G.; Frontier Encampment, No. 2, J. W. Tilton, C. P.

Bank—Platte Savings Institution; Railey & Bro.

Preacher—J. Bird (M. E.).

At Parkville: Bemis, Bueneman (postmaster), Busch, Carmody, Dziubon, Campbell, Davis & Dooly, Halsey, Kahm, Luthy, McDonald, Moore, Mitchell, Nash, Park, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld, Wood.

At Camden Point: Dr. Brock, Dr. Coffey, Farris (postmaster), Broadhurst (O. S.), N. Davidson (W. M.), Woodson.

At East Leavenworth: Cox, Jacks, Wiese.

At Edgerton: J. R. Swain (postmaster), Handley, Clemings.

At Farley: Dr. Harrington, Dr. Holt, H. Meads (postmaster), Bledsoe.

Lodges—Fidelity Lodge, No. 339, Wallace, W. M.; Farley Lodge, No. 177, Ratcliffe, N. G.

At Hampton: Funk.

At Iatan: Holder, McKee, Larry, Smith (postmaster).

At New Market: Armstrong, Bryant, Cartwright, Johnson, Moore & George.

At Shivelton: Woolston.

At Tracy: Ryan, Tribble.

At Waldron: Scott (postmaster), Waldrons.

JANUARY.

URIAH MOTHERSHEAD.

Jan. 1—Uriah Mothershead having died, J. W. Mothershead administered. Bond, \$500. He lived near Parkville. His ch:

I. MOLLIE MOTHERSHEAD, m'd W. T. Henderson.

II. ANNA MOTHERSHEAD, m'd Oct. 20, 1859, Maj. J. M. Clark, an officer of the "Pawpaw" militia—a man of excellent qualities and highly esteemed. When the "Pawpaws" proved disloyal, he was much mortified, and incurred much condemnation. When, in 1868, he was nominated by the Democrats for assessor, the Radical board disfranchised him. His wife died, leaving children; and in February, 1881, he removed to Clay, where he now resides.

III. JOHN W. MOTHERSHEAD, m'd March 1, 1882, Euphemia Frazier. He d. in Feb., 1887, and his widow m'd 2d, March 12, 1889, Judge J. C. Summers.

Jan. 5—Good Templars Lodge, No. 387, organized at Platte City, with J. W. Hamm, W. C. T., and 50 members.

Jan. 8—The anniversary of the battle of New Orleans was observed, as usual, by the Democrats, at the court-house. Col. J. H. Winston presided. A series of resolutions offered by Jesse Morin were passed, and the "passive policy," of making no Democratic nominations, was recommended. Merryman and Norton were appointed to investigate the charges of corruption made against county officers. "Soreheads" were in control, and a petition praying for reform, signed by 1,200 voters, was sent to the Legislature.

Jesse Morin and Clint. Cockrill advertise as divorce lawyers—a burlesque.

Jan. 17—A leap-year party held at Odd Fellows' hall in Platte City.

Jan. 21—George Prior drowned at East Leavenworth.

Jan. 23—James F. Flannery, a merchant of Platte City, makes a general assignment to F. G. Cockrill.

WILLIAM BYWATERS.

Jan. 29—William Bywaters died at his home near Camden Point. His parents were John Bywaters, born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1767, and Elizabeth Cook, of the same county, born in 1784. William was born February 19, 1793. He married December 21, 1826, Susan Luttral, born May 27, 1793. He was large of stature and of imposing dignity. He brought with him a large amount of money, and left his children comfortable fortunes. Children:

- I. ELIZABETH FRANCES BYWATERS, b. Aug. 31, 1829; d. June 26, 1853; m'd Sept. 10, 1850, Geo. Wm. Jones. (Sec.)
 - II. JUNIUS OCTAVIUS BYWATERS, b. Jan. 26, 1831; d. May 16, 1872; m'd April 6, 1855, Ann E. Thomas, dr. of Rev. William H.; d. in 1896. Mrs. Bywaters was a handsome and accomplished woman. She was matron of the Baptist Female College at Liberty. Ch:
 1. *Wm. E. Bywaters*, dead.
 2. *Laura F. Bywaters*, b. in Feb., 1859; d. in Jan., 1893; m'd Oct. 16, 1878, Temple B. Anderson, b. April 20, 1855. Ch: [a] Willie B. Anderson, b. July 8, 1879.
 3. *Lula Bywaters*, b. in Jan., 1862; dead; m'd John Ranson.
 4. *Mary Bywaters*, b. April 17, 1864; m'd Dudley Cravens, of Camden Point. Ch: [a] Archie; [b] Dudley (ii).
 5. *Eudora Bywaters*, b. in Oct., 1866; m'd June 22, 1887, R. C. Rogers; children.
 - III. OSCAR F. BYWATERS, b. July 1, 1832; d. Jan. 12, 1858.
 - IV. RICHARD W. BYWATERS, b. April 17, 1836; d. Feb. 13, 1887; m'd April 24, 1862, Julia Stallard, b. Jan. 14, 1843, dr. of David. Ch:
 1. *Elma J.*, b. Sept. 14, 1869; m'd Jan. 1, 1889, E. R. Hull. Ch: [a] Richard H. Hull, b. Dec. 11, 1890.
 2. *Richard A. Bywaters*, b. Aug. 18, 1877.
 3. *William W.*, b. Aug. 14, 1879.
- Mrs. Julia Bywaters lives at Camden Point, an intelligent and worthy lady.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 2—Mad-dog alarm in Platte City.

ISAAC HOOVER.

Isaac Hoover having died, James H. Chinn administered. Bond, \$500. He was a common, hard-working farmer. He bought 80 acres of inferior land, four miles north of Platte City.

He married, first, September 21, 1847, Elender Brunts, daughter of John (ii). Ch:

- I. JAMES HOOVER, dead. II. NANCY. III. JOSEPH.
IV. MARGARET, m'd Aug. 8, 1873, Nat Boydston. (See.)
V. SARAH. VI. ABRAM.

ADDISON BURGE.

Addison Burge killed by Dr. F. M. Johnson. The wife of Dr. Johnson told her husband that, when watering her horse below Burge's spring, he had insultingly ordered her to leave. The next morning, as Burge was on his way to his place of business, Dr. Johnson called him to the sidewalk, west of what is now the Exchange Bank of Platte City, and spoke to Burge in a low tone, not heard by any witness. At the same time he drew a dagger from his bosom, and plunged it down to the heart of Burge, who fell forward with a groan, and the word "murder" on his lips. Two grand juries inquired into the matter and found no bill. The *Democrat* of February 23, 1872, contains the evidence taken at the examination. Burge was an outspoken "Sorehead," and Dr. Johnson gave his adhesion to the "Ring." Addison Burge was born February 20, 1824; married March 8, 1853, Amelia O. Jack, born April 8, 1831, and died December 5, 1892, daughter of L. C. Jack. (See.) Mr. Burge was for many years a druggist in Platte City. He possessed intelligence, courage, and independence. He, with T. F. Warner as his associate, represented the county in one Legislature. His tragic death intensified the feeling against the "Ring."

Feb. 22—The Democrats met at the court-house, in response to a call of the central committee; E. H. Norton chairman, and W. M. Paxton secretary. A "Sorehead" central committee was appointed for the next year.

Feb. 24—THOMAS J. WEBB, having died below Parkville, W. J. Webb administered. Bond, \$1,000. Children: 1, Nancy J. Roach; 2, Thos. Webb (ii); 3, Benj. F.; 4, Susanna; 5, Margaret.

WILLIAM KERR.

Feb. 29—William Kerr died. He was a farmer near the line of Clay. His father was Moses Kerr, and his wife was Elizabeth Dugan. Ch:

- I. MARGARET KERR, m'd Samuel Downs, in Indiana; 6 children. One, Henry, married Cordelia Wells, and now lives in Preston Township. All the family now live in Platte.
II. ELLEN KERR, m'd a Wilson, of Iowa.
III. JANE KERR, m'd David Heath, son of Israel. They live in Daviess County.

IV. SARAH KERR, m'd a Messimer. Live in Daviess County.
V. SAMANTHA KERR.

VI. WILLIAM KERR (ii), m'd Ann Searcy. Ch:

1. *Robert.* 2. *Margaret Kerr*, m'd a Helyon.
3. *Samuel*, m'd Nancy Duncan. 4. *Nora Kerr.*

VII. ADALINE KERR, m'd Feb. 29, 1860, Moses McComas, son of Burke. Ch:

1. *Wm. B. McComas*, m'd March 7, 1888, Etta Barnum.
2. *James McComas.*
3. *Mary McComas*, m'd Dec. 22, 1892, F. M. Dick.
4. *Maud McComas.*

VII. EZRA KERR. (See.)

William Kerr (i) married, second, in 1849, Sarah V. Hungerford, née Payne, born in Fleming County, Ky., Feb. 14, 1810. Ch:

IX. ALICE KERR, m'd J. W. Cumberland. (See.)

X. JAMES KERR. XI. SAMUEL KERR.

Sarah V. (Payne) first married Chas. Hungerford, who was father of:

I. MARY HUNGERFORD.

II. ALETHA, m'd Geo. W. Heath. (See.)

III. EMILY HUNGERFORD, m'd Asbury McComas.

IV. CHARLES.

MARCH.

March 1—Vincent Anderson having died, Jas. F. Pitts administered. He married June 13, 1861, Margaret E. Pitts. (See.)

JUDGE LUCAS IMPEACHED.

A committee of the Missouri House of Representatives, consisting of Ballard, Clark, and Hubbell, visited the counties composing this judicial circuit, and found enough crookedness to impeach Judge Lucas. The criminal costs he had certified correct amounted, the past year, to \$22,104. He gave certificates in blank, and the circuit clerks filled them out as they pleased. Platte County's costs exceeded all others in the State, except St. Louis. Articles of impeachment were sent to the Senate, but not adopted. The charges were: 1, Allowing jurors mileage every day; 2, Signing fee-bills in blank; 3, Having indictments found just to create costs.

The delinquent list of Platte County for 1871 was \$42,611.

G. R. Carnahan removes from Platte City to Kansas City. He was a painter by trade, and built the Sanders McComas house.

Four dram-shops in Platte City, and three churches.

I. WESTON KITCHEN.

March 8—Weston Kitchen died. He came from Virginia, and settled on Pleasant Ridge. He married Rhoda Lee. He was a brother of Henry Kitchen. Ch:

- I. DANIEL KITCHEN, single, living. II. SARAH, living.
 III. WESTON KITCHEN (ii).
 IV. GEO. KITCHEN, m'd a Burnham. 1 child:
 1. *George* (ii).
 V. MARY KITCHEN, m'd Jos. Radick. Ch:
 1. *Jos. Radick* (ii).
 2. *Sisk Radick*, m'd J. J. Felts, a Baptist preacher.
 VI. NANCY KITCHEN, dead; m'd Feb. 27, 1859, W. T. Brashear,
 b. June 20, 1822. Ch:
 1. *Wm. R. Brashear*. Lives on Bee Creek.
- II. HENRY KITCHEN.
- Henry Kitchen was a brother of Weston. He married Catherine Butler. Ch:
 I. CHARLES KITCHEN, m'd Jan. 11, 1855, Lou A. Miller (see),
 b. in Jan., 1837. Ch:
 1. *Ralph Kitchen*, m'd Mary Thatcher.
 2. *Charles*, m'd Jessie Thompson.
 3. *Jessie Kitchen*, m'd M. Cowherd.
 III. JAMES B. KITCHEN, m'd April 29, 1862, Josie Gabbert.
 (See.)
 III. SUSAN KITCHEN, m'd Jas. I. Gabbert. (See.)
 IV. JULIA KITCHEN, m'd Jan. 18, 1863, Moses Norris, a man
 of wealth and influence, residing near New Market.
 V. NELLIE KITCHEN, m'd Frank Sprague.
 VI. MINERVA KITCHEN, m'd Jas. McMinnis.

THE "PLATFORM."

March 15—This paper was on the side of the "Ring." Its nominal editor was F. H. Brooks. In the *Landmark* of March 7, 1895, we have its history from the pen of Mr. Brooks himself. He tells us that he was in the employ of a syndicate, composed of G. W. Belt, James N. Burnes, J. S. Brassfield, T. W. Park, and F. M. Tufts, to do such work as the decent papers of the county would not perform. His employers each paid \$5 per week, as a bonus, and all he could make from subscribers and advertisers. His stipend was paid weekly at the office of F. M. Tufts, in Platte City. He was instructed to defame the opposers of the "Ring." In his last issue of March 15, 1872, he turned the flood-gates of calumny upon Weston, and the night before its appearance he was off to Omaha, by train, without consulting his employers, or letting the public know of his intended departure. Under the heading "Hic Jacet," the ignominy and death of Weston was announced.

Henry Meads removes his store from Farley to Platte City.

March 18—The county court orders the interest, \$2,500, paid on the Green Township Strip bonds—J. E. Merryman agent.

The Legislature takes criminal jurisdiction from the Weston Court of Common Pleas.

March 22—Capt. W. A. Wash and J. W. Hamm are granted a column in the *Landmark* to advocate temperance.

March 30—The first railroad train crosses the Missouri on the Leavenworth bridge. The county road is open from Beverly to the bridge.

APRIL.

April 1—Judge Lucas opens circuit court, but immediately adjourns on account of his impeachment. His case is set for May 21st.

Col. J. A. Price is elected mayor of Weston.

April 5—A protracted meeting in the Christian church at Platte City results in 36 additions.

The depot of the Atchison Branch of the C. & S. W. Railway is located a half-mile north of New Market.

The Township Organization law passed.

April 13—William Burt having died, his widow, Mary A., administered. Bond, \$600. Their only child was Wm. Burt (ii).

April 18—Inauguration of the Missouri River bridge at Leavenworth. The exercises were held at the west end of the bridge. Anthony, Wilson, and Burnes addressed a concourse of 5,000 people.

Stock sales stately made at several points in the county.

April 30—The first plat of the town of Tracy filed. It was named for J. W. Tracy, superintendent of the C., R. I. & P. Railway.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Collections.	\$89,076.95
Warrants drawn.	59,536.04

Surplus.	\$39,540.91
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Abstract of Assessor's Book and May Statement.

Lands.	\$3,484,245.00
Lots.	414,845.00
Horses, 7,241.	321,025.00
Mules, 2,007.	107,960.00
Cattle, 12,981.	181,355.00
Sheep, 7,760.	8,680.00
Hogs, 46,585.	109,732.00
Other property.	834,109.00

Total.	\$5,461,951.00
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Levy for 1872, \$1.60, against \$2.05 for 1871. Taxes assessed for the county, \$61,333.

County Expenditures in Detail.

Stagner's bridge.. . . .	\$ 221.00
Jowler Creek bridge.. . . .	500.00
Bridge on the road to Liberty.. . . .	310.00
Barry bridge.. . . .	154.00
Parkville bridge.. . . .	200.00
McFarland's bridge.. . . .	200.00
Brush Creek bridge.. . . .	100.00
Roads, etc.. . . .	3,244.00
Interest on funding bonds.. . . .	31,903.00
Interest on School Funds.. . . .	1,364.00
Poor-house, etc.. . . .	2,969.00
Weston Court of Common Pleas.. . . .	1,146.00
W. & A. Railroad bonds.. . . .	218.00
P. & G. R. Railroad bonds.. . . .	3,558.00
Funding (Norris).. . . .	600.00
Index (Norris).. . . .	592.00
Criminal costs.. . . .	1,628.00
Court-house.. . . .	357.00
Jail.. . . .	479.00
County Justices.. . . .	809.00
Circuit Judge (Lucas).. . . .	75.00
Assessor (Hamm).. . . .	444.00
County Clerk (Park).. . . .	3,082.00
Sheriff (Belt).. . . .	403.00
Treasurer (Darnall).. . . .	1,260.00
County Attorney (Anderson).. . . .	478.00
Wood.. . . .	179.00
Superintendent of Schools (Woodson).. . . .	490.00
Stationery.. . . .	781.00
Printing.. . . .	901.00
Circuit Clerk.. . . .	602.00
	289.04
Total.. . . .	\$59,536.00

County Debt.

Funding bonds.. . . .	\$312,800.00
P. & G. R. Railroad bonds.. . . .	19,400.00
Warrants.. . . .	532.72
Due School Funds.. . . .	13,636.95
Interest from January 1.. . . .	10,881.22
	\$357,250.89

Platte County Agricultural and Mechanical Association.

Collections.. . . .	\$5,063.30
Expended.. . . .	5,377.70
Short.. . . .	\$314.40

Platte City Finances.

Collected	\$1,817.72
Paid out	1,383.74
Surplus	\$433.98

May 1—Lot-owners are required to pave in front of their property, in all the principal streets of Platte City.

"Dolly Vardens" are the fad.

The African M. E. Church are erecting a house on Atchison Hill, south of Platte City.

PLATTE CITY SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

W. A. Wash resigns as superintendent of the M. and P. Church at Platte City, and John R. Swain takes his place. W. C. Wells is superintendent of the Christian Sunday-school, and W. V. Slone starts the Baptist Sunday-school.

Paul Nolly is running a daily hack between Weston and Platte City.

May 9—Ascension Day; the Knights went to Leavenworth.

Platte City, by a vote, authorized the trustees to fund the town debt.

JUNE.

June 3—A Democratic meeting at the court-house. The "Ring" marshaled its strength. Free hacks were sent out, and free whisky went in. R. P. C. Wilson was nominated for governor, and Thomas McCarthy for State senator. The *Democrat* called the meeting a "drunken mob." After adjournment, a drunken man fell from the second floor of the court-house, down on the stone pavement, but he was too drunk to be hurt.

June 7—Judge Isaac Wood died near Smithville. He was a brother of Dr. Joseph Wood, the distinguished surgeon, of Kansas City; of Col. R. P. Wood, of Parkville; of Judge W. T. Wood, of Lexington, Mo.; and of Judge Lewis J. Wood, of Smithville. Platte County claims this illustrious family as her own pioneers.

Woodson & Wells and T. H. Colman have built brick houses in Block 30, Platte City, on Main Street.

June 14—Commencement at Daughters' College. Graduates: Minnie Redman, Lou Hulett, and Ella Neville.

Platte is placed in the 8th Congressional District, with Jackson, Clay, and Bates.

June 27—The Lucas impeachment trial opened before the Senate, with large numbers of the "Ring" men from Platte in attendance. On the 27th the charges were dismissed.

Mrs. Ellinger takes St. George Hotel, in Weston.

JULY.

July 1—Platte County Medical Society met at Platte City.

July 2—Con. Shehan, at night, fell off the Market Street bridge, in Weston, and was killed. His wife sued the city, and the case was compromised.

THE IOWA RAILROAD.

An election is held in Marshall and Green Townships to decide whether to take \$60,000, and to issue bonds for that purpose. Two-thirds of the votes cast favored the subscription.

The *Landmark's* supplement contains 3,000 tracts for sale for delinquent taxes.

July 5—Joel M. Owens having died, W. G. Graves administered. His widow is Serena Owens, and their children: Elizabeth Owens and James G. Owens.

July 8—Horace Greeley and B. Gratz Brown nominated, at Baltimore, for President and Vice-President.

July 9—County Sunday-school Convention at Platte City two days; Rev. W. H. Thomas moderator. The exercises were interesting and instructive. They adjourned to meet at Camden Point November 23d and 24th.

The *Landmark* takes the part of Judge Lucas, and the *Democrat* denounces him. County printing is discussed in ill temper.

July 18—Leavenworth Sunday-schools have a picnic at the fair grounds. Their diversions were sadly marred by the drowning in Platte River of one of the boys, named Charles Byrd. The water was about 15 feet deep; but James F. Pitt dived down, discovered the body, and brought it up.

July 26—The first number of the *Missouri Commercial* issued by H. Howard & Co., Democratic and "Ring."

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—Temperance picnic at Iatan, addressed by Beller, Carson, Cook, and Crawford.

Aug. 5—John Reed shot John Ecton at Smithville. Ecton died August 9th, and Reed was tried for murder in Platte April 9-12, and found not guilty.

Aug. 7—Speaking at the court-house by D. C. Allen, A. Comingo, B. J. Franklin, H. B. Branch, J. M. McMichael, J. E. Pitt, S. A. Gilbert, R. P. C. Wilson.

A bitter controversy is progressing in the papers, between Geo. C. Bingham and R. P. C. Wilson, candidate for nomination for governor.

C. C. Redman removes to California.

IOWA RAILROAD BONDS.

Aug. 16—The county court decides to issue the \$60,000 bonds voted by Weston and Green Townships, but an appeal is taken, and it is decided otherwise.

A splendid crop of corn.

JAMES H. HULL.

Aug. 17—James H. Hull died. He was born in Mason County, Ky., June 15, 1813; married, first, February 27, 1838, Clarinda Chandler. She died July 8, 1851, and he married, second, November 28, 1852, Emily J. Wilson, daughter of Azariah. He came to Platte in 1844. He was a farmer and mechanic. Children by first wife:

I. SAMUEL A. HULL, m'd Priscilla Gabbert. (See.)

II. WALTER S. HULL, b. in Mason Co., Ky.; m'd Dec. 27, 1867, Susan A. Lowe, dr. of Shelton J. (See.) Ch:

1. *Emma D. Hull*, m'd Sept. 15, 1886, Frank M. Dean.

2. *Jas. W. Hull*. 3. *Clarinda J.* 4. *Walter S. (ii).*

5. *Mary A.* 6. *Albert C. Hull*. 7. *Shelton J.*

8. *Lee C. Hull*.

James H. Hull had by his second wife:

III. CHARLES V. HULL, m'd June 19, 1882, Katie Baughman. Children:

1. *Grace Hull*. 2. *Mary J.* 3. *Bessie*. 4. *Cleo*.

5. *Charles*.

IV. EMMA A. HULL.

V. JAMES H. HULL, b. Oct. 20, 1863.

VI. EGBERT R. HULL, m'd Jan. 3, 1889, Elma E. Bywaters, dr. of R. W. (See.) Egbert and Edgar are twins.

VI. EDGAR W. HULL, m'd Elmira Layton. (See.)

WILLIAM FOLEY.

Aug. 20—William Foley having died, his widow, Mary Ann, administered. Bond, \$4,000. He lived in Marshall Township. Children:

I. ALLEN FOLEY.

II. A DAUGHTER, m'd a Berry, and died, leaving 4 children.

III. THOMAS W. IV. ROBERT.

V. MARY L. FOLEY, m'd Dec. 2, 1869, Jos. P. Gore.

VI. LUCY E.

HUGH SWANEY.

Aug. 26—Hugh Swaney died. His son, Oliver, administered. Bond, \$10,000. He came in 1842 from Wayne County, Ind., with considerable money, which he invested in negroes and land five miles east of Platte City. He was an active and outspoken Proslavery man, in and before the war. He made Masonry his religion, and was regarded as an excellent citizen. His parents

were James Swaney and Rebecca Worrel, of Ohio. Rebecca came west with her children and died here April 7, 1854, aged 67. Mr. Hugh Swaney married in Indiana, January 25, 1830, Ella M. Scott, born July 23, 1807, and died July 29, 1889. Ch:

- I. MARY JANE SWANEY, dead; m'd Aug. 24, 1848, Perry H. Collins. (See.)
- II. OLIVER HAMILTON SWANEY, b. Sept. 5, 1832, in Wayne Co., Ind.; came in June, 1842, to Platte, with his parents; m'd Dec. 25, 1866, Ann Walker, b. in 1844, dr. of Robert Walker and Charlotte Reeves, of Ray County. Mr. Swaney is an enterprising farmer, living on part of the Swaney homestead, five miles east of Platte City. In 1860 he labored in the mines of Pike's Peak; in 1861 was with Gen. Price at Lexington and in southwest Missouri; subsequently he visited northern Brazil, and returned home to live a contented life on his productive farm. Ch:
 1. *Hazzard P. Swaney*, b. in Oct., 1868.
 2. *John T. Swaney* (ii). 3. *Mary Ellen*. 4. *Lewis M.*
 5. *Oliver H. Swaney* (ii). 6. *Addison G.*
- III. JOHN T. SWANEY (i), m'd Lucy A. Williams. (See.)
- IV. ALBERT G. SWANEY, m'd Oct. 13, 1861, Nannie Lutes. Live in Clay.
- V. ALMIRA SWANEY, d. Feb. 10, 1895; m'd W. D. Winn, of Clinton.
- VI. LOUISA SWANEY, m'd Feb. 17, 1872, Ed. D. Ballard. They live in Madison Co., Ky.

THE SWANEY FAMILY.

James Swaney (i) and Rebecca Worrel were the parents. Children:

- I. HUGH (above). II. JOHN SWANEY (i). (See.)
- III. POLLY, m'd Garner Runyon.
- IV. JAMES SWANEY. (See.)
- V. NANCY SWANEY, m'd Arnold Chance. (See.)

Aug. 29—Barbecue at Flannery's pasture, three miles east of Platte City.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 4—Dr. A. S. Tebbs buys Dr. Johnson's interest in the drug store of Jenkins & Co., Platte City.

Distillers John Cain, F. M. McCormick, H. T. Callahan, and John A. Sydener advertise that they will give one gallon of brandy for eight bushels of fruit.

Capt. W. A. Wash becomes soliciting agent for the Kansas City Orphans' Home.

Sept. 7—The fair is a success. Dr. Samuel Rixey is chosen president, and G. H. Hatton secretary. Receipts, \$3,622, which pays all expenses, and leaves a balance of \$300.

Sept. 17—Thos. McCarthy and W. H. Woodson, candidates for senator, speak at Weston. Public speaking, consecutive days, at public points, throughout the month.

Township organization is agitated. The "Soreheads" favor it, because it will reduce the power of the county court.

James Adkins, in the *Democrat*, objects to the collector's bond given by G. W. Belt, for \$200,000, and charges that it is not worth \$25,000. Belt gives another.

Elder T. P. Haley goes to California. After sojourning there, he settles in Kansas City.

Sept. 21—Thomas Griffith having died, G. L. Griffith administered. Bond, \$1,500.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—A son of Maj. G. W. Hood killed by railroad cars at East Leavenworth.

WILLIAM LAMAR.

Oct. 2—William Lamar dying, John H. Hall administers. Bond, \$18,000. He was over 70. He was a farmer near New Market. Ch:

I. JAMES C. LAMAR. II. THOMAS. III. NAPOLEON B. IV. JOSEPH.

V. ELIZA LAMAR, dead; m'd 1st, Walter Brady, dead. Ch:

1. *Joseph.* 2. *Georgia A.* 3. *Lizzie Brady.*

Eliza m'd 2d, John Whisman, b. in 1815; d. Dec. 14, 1878.

Children:

4. *Alberta.* 5. *Sherman.* 6. *Blanche Whisman.*

VI. CHARLES H. LAMAR, m'd a Hawn.

VII. MARTHA J., m'd Nov. 28, 1857, Wilford R. Hall.

VIII. LOUIS L. LAMAR.

IX. HENRIETTA, m'd Feb. 13, 1866, John H. Hall.

X. DIANA LAMAR, m'd Feb. 27, 1873, Wm. L. Pence.

XI. FERDINAND LAMAR, m'd Oct. 15, 1877, Lou Beck. He died by his own hand April 15, 1885.

Oct. 5—Democratic primary. Among the nominees were: John Winston for representative, E. McD. Coffey for sheriff, S. C. Woodson for prosecuting attorney, R. L. Waller for collector, J. R. Burckhardt for county justice, W. P. Chiles for probate judge.

The Fusion ticket was: Thos. Quinn for representative, W. A. White for sheriff, F. M. McDonald for probate judge, R. T. Darnall for treasurer.

Oct. 9—Miss Lizzie Georgen, of Weston, committed suicide at her father's grave, by drinking laudanum.

TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATION.

Oct. 10—On petition, the county court orders that, at the November election, the question for and against township organization be submitted to the people.

MAJOR LEVI HINKLE.

Oct. 12—Maj. Levi Hinkle died at his home, north of Parkville. W. C. White administered. Bond, \$12,000. Maj. Hinkle entered the army as a common soldier. After his discharge, he was appointed foragemaster at Fort Leavenworth, and dealt extensively with our people. He purchased a large farm near Barry, resigned his office, and engaged in farming. He was a far-seeing and successful trader, a public-spirited citizen, and a zealous Presbyterian. He was an ardent Union man during the war, and for a time was provost-marshal. He was born in 1823; married Margaret Campbell, daughter of William, of Clay. Oh:

- I. MARY HINKLE, a handsome and spirited lady, m'd June 29, 1865, Thomas Richardson, a merchant of Leavenworth. Children:

1. *Charles.* 2. *Margaret.*

II. PHILIP HINKLE, went to Chicago.

III. WILLIAM HINKLE, married Ollie Waldo.

IV. CHARLES HINKLE, m'd Mary Henry, dr. of Thomas. None of the Hinkle family reside now in Platte.

Oct. 15—Grand jury for October term, 1872: 1, W. J. Bemis; 2, John A. Beery; 3, W. P. Brightwell; 4, James Boydston; 5, Richard Bywaters; 6, W. G. Cox; 7, T. W. Davis; 8, W. K. Faulconer; 9, Joseph Irvine; 10, E. J. Miller; 11, John Moore; 12, R. W. Parrish; 13, Robert J. Robertson; 14, Joseph Sexton; 15, J. W. Steele; 16, W. J. Summers; 17, Joseph Todd; 18, James Wallace. It was charged at the time that there was not a "Sore-head" on the panel.

WILLIAM H. ARNOLD.

William H. Arnold having died, Richard Babcock administered. Bond, \$1,200. He was a genial, intelligent, and energetic farmer and trader. He married October 19, 1865, Mrs. Sallie A. Babcock, née Heath, widow of Isaac W. Babcock (see), and daughter of James Heath. She was a lovely, spirited, and charming woman, and is yet handsome. Oh:

- I. SARAH W. ARNOLD, m'd Oct. 4, 1869, Samuel Z. Babcock. Children:

1. *William.*

II. MARY ELIZABETH, m'd Thos. Porter. (See.)

III. W. H. ARNOLD (ii). IV. REBECCA. V. CHAS. C.

NOVEMBER.

ELECTION.

Nor. 1—Two constitutional amendments carried.

The Bourbon vote of the county was 264.

Presidential Vote of State—Greeley, 151,434; Grant, 119,196.

Vote of United States—Grant, 3,597,070; Greeley, 2,834,079; Black, 5,608.

Governor—Silas H. Woodson, 2,432; J. B. Henderson, 943.

Congressman—A. Comingo, 2,441; S. S. Twitchell, 921.

Senator—T. McCarthy, 2,198; W. H. Woodson, 824.

Representative—J. H. Winston, 2,527; Thos. Quinn, 739.

Sheriff—E. McD. Coffey, 2,156; W. A. White, 1,186.

Collector—R. L. Waller, 2,668.

Treasurer—R. T. Darnall, 1,664; S. P. Remington, 1,626.

County Justice—W. E. Cunningham, 1,913; J. R. Burckhardt, 685.

Probate Judge—W. P. Chiles, 2,218; F. M. McDonald, 981.

Assessor—Jos. P. St. John, 2,711.

Surveyor—W. V. Slone, 3,176.

Superintendent of Schools—J. C. Sutherland, 2,318; Robert Miller, 989.

Public Administrator—W. F. Yocom, 1,591.

Prosecuting Attorney—S. C. Woodson, 2,408.

Coroner—W. E. Oliver, 2,494.

For township organization, 2,833; against, 697.

Nor. 7—The county court divided the county into 13 townships, as follows: 1, Camden Point; 2, Fair; 3, Gates; 4, Lee; 5, Magee; 6, May; 7, New Market; 8, Parkville; 9, Waldron; 10, Ridgely; 11, Salem; 12, Miller; 13, Weston.

Nor. 9—The great fire in Boston.

Moot legislature at Quinn's school-house.

Dramatic Club at Platte City, J. F. Pitt president.

EDWARD JOHNSON.

Edward Johnson, of Green Township, died, aged 57. His son, James L. Johnson, administered. Bond, \$3,000. His widow was Elizabeth. Ch:

I. JAMES L. JOHNSON, m'd April 23, 1874, Lydia Williams, dr. of W. W. (Bud).

II. SAMUEL. III. MARY JANE, m'd a Willet.

IV. JOHN JOHNSON. V. EDWARD (ii).

Nor. 2—Henry Tolson assassinated near Barry.

JOHN DURKES.

Nor. 4—John Durkes having died, Adam Durkes administered. Bond, \$1,200. He was a native of Germany, and there married Elizabeth Gall, who died in Weston in 1876. They came by

way of New Orleans in 1843. Mr. J. Durkes died March 17, 1872. Children:

I. JOHN ADAM DURKES, b. June 10, 1837, in Germany. His father being a gardener and vine-dresser, the son gave his attention, from youth, to horticulture. His orchards and nurseries are the best in the county and have brought him wealth. He m'd Dec. 20, 1866, Grace Wilkinson. Their children:

1. *John E.* 2. *June E. Durkes.* 3. *Mary G.*

4. *Maud I.* 6. *William A.* 7. *A babe.*

II. ELIZABETH DURKES, m'd in 1852, Capt. Chas. Guenther, son of John Guenther and of Catherine Wetzel. He was b. in Germany Dec. 8, 1829, came to Weston, and has held several positions in the United States service. He raised a company of militia during the war, and afterwards went into the 16th Kansas Cavalry. Ch:

1. *Catherine Guenther*, m'd Sept. 18, 1888, Wm. Robbins.

2. *John.* 3. *Charles G. Guenther.*

Fire at Plattsburg; property of Hockaday, Randolph, Rogers, Walker, Winn, etc., consumed.

HENRY HYMER.

Nov. 19—Henry Hymer having died, Zach. Mills administers. Bond, \$1,000. He was a farmer living near Waldron. His widow was named Missouri. Ch:

I. MARY HYMER, m'd Doniphan Poteet. II. DANIEL M.

III. JOHN B.

IV. FRANK W. HYMER, m'd June 14, 1890, Delia Naylor.

Nov. 23—Harmon Hurt died, aged 90.

The County Sunday-school Convention met at Camden Point, and, after two days of profitable discussion, adjourned to meet at Weston.

THE TONTINE.

Nov. 25—Ten "Ring" men and Masons formed a Tontine at Platte City. They were to meet at the Masonic Hall on the 25th of each November, each bringing \$10 to form a fund. He that failed to attend a meeting lost his rights. The member that held out the longest took all the accumulated money. Their names: G. W. Belt, I. P. Cartwright, S. A. Gilbert, B. W. Gilbert, W. H. Hunt, Thos. E. Jenkins, T. W. Park, F. M. Tufts, N. B. Anderson, F. M. Johnson. They met annually for some ten or fifteen years.

Nov. 29—N. B. Anderson sold his interest in the *Landmark* to T. W. Park, and went to Kentucky to settle up his father's estate.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—Epizoötic is epidemic.

Dr. E. McD. Coffey removes from Camden Point to Platte City.

Many farmers living in the Strip refuse to pay the tax levied for the Green Township bonds.

JOHN W. WOOD.

Dec. 9—John W. Wood having died, Henry Lamar administers. Bond, \$300. His children:

I. JESSE G. WOOD.

II. MARGARET WOOD, m'd a Goheen.

F. G. Cockrill's house at Tracy complete.

N. P. Ogden buys the Weston Brewery at Marshall's sale, for \$4,200.

T. H. Colman and Woodson & Wells are in their new business houses at northwest corner of Block 30, Platte City.

Dec. 16—Capt. G. S. Story's house in Weston burned; fully insured.

Dec. 21—William A. Green's house burned.

Garrard Chesnut kills a deer at his farm, five miles east of Platte City.

JOSEPH BARNARD.

Joseph Barnard having died, John W. Thomas administers. His widow's name is Sarah. Ch:

I. NANCY N. II. THOMAS E.

III. WILLIAM E. BARNARD. IV. VIRGINIA. V. ETTIE M. VI. JOSEPH A.

1873.

OFFICERS.

Governor, Silas Woodson; Representative, J. H. Winston; Congressman, A. Comingo; State Senator, Thos. McCarthy; Circuit Clerk, F. M. Tufts; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; Circuit Judge, Philander Lucas; County Justices, Brasfield, Cunningham, Hamm; County Attorney, S. C. Woodson; Collector, R. L. Waller; County Clerk, T. W. Park; Sheriff, E. McD. Coffey; Treasurer, R. T. Darnall; Assessor, Jos. P. St. John; Superintendent of Schools, J. C. Sutherland; Coroner, N. E. Wilkinson; Surveyor, W. V. Slone; Public Administrator, W. F. Yocom.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Fleshman, Forman, Herndon, Merryman, Norton, Paxton, Pitt, Wells, Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Guthrie, F. M. Johnson, R. P. C. Johnston, Smith, Spencer, Tebbs.

Merchants, etc.—Basye, Clemings, Cockrill & Blakley, A. J. & T. H. Colman, English, Gaylord, Hickman, Hunt, Jenkins, Kiefer, Keith & Tribble, Krause, Chas. Kurtz (postmaster), A. Kurtz, Lutes, Meads, Myles, Park, Recht, Smith, Swain & Mason, Wilkinson, Young, Zarn.

Platte County Agricultural and Mechanical Association—Samuel Rixey president, Hatton secretary.

Banks—Farmers' Savings Association, Cartwright cashier; Merryman, Paxton & Cockrill, T. G. Cockrill cashier.

Preachers—J. W. Brown (Bap.), H. H. Haley (Chris.), Crawford (Pres.), D. R. Shackelford (M. E. S.).

Lodges—Belt Commandery, No. 9, T. W. Park, E. C.; Melody Chapter, No. 21, J. B. Flannery, H. P.; Zerubbabel, No. 191, T. W. Park, W. M.; Neb. Lodge, No. 12, J. R. Swain, N. G.; Good Templars, Geo. Sims, W. C. T.

At Weston: Attorneys—Burnes, Campbell, Coburn, Doniphan, Gilbert, Hitt, Hughes, Reynolds, Roney, Watts.

Physicians—Bonifant, Peters, Price, Parr, Shortridge.

Merchants, *et al.*—Allen, Blanjour (postmaster), Briggs, Brill, Carpenter, Deitz, Doppler, Ellifrit, Evans, Ellinger, Frank, Graves, Harper, Holladay, How, Ilkenhans, Hamm, Jacquemin, Keller, Kenney, Kyle, Lewis, Lipscomb, Magers, Maitland, McCormick, Martin, Miller, Moore, Newhouse, Noble, Nolly, Perry, Raileys, Reed, Ringo, Rohring, Schneider, Siler, Story, Taitman, Teegarden, Weiser, Wood, Yocom.

Court of Common Pleas—Doniphan, judge; Yocom, clerk; Evans, marshal.

Lodges—Weston Commandery, No. 2, W. H. Lewis, E. C.; Chapter, No. 4, F. H. Lewis, H. P.; Weston Lodge, No. 53, J. F. Kenney, W. M.; Unanimity, No. 346; J. T. Reynolds, W. M.; Phoenix, No. 30, M. Schindler, N. G.; Frontier Encampment, No. 2, M. Schindler, C. P.

At Parkville: Ashby, Bemis, Bueneman (postmaster), Busch, Carmody, Dziubon, Campbell, Davis & Dooly, Halsey, Kahm, Luthy, McDonald, Mitchell, Moore, Nash, Park, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld, Wood.

At Camden Point: Broadhurst, Brock, Farris (postmaster), Davidson, Dr. Herndon.

Lodge, No. 169, J. Clay, W. M.

At Edgerton: Handley, Swain (postmaster).

At Farley: Dr. Harrington, Dr. Holt, Bledsoe.

Lodges—Fidelity Lodge, No. 339, Jas. Wallace, W. M.; Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 177, J. M. Ratcliffe, N. G.

At Iatan: McKee, Moore, Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: H. C. Nichols.

At New Market: Armstrong, Bryant, Cartwright, George, Johnson, Moore.

At Tracy: Ryan, Keith & Tribble.

At Waldron: Scott (postmaster), Holt, Waldron.

PRICES.

Apples, \$1; butter, 20 cents; eggs, 15 cents; corn, 45 cents; flour, \$4; hams, 13 cents; potatoes, \$1; wheat, \$1.30; hogs, 4 cents; wool, 33 cents.

JANUARY.

Jan. 2—T. J. Hickman, merchant of Platte City, makes a general assignment to J. B. Flannery.

N. E. Wilkinson is appointed coroner, in the place of W. E. Oliver, who failed to qualify.

Judge W. P. Chiles holds probate court for the first time.

The office of the *Landmark* is changed from the Fleshman House to the Woodson & Wells Building in Platte City.

Jan. 7—Heavy snow and very cold weather.

Jan. 12—Perry's pork-house, in Weston, occupied by Krug & Co., burned.

A supper and musical entertainment at Barry cleared, for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, \$250, and a few weeks later a second entertainment brought \$300.

Jan. 15—Dr. J. M. Holt's drug store at Farley burned.

An epidemic prevails near Farley, and many die.

JAMES SEWELL.

Jan. 20—James Sewell having died, A. R. Baker administered. Bond, \$700. He lived near Farley. Ch:

I. JOHN SEWELL, m'd Bettie Shannon.

II. ROBERT, lives in Buchanan.

III. ALEX. SEWELL, m'd Mary Moore, dr. of J. T. (See.) She died Aug. 23, 1889, leaving 1 child:

1. *Davis Sewell*, b. April 20, 1871.

IV. MARY A. SEWELL, m'd Thos. Shannon.

V. MALINDA SEWELL, m'd Nov. 16, 1869, Theo. A. Studdard. Children:

1. *Artie*. 2. *Charles*. 3. *Frank*.

VI. THOMAS SEWELL, d. in Oct., 1878.

VII. JAMES, lives in Kansas City.

VIII. JEFFERSON SEWELL, lives in Kansas City.

IX. WILLIAM.

Jan. 22—Another severe snow-storm. The winter was so cold that the peach-trees were killed.

Jan. 29—The drug store of Jenkins & Tebbs damaged by fire

\$200, fully insured. The fire occurred at 2 a. m. The mercury stood at 36° below zero, the coldest night ever known in this locality.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 14—Austin Vallandingham died. W. J. Miller administered. Bond, \$2,000. He was born September 20, 1824; married Rachel Kinneman. His heirs were his widow, Rachel, and his daughter, Minerva Hunt. The widow married August 28, 1873, William A. Fox. (See.) She died, childless, December 28, 1884, and Mr. Fox married in May, 1890, Mrs. Mary E. Little, née Tatum. She survived him.

Registration commences.

Feb. 19—The Good Templars of Platte City have a grand demonstration at the Christian church. A large delegation from Leavenworth attends.

Feb. 21—A meeting in Weston to encourage manufactures; great enthusiasm prevails.

Geo. P. Dorris, in the *Landmark*, denies the charge that he offered bribes to obtain votes for United States senator.

MARCH.

March 1—The Patrons of Husbandry are establishing "granges" at the principal points in the county.

Sunday-school teachers' meeting every Friday evening in Platte City, J. R. Swain leader.

March 10—R. D. Johnston sells 160 acres, one mile east of Platte City, for \$8,000, to L. Fleshman.

The *Landmark* contains a spicy correspondence between B. W. Gilbert, temporary editor of the *Landmark*, and W. M. Kain, foreman of the *Democrat*.

Milton Darnall removes to Colorado.

MRS. ANN WHITELEY.

March 14—Mrs. Ann Whiteley dies. She was the wife of Abner Whiteley. Her remains were taken back to Ohio for burial. Abner Whiteley still lives, spending his time partly in Platte and partly in California. He was born in Clark County, Ohio, February 13, 1816. His parents were John Whiteley and Christina Hall. His education was limited, but, by reading and private study, and by teaching school, he acquired a knowledge of the English branches of education. He married February 13, 1840, Mary Ann Bennett. She died April 13, 1850, and he married, second, in 1859, Ann Slivers. He assisted in the organization of the Citizens' Bank of Champaign County, Ohio, and was its president. He also engaged in banking in New York city. He

made an important improvement on the reaper, which he patented. From it he derived a large amount, which he brought west in 1865, and invested in bottom lands opposite Leavenworth. He has transferred his business and money, in part, to California; but he is still the largest land-owner in the county. Children by his first wife:

I. JENNIE W. WHITELEY, m'd John H. Snyder, of Ohio.

II. BENNETT WHITELEY, m'd Fannie McIntosh.

By his second wife he had:

III. BEN. FRANK WHITELEY, b. in Clark Co., Ohio, April 23, 1860; m'd Oct. 20, 1880, Mary A. Miller, dr. of Jas. L. She d. Jan. 6, 1884, childless. He m'd 2d, June 22, 1887, Mary Skinner, dr. of Phinehas (ii). Mr. Whiteley received his education at Denison University, Ohio, and is one of the most accomplished gentlemen of the county. His social virtues and his generous heart make him a favorite in society. He is a Republican, and at one time was a candidate for the Legislature. His wife is a lovely and accomplished lady. They had one child, Earle Whiteley. They live near Beverly.

March 18—The weather has moderated after an intensely cold season.

March 25—The county court, on advice of Prosecuting Attorney S. C. Woodson, orders the money collected for the Green Township Strip bonds to be paid over.

March 29—A Sunday-school Convention of the Baptist Church at Pleasant Grove.

APRIL.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

At Platte City: Trustees elected: Cockrill, Coffey, Hatton, Herndon, Krause, Lutes.

At Parkville: Dr. B. F. Moore, mayor, and Carmody, Rhodes, and Taylor, councilmen.

At Weston: J. L. Reynolds is appointed clerk and attorney, Mat. Schindler treasurer and assessor, F. H. Lewis marshal and collector.

Township Law went into effect, and Hamm, Handley, Nolan I. Owens, and Talbott were chosen county judges.

The Stock Law was rejected.

Peach-trees are killed by the severe winter. Wheat looks well.

THE ROLLINS FAMILY.

April 11—Lorinda Ford, née Rollins, having died, her mother, Susan M. Rollins, administers. Bond, \$1,000. She left no children. Her brother and sisters:

- I. MARGARET ROLLINS, m'd an Owens.
 - II. LORINDA, m'd a Ford.
 - III. ADELINE ROLLINS. IV. REUBEN.
- These were full-blood brother and sisters of Lorinda.
The half-blood were:
- V. MARY V. ROLLINS, m'd a Brewer.
 - VI. MAHALA, m'd a Gregg.

JAMES M. HALE.

James M. Hale having died at Camden Point, Achilles Perrin administers. Bond, \$2,000. He was for many years postmaster at Camden Point. He married Mary J. Coffey, who survived him, married J. W. Bradley, and died childless. The Hale heirs were: 1. Sarah Gilpin; 2, S. R. Hale; 3, Ewing Hale; 4, Mrs. McGiven; 5, Mrs. Thompson.

The Weston Public School-house burned; loss, \$10,000. Insured for \$6,000.

Henry Basye surrenders the Green House in Platte City to J. J. Green.

R. N. Harrington sells his Bee Creek farm and mill to I. C. Packer and removes to Kansas City.

ELDER OLIVER STEELE.

April 25—Elder Oliver Steele died. He was born in Lexington, Ky., February 5, 1801. His parents were Brice Steele, born in Ireland, December 22, 1772, a Baptist preacher, and Elizabeth Thornbury, a native of Virginia. Oliver's education was good. After serving an apprenticeship to a jeweler, he set up in trade at Lexington. He removed to Richmond, Ky., and engaged in the dry goods business. At the age of thirty he joined the Baptist Church, but followed Alexander Campbell, and was licensed to preach. In 1840 he came to Platte, and purchased land near to Salem Church, of which he became pastor. His ministrations extended far and wide. His generous heart, social disposition, Christian graces, and snow-white crown of hair made him an universal favorite. No man ever had a stronger hold on the affections of our people. He did more, perhaps, than any other man, to build up the Christian Church of Platte. His ministry was 33 years, and he married more couples than any other pioneer preacher. He joined farming with preaching, and was successful in both callings. Elder Steele was married first, May 28, 1823, to Sarah Hill, daughter of Thomas Hill, of Lexington, Ky. She was born June 5, 1805, and died in Kentucky, May 13, 1836, leaving:

- I. SARAH ANN STEELE, b. in Kentucky in June, 1824; came with her father to Missouri; m'd in Aug., 1841, W. P. Wallingford (see), and died in 1847, childless.
- II. ELIZABETH JANE STEELE, m'd John M. Railey. (See.)
- III. WILLIAM THOMAS STEELE, b. in July, 1828.
- IV. CHRISTOPHER STEELE, b. in Aug., 1833; m'd Sept. 8, 1869, Mary E. Calvert.

Elder Steele married second, February 12, 1837, Elizabeth Williams, who was born in Madison County, Ky., September 13, 1814, and died, childless, March 12, 1838. He married third, February 5, 1839, Elizabeth Samuels, born in Madison County, Ky., November 11, 1817, and died in Platte April 7, 1862. Ch:

- V. CHARLES G. STEELE, b. in Platte in March, 1841.
- VI. LAURA STEELE, b. in March, 1845; married in Sept., 1862. J. J. Hitt, a lawyer of ability, who, after residing for several years in Weston, removed to Topeka, Kan., and in 1895 was receiver of the United States land office there.
- VII. OLIVER STEELE (ii), b. June 1, 1849; d. in May, 1888; m'd May 25, 1874, Elvira Latin.
- VIII. OLIVIA STEELE, b. in April 1847; m'd H. C. Reynolds.
- IX. ANNIE STEELE, b. in Aug., 1858; m'd G. W. Baxter.

Elder Steele married fourth, June 28, 1863, Lucinda Pence, widow of Edward H. Pence. (See.) She was born February 8, 1808, and died, childless, January 20, 1868. He then married, fifth, January 5, 1871, Mary C. Dale, widow of Thomas Dale. She survived Mr. Steele, and married April 2, 1874, Anderson Guthrie. She yet lives.

ATTISON L. HILL.

April 26—Attison L. Hill having died, William M. Hill administrators. Bond, \$800. Ch:

- I. JAMES M. HILL. II. THOMAS E. III. WILLIAM M.
- IV. MARY E.
- V. LAURA B. HILL, m'd Nov. 29, 1876, John W. Walters.
- VI. SUSAN A.

JAMES R. BURCKHARTT.

James R. Burckhartt having died, his widow, Sarah (Bush), née Todd (see), administered. He left but little estate, one half of which went to his widow, who did not long survive, and the other half to his brothers and sisters: Nicholas Burckhartt, Mrs. Wm. Redman, and Mrs. Daniel Drake.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Receipts.	\$72,558 99
Warrants drawn.	63,815 07
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Expenditures in Detail.

Platte City bridge.	\$ 100 00
Prairie Creek bridge.	144 00
Skinner's bridge.	79 00
Roads.	2,597 00

Beverly and Weston road	\$ 400 00
Poor and insane	4,077 00
Court-house	232 00
Jail	456 00
Registration	304 00
Elections	480 00
Stationery	1,300 00
Printing	901 00
Weston Court of Common Pleas	563 00
Wood	330 00
Criminal costs	5,137 00
Attorneys	303 00
Bridge Commissioner (Slone)	1,412 00
Assessor (Hamm)	670 00
County Clerk (Tufts)	259 00
County Clerk (Park)	5,471 00
County Judges	1,148 00
Superintendent of Schools (Woodson)	368 00
Superintendent of Schools (Sutherland)	145 00
Treasurer (Darnall)	1,643 00
Treasurer (Flannery)	186 00
Sheriff (Belt)	1,160 00
P. & G. R. Railroad bonds	1,067 00
Interest	32,643 00
Sundries	240 07

\$63,815 07

County debt and interest \$359,513 29

Less cash in treasury 20,696 92

Net \$338,816 37

County levy, \$1.30; State, 45 cents. The townships levy road tax.

Assessor's Book for 1873.

Acres of land, 259,921	\$3,196,335 00
Town lots, 3,109	401,976 00
Horses, 8,715	344,380 00
Mules and asses, 2,485	119,555 00
Cattle, 15,105	198,560 00
Sheep, 7,567	8,990 00
Hogs, 54,286	121,862 00
Bonds, etc	403,350 00
Other property	371,925 00

\$5,166,933 00

May 2—C. A. Perry & Co. lease the Missouri penitentiary.

Baseball is the common sport. The order of Patrons of Husbandry is growing.

May 9—Mrs. Mary McCown died in Weston. She was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1812, and came to Weston in 1845.

Teachers' institute at Platte City; Sutherland superintendent; 53 teachers enrolled.

THE NORTON FAMILY.

May 15—Mrs. Malinda Norton, the wife of Judge E. H. Norton, died. The Nortons trace their lineage to William F. Norton (i), born in Harrisburg, Pa., September 2, 1781. About 1806 he removed to Kentucky, and after a sojourn of four years in Lexington, settled in 1810 at Russellville. Here, April 10, 1813, he married Mary Hise, born March 12, 1797, daughter of Frederick Hise, of Westmoreland County, Pa. W. F. Norton (i) kept a hardware store in Russellville, and conducted a blacksmith shop, where wrought nails were manufactured by two of his servants, and sold at 75 cents per pound. A small farm in the vicinity was cultivated by servants. Born of Quaker parents, it was not until mature age that he united with the Baptist Church. In his latter years he was an enthusiastic Democrat, a zealous Mason, and an active church member. He died in January, 1858. His widow lived twenty years longer. They left to the world a proud name and an illustrious lineage. Ch:

I. GEORGE W. NORTON, b. in Logan Co., Ky., in 1814; d. in 1889. He was eminent as a financier. He was president of the Southern Bank of Kentucky. The parent bank was at Russellville, and branches were located in other parts of the State. Its capital was \$1,500,000. Under Mr. Norton's generalship, it survived the run made upon it during the panic of 1857. In 1863 Mr. Norton, with Nimrod Long, opened a private bank in Russellville. On the 30th of March, 1865, the bank was robbed of \$9,000, by Jesse James, the notorious outlaw. He then removed to Louisville, Ky., and with his brother, W. F. Norton (ii), opened a private bank. He was justly regarded as the best financier of his native State. Mr. Norton married May 3, 1847, Martha S. Henry, daughter of Matthew Winston Henry, of Louisville. She still lives. Ch:

1. *Ernest J. Norton*, d. July 22, 1874.
 2. *Juliette Norton*, m'd J. B. Marvin.
 3. *Minnie Norton*, m'd W. B. Caldwell; d. Sept. 3, 1880.
 4. *Susan Norton*, m'd John Coleman.
 5. *Lucie M. Norton*. 6. *Martha A.* 7. *Geo. W. Norton* (ii).
- All live in Louisville.

II. JOHN L. NORTON, b. in Russellville, Ky., Oct. 11, 1816; d. Sept. 4, 1843; m'd Feb. 14, 1843, Lucinda Brown, of Russellville, Ky. His generous bequests to many noble enterprises evinced Christian zeal and charity. He left one son, for whom, as well as for his mother, he made ample provision.

III. PRESLEY E. NORTON, b. in 1817; d. in 1878; m'd in 1872, Tillie Greenfield, née Hope. His widow and only child live

in Gloucester Co., Va. He was small of stature, made two visits to Europe, and was well read in history, science, and general literature.

- IV. WILLIAM FREDERICK NORTON (ii), d. Oct. 20, 1886; m'd Dec. 11, 1846, Ann Eliza Morton, dr. of Gabriel J. and Winfred B. Morton, of Simpson Co., Mo. His widow survives, with an only son, W. F. Norton (iii). He was a zealous Baptist, and a liberal supporter of the church.

- V. ELIJAH HISE NORTON, b. in Russellville, Ky., Nov. 21, 1821; m'd 1st. May 28, 1850, Malinda Wilson, dr. of John Wilson, a pioneer statesman and jurist. She was b. Feb. 8, 1831, and d. May 15, 1873. Judge Norton m'd 2d, Sept. 17, 1877, Mrs. Missouri A. Marshall, dr. of Elisha Green (see), and widow of Dr. F. Marshall. (See.) They live a half-mile east of Platte City, and cultivate a large farm.

Judge Norton set foot for the first time in Platte City January 8, 1845. He and his partner, S. P. S. McCurdy, were enrolled as attorneys of our court April 15, 1845. October 10, 1850, he was appointed county attorney, with a salary of \$100. In August, 1857, he was elected circuit judge. In August, 1860, he was elected to Congress, as a Democrat, and in that body distinguished himself by fearlessly advocating the rights of the South. When the dark clouds of war appeared on the political horizon, in the spring of 1861, he was with great unanimity chosen a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention, with Gen. A. W. Doniphan and Col. James H. Moss as his associates, and gave his counsel against secession. In January, 1875, he was elected to a second Constitutional Convention. In October, 1876, he was appointed to the supreme bench of Missouri, to fill the vacancy occasioned by Judge Vories' resignation. In November, 1878, he was elected to the same elevated position. But the greatest honor ever conferred on a citizen of Platte was yet to be bestowed. June 14, 1882, William Jewell College conferred on him the degree of LL.D. In the midst of his distinguished career, when friends were pointing to him for governor, or United States senator, ill health required his retirement from public life. But it is believed that he is now restored, and will add to the laurels he has placed on the brow of our beloved county.

His second wife has presented to Judge Norton no child, but we name those by his first wife:

1. *Presley M. Norton*, b. Dec. 13, 1853; m'd Dec. 27, 1882, Lela Darnall, b. Oct. 21, 1861, the lovely daughter of R. T. Darnall (see), of Kansas City. Mr. Norton has a large stock farm, three miles east of Platte City, and possesses the qualities necessary for success. Mrs. Norton d. June 14, 1896. Ch: [4] Sue Norton,

- b. July 3, 1884; [^b] Phoebe P. Norton, b. April 9, 1888; [^c] Mary Hise Norton, b. July 13, 1890.
2. *Maggie C. Norton*, m'd Dec. 28, 1882, Ben. F. Woodson, b. June 19, 1854. No issue. He was enrolled as an attorney of our court Oct. 17, 1874, and is now practicing in St. Joseph.
 3. *John W. Norton*, b. Nov. 17, 1858; m'd Dec. 21, 1882, Ruth Moore, b. Dec. 5, 1870. He was licensed by our court Sept. 30, 1880, and opened a law-office in Kansas City. He is a man of brilliance. 1 child: [^a] Louise, b. June 19, 1888.
 4. *William F. Norton* (iv), b. Feb. 29, 1860; m'd June 8, 1887, the sweet, pure, and lovely Maude Force, dr. of Daniel, of St. Joseph. William is now cashier of the Norton Bank at Missouri City, Mo. He studied law, but prefers the traditional calling of his family, and is rising in influence and wealth as a banker. Ch: [^a] Elijah H. Norton (ii), b. March 11, 1888; [^b] Nellie F. Norton, b. May 8, 1892; [^c] Jessie B. Norton.
 5. *Charles W. Norton*, m'd Oct. 12, 1891, Jessie Tufts, dr. of Frank M. Ch: [^a] Wm. F. Norton (v).
 6. *Geo. Ernest Norton*, is a banker at Missouri City.
 7. *Anna Eckstein Norton*, m'd June 6, 1889, Henry W. Huiskamp. They live in Keokuk, Iowa. 1 child: [^a] Henry C. Huiskamp.

VI. **ECKSTEIN NORTON** (i), d. Jan. 13, 1893, in Kentucky; m'd in Aug., 1864, Lucy P. Moore. He was president of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, and an active party in many useful enterprises. Ch:

1. *Elizabeth P.*, wife of A. G. Quarterbridge.
 2. *Wm. P. Norton* (vi). 3. *Lucy M.* 4. *Eckstein* (iii).
 5. *Mary Hise Norton* (i). 6. *Geo. F.*
- They live in New York city.

VII. **MARY NORTON**, wife of Ed. L. Anderson (i), of Paducah, Ky. She died early, and he survived to Nov. 2, 1872, when he died, aged 55 years. Ch:

1. *Norton B. Anderson*, b. Jan. 8, 1844; m'd June 21, 1877, Virginia Marshall (see), b. Jan. 28, 1844. After receiving a classical education and graduating at Harvard University, Mr. Anderson came to Platte, was enrolled as an attorney November 11, 1867, and appointed county attorney June 3, 1868. At the November (1888) election he was chosen State senator, and had the honor of being made president *pro tem*. Since the expiration of his term, he has devoted his attention to the practice of law at Platte City. He was one of the distinguished jurists appointed to revise the statutes in 1889, and is considered one of the most profound lawyers in the

State. Some years ago I wrote for Gatewood's "History of Platte" a notice of Senator Anderson, which I will transcribe as my confirmed sentiments: "Norton B. Anderson came to Platte County a young man, with a field of usefulness before him. In purity of thought and chasteness of diction, he is the first writer of the county, if not of the State. His classical education and varied reading give him a command of words and phrases that few attain. His mind is trained to thought, and he has been a constant contributor to the press. He seldom puts his name to an article, but the author is betrayed by its excellence. He writes deliberately, and weighs every word. He polishes every sentence, and every phrase is a gem of thought. He has not ventured into the fragrant fields of poetry, but when he makes an effort, his prose is a garden of flowers. There is no one in the county that is such a master of rhetoric. But Senator Anderson's scholarship extends to the departments of history, science, philosophy, jurisprudence, and government." He is handsome in person, dignified in carriage, and urbane in address. Mrs. Anderson is an intelligent, pure, and charming woman. For their children, see their mother's sketch.

2. *John Anderson*, lives in Texas.

3. *William*, lives in Kentucky.

4. *Irene Anderson*, dead; m'd a Hess.

5. *Ed. L. Anderson* (ii), b. June 1, 1853; m'd April 28, 1886, Lizzie Field, b. Feb. 22, 1864, dr. of Dr. G. W. (See.) They live in Platte City. He was county treasurer in 1893-4, and is now teller in the Exchange Bank of Platte City. He is an excellent business man, and his wife is a lovely woman. They have no children.

VIII. **SUSAN NORTON**, wife of Thos. W. Norton. She married young, and died early, leaving:

1. *Maud*. 2. *Gabriel*.

IX. **SARAH NORTON**, m'd Jas. W. Ryan, a merchant. She is now a widow in New York city. Ch:

1. *Mary Ryan*. 2. *Maud*. 3. *James*.

May 16—Miles Harrington contests T. H. Talbott's election as county justice at large. But his notice is not served in time.

Jas. H. Connelly retires from the drug firm of G. W. Smith & Co., of Platte City.

May 20—The first train crosses the St. Joseph bridge.

May 22—Ascension Day at Platte City observed by a banquet at the hall at night. B. W. Gilbert elected E. C.

C. B. Kurtz and B. Kiefer visit their old homes in Germany.

JUNE.

June 1—Platte City becomes a money-order post-office.

The court-house yard is a dense jungle of weeds, and the *Democrat* makes sport over it. It had been sowed in clover by W. V. Slone.

THE CARPENTER FAMILY.

June 4—William Carpenter died at Weston. All of the name were distinguished for their loyalty to the Union during the war. They are descended from Samuel Carpenter, of New Jersey. His son, Benjamin Carpenter, was born in New Jersey September 18, 1745. He removed to Fauquier County, Va., and thence to Harrison County, Va., and married Mary Morgan, sister of Gen. Daniel Morgan. He had three sons:

I. JOHN CARPENTER

Lived and died in Virginia.

II. WILLIAM CARPENTER (i),

Born in Fauquier County, Va., July 27, 1790; died in Weston June 4, 1873. He married Hannah Clark, of Spottsylvania County, Va., born February 14, 1798; died in Weston December 18, 1881. She was a daughter of Samuel Clark, who was born in Virginia March 11, 1768. William removed to Lawrence County, Ohio, and was there elected to the State Legislature in 1833-4. He was an experienced surveyor. In 1841 he removed to Clinton County, Mo., and engaged in farming. He kept a country store and post-office, well known as "Carpenter's Store." But his Union principles endangered his life and property, and his house and store were strongly fortified against bushwhackers. In 1864 he removed his family and his goods to Weston in wagons. At Platte City they were stopped as contraband, and robbed. In Weston he purchased property and sold goods until his death. Oh:

I. AMOS CARPENTER, m'd June 1, 1856, Mary E. Shackelford (see), the divorced wife of H. J. Mayo, and daughter of Richard Shackelford. Oh:

1. *Ben Carpenter*, of Edgerton.

2. *Dan Carpenter*, m'd a Rupe. 3. *George*. 4. *Pinkie*.

II. DAN CARPENTER, of Barry, b. March 7, 1825, in Lawrence Co., Ohio; came with his parents to Missouri. He was well educated, and located at Barry, where he has spent his useful life as a merchant, postmaster, farmer, and horticulturist. He has an immense orchard and vineyard. As he has no children, he works for posterity. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Barry owes him for its very existence and for its noble Christian zeal and success. He is a man of stern integrity and well-founded Christian faith. His devotion to the cause of Christ is his dominant trait. He is liberal both in his faith and his charities.

He has sustained a Sabbath-school in his church for two generations, and on Christmas eve, in 1881, his friends, patrons, and scholars presented to him a costly bible. By request, I wrote for them the dedicatory poem, and here reproduce a stanza:

The boys whom you led in the pathway of duty
 Now gratefully bring you their infants to bless:
 The maidens you taught, now in womanly beauty
 Bring proudly their children for you to caress:
 The youths you have trained are now farmers and preachers,
 And claim that they owe their promotion to you:
 The girls of your school are now mothers and teachers,
 With homes that are happy and hearts that are true.

Few men stand so high in public esteem as Dan Carpenter. His name is associated with Barry. Generations to come will bless his name. Mrs. Carpenter is a lovely woman. Her maiden name was Pauline Gash, b. April 24, 1831; m'd Dec. 29, 1853. She is a granddaughter of John Gash, b. Oct. 4, 1769, and d. Oct. 21, 1859, a resident of Buncombe Co., N. C. His son, Joseph D. Gash, b. in North Carolina Nov. 4, 1797, is the father of Mrs. Pauline Carpenter. Her mother was Eliza Killiam, b. March 3, 1801. Mrs. Carpenter is a sister of Senator Theo. Gash, b. Dec. 24, 1838. With finished education, musical talent, personal beauty, and amiable disposition, she is still a charming woman. No children:

III. WILLIAM CARPENTER (ii), m'd Ann Eliza Givens. Ch:
 1. *Clay*.

III. ABEL CARPENTER

Died in Fountain County, Ind. His son, James S. Carpenter, married Mary Ann Whiting. They had four children, but only one came to Missouri:

I. JAMES MONROE CARPENTER, formerly of Ridgely, but now of Weston, was b. March 12, 1833; m'd June 12, 1861, Louisa Armstrong. He studied law, and was enrolled May 26, 1862. In December, 1870, he issued an humorous poem, entitled "Hob-on-nob." He possesses good sense, but lacks energy. He supports himself and family by teaching. Children:

1. *Mary Ann*. 2. *Sarah Ellen*. 3. *Emma*. 4. *Ben*.
 5. *Geo. W.* 6. *Jas. M.* (ii). 7. *John S.* 8. *Noah W.*

JULY.

July 1—Merryman & Paxton sell their two-thirds interest in the bank of Merryman, Paxton & Cockrill to Wm. F. and F. G. Cockrill, and the business continues under the name of Cockrill & Co.

Thos. G. Cockrill buys the Burckhardt residence in South Platte City.

July 4—The day is celebrated at the fair grounds. Excursionists come from Leavenworth. Sunday-school children of Platte City attend.

The low bottoms of the Missouri are under water.

Dr. D. J. Fouts brought excursionists from Farley, on his little steamer, to the falls of Platte.

Wheat is splendid, averaging 22 bushels; no peaches; apples scarce.

J. S. Maitland purchases Holladay's mill in Weston.

Elder H. H. Haley goes to Colorado for his health.

A. J. Colman's brick store-house and Mrs. R. D. Johnston's frame residence are complete.

July 8—J. Frank Merryman, having completed his education at Bethany College, returns, and enters on the study of law.

C. B. Kurtz writes an interesting letter to the *Landmark* from Germany.

July 15—Rev. J. W. Brown is elected principal of the Platte City Public School.

W. H. Hunt removes to Humboldt, Kansas.

July 18—Carmody & Bro. advertise the Parkville flouring mill as in complete repair.

July 19—Union temperance meeting at New Market.

THE THORNTON FAMILY.

Mrs. A. W. Doniphan died at Richmond, and was buried at Liberty. She was a daughter of Col. John Thornton, born in Lancaster, Penn., October 24, 1781; died in Clay in October, 1847; married February 10, 1820, Elizabeth Trigg, daughter of Col. Stephen Trigg, of Kentucky, subsequently of Boonville, Mo. The children of Gen. Stephen Trigg were large factors in the early society of Platte, and we will name his children. He married Elizabeth Clark. Their children: 1, Malinda, married Robert Clark (cousin); 2, Susan Trigg, married a Crawford; 3, Christopher, died single; 4, Dinah Trigg, married Shubal Allen; 5, Elizabeth Trigg, married Col. John Thornton; 6, Stephen Trigg, married Jane Trigg (cousin); 7, Bennett Trigg, died single; 8, Judith Trigg, married Amos Rees. The index of this volume will point the reader to frequent notices of the descendants of Col. Stephen Trigg. But at present we will have to do with none but the descendants of

JOHN THORNTON AND ELIZABETH TRIGG.

I. JANE THORNTON, b. Dec. 21, 1820; d. July 19, 1873; m'd Dec. 21, 1837, Gen. A. W. Doniphan, b. in Mason Co., Ky., July 9, 1808; d. at Richmond, Mo., Aug. 8, 1887. He was a

son of Joseph Doniphan, a native of Fauquier Co., Va., and reared on adjoining farms with Chief-Justice John Marshall. They were educated together, and in 1776 Joseph and his brother, Geo. Doniphan, enlisted in the patriot company of the chief-justice. Alex. W. Doniphan came to Clay in 1830, but his career is matter of history, and we cannot pursue it. Gen. Doniphan's children were all in their graves before he died. He has no descendant.

- II. CAROLINE M. THORNTON, b. in 1823; m'd Dec. 21, 1837, Capt. Oliver P. Moss, of Liberty, Mo. However distinguished, he was not a citizen of Platte. He, too, was from Mason Co., Ky.
- III. SUSAN B. THORNTON, b. in 1826; m'd Nov. 19, 1846, Hon. Jas. H. Baldwin, b. in Mason Co., Ky., April 6, 1815, a son of Jas. Baldwin and Sarah Harris. He graduated at Center College, Kentucky, in 1838, and studied with me in the law office of McClung & Taylor; we were licensed at the same time, and formed a partnership, which continued in Missouri. He was a man of talent, a profound lawyer, and a chaste and impressive speaker. He lived but a year or two after marriage. His widow married Dr. McCurdy, of Idaho. The only child of Baldwin:
1. *John T. Baldwin*, now of Butte City, Montana, who is eminent in the legal profession. He m'd June 2, 1870, the lovely Emma Cockrell, dr. of Jerry V. (See.)
- IV. ADELIZA THORNTON, b. in 1824; m'd in 1843 William Morton, of Clay, a native of Mason Co., Ky.
- V. MARY THORNTON, b. in 1828; m'd in 1848 R. M. Donnell, another native of Mason Co., Ky. He was the head of the great banking house of Donnell, Lawson & Co., of New York city.
- VI. FRANCIS THORNTON, b. Feb. 10, 1833; m'd Jan. 8, 1852, Col. John Doniphan, b. July 12, 1826, in Mason Co., Ky., son of Thos. S. Doniphan, b. Dec. 24, 1787, and grandson of Joseph Doniphan, of the Revolution. His mother was Anne Smith, daughter of a captain in the patriot army. He received a collegiate education, studied law, and came to Platte in 1846. He settled at Weston in 1849; represented the county as a Whig in 1854; State senator, as a Conservative, in 1862-67; judge of the Weston court in 1872-4; legislator in 1867-8. He was a consistent Union man throughout the war, and was instrumental in raising several regiments (39th and 81st) of militia. In 1885 he was president of the Board of Asylum Managers, and was professor of medical jurisprudence in the St. Joseph school. Col. Doniphan is a genial, high-minded, intelligent, honored, and revered Christian gentleman. He has been attorney for several railroads, and has taken part in every worthy enterprise started in Platte or Buchanan. He has written

and published interesting sketches of Western history, which I have used in this work. He has no living children.

VII. THEODOSIA THORNTON, b. in 1836; m'd in 1860 L. M. Lawson, a lawyer of ability, finished education, and literary taste. He was a member of the house of Donnell, Lawson & Co., bankers, of New York city.

VIII. JOHN C. CALHOUN (COON) THORNTON, b. in 1834; m'd April 1, 1864, Sue Archer. In 1864 he was sent from the Southern army to recruit a regiment for the service. The events of 1864 are a record of his success and failure. He lives in Texas.

The Supreme Court of Missouri decides the Township Organization Law constitutional; which decision establishes Hamm, Handley, Noland, Owens, and Talbott in their seats as county justices.

A long drouth cuts the corn crop short.

Dr. R. P. C. Johnston buys Jenkins & Co.'s drug store, in Platte City.

Cholera fatal at Louisville, and seems to be approaching us.

PAUL ELGIN.

July 25—Paul Elgin having died, E. O. Waller administers. Bond, \$6,000. Ch:

I. JOHN ELGIN. II. SUSAN, m'd a Murray.

July 27—Grasshoppers appear at Farley.

AUGUST.

ROBERT CROSKY.

Aug. 2—Robert Crosky having died, Ignatius Naylor administers. Bond, \$1,000. He was a farmer near Waldron. He married in Pennsylvania, Mary E. Wykoff. Ch:

I. MARY E. CROSKY, m'd F. M. Babcock. (See.)

II. JOHN B. CROSKY, m'd Rosa Ann Davis. Ch:

1. *Robert* (iii).

III. ANNIE P. CROSKY, m'd Dec. 18, 1873, I. N. Naylor. Ch:

1. *Minnie*. 2. *Iva*. 3. *Bar*. 4. *Warder*. 5. *Babe*.

IV. ROBERT CROSKY, b. Dec. 31, 1868; m'd Feb. 28, 1884, Dora Naylor, dr. of Tilman. Ch:

1. *George*. 2. *Laura*. 3. *Lizzie*. 4. *Jose*.

V. EMMA L. CROSKY, m'd Aug. 12, 1875, Wylie Walker. (See.)

VI. WILLIAM HENRY CROSKY, m'd May Riddle; 2 children. Live in Colorado.

VII. JAMES CROSKY.

THE ALLISON FAMILY.

Aug. 4—James Allison died. He and his brother, Milton Allison, were sons of Jas. Allison (i) and Lettie Gray. They came from Montgomery County, Ky., in 1855.

I. JAMES ALLISON

Was born in Montgomery County, Ky., and there married Rachel Frakes, daughter of John, of Bourbon County, Ky. They came in 1855, and settled near New Market; and here he died in July, 1873. Ch:

- I. SALLIE A. ALLISON, m'd Feb. 11, 1858, John D. Corbin (see), b. in Henry County, Ky., Nov. 12, 1832; drowned June 2, 1858. Ch:

1. *Rachel Corbin*, m'd a Boyles.

Sallie A., m'd 2d, A. Combs.

- II. JAMES ALLISON (iii).

III. JANE ALLISON, m'd July 30, 1861, W. H. Downing. (See.)

- IV. CYNTHIA G. ALLISON, m'd March 7, 1861, James A. Allen, b. March 9, 1835, in Scott County, Ky., son of Alfred Allen. Children:

1. *Lee*. 2. *Ernest Allen*. 3. *Homer*. 4. *Eva*. 5. *Odis*.
6. *Laura S. Allen*.

- V. MILTON ALLISON (ii).

VI. WILLIAM E. ALLISON, m'd Dec. 12, 1872, Laura Judy.

- VII. B. FRANK ALLISON, m'd Dec. 24, 1878, Susie E. Dean. (See.)

II. MILTON ALLISON.

He married, first, Martha Frakes. He married, second, Annie Ferguson. Came from Montgomery County, Ky., in 1855, and settled five miles east of Platte City. Ch:

- I. SARAH J. ALLISON, b. in 1834; m'd in 1849, Aaron McMonigle, b. in Estill County, Ky., in 1833. They came to Platte in 1855, and in 1877 removed to Stone County, Mo.; 6 children, one of whom is Wm. H. McMonigle, b. in Estill County, Ky., July 29, 1852; m'd Jan. 6, 1880, Letitia Hodges. Another son is J. M. McMonigle, who represented the county in 1896. They live in Platte.

- II. JOHN C. ALLISON, b. Dec. 18, 1837; m'd Oct. 16, 1873, Julia T. Moore, b. Aug. 19, 1846, and d. Jan. 18, 1893, dr. of James B. Ch:

1. *William Allison*. 2. *Stella*. 3. *Mattie C*. 4. *Frank*.
5. *James*.

John C. married, second, March 9, 1879, M. C. Branum.

- III. JAMES WILLIAM ALLISON, m'd June 24, 1862, Minerva Ann Tate. They live in Kansas City; 5 children.

- IV. ELIZA ALLISON, m'd J. Frank Nelson; 5 children; live in Clinton.

- V. BEN T. ALLISON, m'd R. Columbia Lewis, dr. of D. P. (See.)

- VI. BELLE ALLISON, m'd Ed. O. Slaughter. (See.) Ch:

1. *Fannie*. 2. *Jesse Slaughter*.

- VII. LETIZA ALLISON, m'd R. T. Hodges. Ch:

1. *Rennie*. 2. *John B*. 3. *Frank*.

The foregoing were by his first wife. The second had:

VIII. FANNIE ALLISON, b. Dec. 12, 1851; m'd Jan. 15, 1872, Thomas J. Moore, b. May 18, 1843. Ch:

1. *Annie B.* 2. *Joseph C.* 3. *Jas. B. Moore* (ii).
4. *Jesse W.* 5. *Renie.* 6. *Ticie.* 7. *Edw. Moore.*
8. *Thos. E. Moore.*

THOMAS M'CARTHY.

Aug. 4—Thos. McCarthy, our State senator, died at Liberty, of typhoid fever. He was born in Mason County, Ky., July 24, 1812, and came to Clay in 1833; taught school, was county clerk for six years, served under General Doniphan in the Mexican war; studied law, practiced in Liberty; was a captain in the Confederate army, and wounded at Wilson's Creek; was president of the Liberty Savings Association. His estate was appraised at \$80,000. He never married.

Aug. 8—Weston is excited over the law expelling hogs from her streets.

Aug. 12—A good rain; but too late to do much good.

Aug. 18—The Township Organization Law having been decided constitutional, the new court convene, and draw lots to determine each member's term of office. The result was: Talbott, six years and the presidency; Hamm, four years; Owens, three years; Handley, two years, and Noland, one year.

Aug. 22—A. J. Coleman removes into his new store.

AXIOM FARMER'S FAMILY.

Aug. 24—Mrs. Sarah Ann Farmer, wife of Axiom, died. She was a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Estes, and was reared in Bourbon County, Ky. February 12, 1835, she married Axiom Farmer, born in Edgecomb County, N. C., February 10, 1809, and died in Platte February 14, 1897. His parents were Den. Farmer and Sarah Dondua. In the fall of 1829 Mr. Farmer came to Calloway County, Mo., where he was married. In the fall of 1837 he came to Platte, and preëmpted the 160 acres four miles east of Platte City yet owned by the family. After the death of his wife, Mr. Farmer remained single. Ch:

- I. LUC. J. FARMER, b. in April, 1836; m'd Feb. 1, 1855, Noah W. Beery, b. in Ohio, Feb. 6, 1826. They live in Platte City, and Mr. Beery runs an express wagon between Platte City and Leavenworth. He is a gentleman of intelligence, honor, and truth, and a highly esteemed citizen. He has reared a large family of children, whose lives do him honor. Children:

1. *Maggie Beery*, b. Oct. 25, 1859; m'd March 15, 1883, Prof. J. T. Buchanan. He is regarded as one of the best educators of the day, and is now at the head of the public schools of Kansas City. He is now (1896) making a tour of Europe, in charge of a large party

of excursionists. His wife is beautiful and lovely.
Ch: [a] Harry; [b] Roy.

2. *Nellie Beery*, b. Aug. 11, 1861; m'd March 15, 1883, Linn W. Millis, of Leavenworth. Children: [a] Nellie M. Millis; [b] Blanche.
3. *Farmer Beery*, b. July 15, 1863; m'd Sept. 28, 1887, Mrs. Lucy E. McComb.
4. *Annie E. Beery*, b. Aug. 17, 1865; m'd March 7, 1889, Rev. C. A. Buchanan, of the Baptist Church.
5. *Thomas Clay Beery*, b. Oct. 10, 1869; m'd Nov. 26, 1892, Ella G. Fuller.
6. *Arthur L. Beery*, b. Jan. 29, 1872; m'd Oct. 28, 1896, Frankie L. Williams.
7. *Jesse Lee Beery*, b. Oct. 27, 1873.
8. *Lora Maud Beery*, b. April 14, 1878.
9. *John W. Beery*, b. April 2, 1880.

II. SAVANNAH FARMER, m'd Wm. Grooms, and died in May, 1882, leaving 2 children.

III. GEO. W. FARMER, b. Nov. 5, 1839; m'd April 14, 1864, Emily Corbin. (See.)

IV. JOHN T. FARMER, m'd Aug. 5, 1874, Herminnia Hon, dr. of Moses. Ch:

1. *Price*. 2. *Grover*.

V. HARRISON G. FARMER, b. Oct. 25, 1845; m'd Feb. 13, 1869, Mary A. Herndon (see), dr. of Sim; 10 children.

VI. SARAH A. FARMER, m'd Feb. 17, 1869, Thos. L. Herndon. They live in Cass County; 1 child.

Other children of A. Farmer who have died: 1, Hannah T., wife of W. W. Davis, died in May, 1874; 2, Armilda, died October 25, 1865, aged 29 years; 3, Robert, died September 26, 1864, aged 22 years.

Aug. 25—Teachers' institute at Platte City.

Aug. 30—Temperance picnic at Camden Point.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 8—First frost.

Sept. 13—A military company formed at Platte City; W. P. Chiles captain, and John Brady first lieutenant.

The Weston Rifle Guards organized, with J. T. Wilson captain, and F. B. Gilbert first lieutenant.

Sept. 16—A donation party to Elder J. W. Brown, of Platte City.

Sept. 18—Jay Cook failed; a panic followed; banks suspended, and five years of business depression succeeded.

THE MOSS FAMILY.

Sept. 20—Col. James H. Moss died at Columbia. He was a son of Dr. James Moss, who came from Virginia to Lexington, Ky., about 1795, and, after a few years, changed his residence to

Maysville, Ky. About the same time Josiah Woodson, of Virginia, came to Maysville, and Dr. James Moss married his daughter, Mary Woodson. We will now trace the

LINEAGE OF JOSIAH WOODSON.

1. JOHN WOODSON, of Dorsetshire, England, who settled in Virginia in 1624. His son,
2. ROBERT WOODSON, m'd Elizabeth Ferris. Their son,
3. JOHN WOODSON, m'd Judith, daughter of Stephen Tarleton. Their son,
4. JOSIAH WOODSON, m'd Mary Royall. Their daughter,
5. MARY WOODSON, m'd Dr. James Moss, of Maysville, Ky.

DESCENDANTS OF DR. JAMES MOSS.

1. WOODSON MOSS.
2. ELIZABETH MOSS, b. in Mason Co., Ky., in 1805; d. at St. Louis, Feb. 8, 1873; m'd 1st, Dr. D. P. Wilcox. She m'd 2d, Gen. W. H. Ashley. She m'd 3d, Senator John J. Crittenden. She was a lovely and spirited woman. In 1839, when I was a youth, I was her guest in St. Louis. She was then in the heyday of her loveliness, and, as the Widow Ashley, the queen of St. Louis society.
3. OLIVER P. MOSS (see), of Liberty.
4. COL. JAMES H. MOSS (see), a lawyer of distinction, and the organizer of the militia of Platte and Clay in 1864. He m'd Susan Woodson, of Columbia, dr. of Warren Woodson.

OTHER CHILDREN OF JOSIAH WOODSON.

2. CAROLINE WOODSON, m'd Augustus Wilson, son of Lieut Nat Wilson, a half-brother of Dr. Basil Duke.
3. PATSY WOODSON, m'd Henry Machir, and their daughter married G. T. January, of St. Louis.
4. SOPHIA WOODSON, m'd Jas. Hickman, brother of John L.
5. The wife of Logan Hunton.

The Woodsons are related to hundreds of the most noted families of the West.

THE BELL FAMILY.

Francis M. Bell died in Weston. He was born February 3, 1828; married December 7, 1847, Elizabeth Staggs. His parents were Wm. H. Bell and Mary Prather. The father was a man of wealth and business qualifications. He came to Platte at an early day, and entered a section of land in Marshall Township. About 1847 he sold out, and removed to Weston, to engage in the mercantile business. He built the large brick warehouse on the levee, and engaged largely in the purchase and sale of hemp and other produce. A man of means and honor, he did a large, but not a profitable, business. After a few years, he sold out, and removed to Mt. Pleasant, Kansas, where he died in 1874. His only child was:

FRANCIS M. BELL

Who for many years prior to 1873 was a merchant of Weston, highly honored for his virtues. His children:

- I. WILLIAM M. BELL, b. Jan. 3, 1849; m'd Jose Lowe. They live at Mount Pleasant, Kansas.
- II. GEO. W. BELL, graduated at Park College in 1885, at the head of his class; entered the Presbyterian ministry and is now preaching in Colorado. He m'd Lizzie Frizlen.
- III. LEWIS BELL, m'd Mary Hawley. Live in Winchester, Kansas.
- IV. CHAS. B. BELL, b. April 29, 1863; m'd Nov. 1, 1887, Mollie G. Kennedy, b. May 15, 1869. Mr. Bell is now collector of Platte City. 1 child:
 1. *Jas. M. Bell*, b. July 26, 1891.
- V. JOHN C. BELL, m'd Tracy Jackson. Live in Troy, Kansas.
- VI. FRANK W. BELL, lives in Colorado.
- VII. ARTHUR ST. C. BELL, a rising young lawyer of Topeka, Kansas.

Sept. 23—County fair five days. A speed-track voted.

Sept. 26—A colored jury in Weston fined a negro \$3, for breach of a city ordinance.

Sept. 28—The store-house of R. F. Mason & Co., in Edgerton, with a stock of goods belonging to Stokely Holland, burned Insurance, \$4,000.

OCTOBER.

DANIEL P. LEWIS.

Oct. 1—Daniel P. Lewis died five miles southeast of Platte City. We will here take up

THE LEWIS FAMILY.

The ancestor was James Lewis (i), born in North Carolina September 6, 1767; married Elizabeth Stewart, born February 25, 1770. She was a daughter of John Stewart, who attended Daniel Boone on his first expedition to Kentucky, and was killed by Indians. Their children: 1, William Lewis, b. Sept. 27, 1787; 2, Jesse Lewis, b. April 9, 1790; 3, Ann Lewis, b. Feb. 27, 1792; 4, Gideon Lewis, b. Sept. 27, 1795; 5, Joshua Lewis, b. Nov. 26, 1797; 6, Stewart Lewis, b. May 29, 1800; 7, Daniel P. Lewis, b. Jan. 20, 1802; 8, Byram Lewis, b. Aug. 13, 1804; 9, Polly Lewis, b. Nov. 16, 1806; 10, James Lewis, b. Nov. 12, 1808; 11, Isaac T. Lewis (living), b. Jan. 29, 1811; 12, Elizabeth, b. Oct. 10, 1813.

James Lewis (i) removed from North Carolina to Barren County, Ky., where his younger children were born. In 1818 the family removed to Crawford County, Ind. In 1820 they came to Boone County, Mo., and settled near Columbia. The trip was made with pack-mules. In 1822 they came to Jackson County,

paying two cows for transportation by wagon. There were only four families their neighbors in Jackson: McClelland, Ham-bright, Sibley, Aytchman.

Of the children, named, of James Lewis, we are interested in

I. DANIEL P. LEWIS,

Born January 20, 1802; died October 1, 1873. I. T. Lewis administered. Bond, \$1,000. He followed the wanderings of his parents, and settled, in 1837, five miles southeast of Platte City, and here he died. He was a social, generous, good-hearted gentleman. He was elected county judge in August, 1840, and held office six years. In 1846 he was chosen county clerk, and held the office twenty-two years. He was beloved for his kindness and cordiality, and esteemed for his intelligence and honor. He married Polly Paine. Ch:

I. MARTHA LEWIS, m'd a Gordon.

II. ELIZABETH J. LEWIS, m'd Sept. 24, 1848, Wilburn Christison. He was a merchant in Platte City, partner of John Swaney. He served a term as county treasurer. The family went to Kansas in 1857.

III. MIRANDA B. LEWIS, m'd James Tate. (See.)

IV. W. WALLACE LEWIS.

V. THEO. W. LEWIS, b. in 1836; d. June 26, 1894; m'd an Andrews. Ch:

1. *Daniel Lewis* (ii), m'd Dec. 26, 1880, Lizzie May Perkins, b. May 22, 1864; d. June 1, 1893.

2. *Mattie Lewis*, m'd Dec. 17, 1885, Jas. W. Snow.

VI. BART. D. LEWIS, m'd Oct. 12, 1880, Fannie Surrat.

VII. ROWENA COLUMBIA LEWIS, m'd April 1, 1862, B. F. Allison. (See.)

II. JESSE LEWIS,

Born in Ashe County, N. C., April 9, 1790; died in 1884; came with the family to Platte in 1837, and settled six miles southeast of Platte City; sold out to Michael Byrd, removed to Grand River, and thence to Holt County. He had married Miranda Sloan. She died in Holt County, and he married, second, Susan Gibson. He married, third, Polly Payne, who survived him two years. After the war, he returned to Platte. Mr. Jesse Lewis served under Harrison in the War of 1812, and was at Tippecanoe. Children by his first wife:

I. WILLIAM LEWIS. (See.)

II. JAMES G. LEWIS (see), m'd June 4, 1846, Minerva Sloan.

III. WILSON LEWIS, lived in Jackson Co., Mo.

IV. MARTIN LEWIS, lived in Holt.

V. VILENA LEWIS (i), m'd Charles Blakley, and was mother of Jesse J. Blakley. (See.) Charles went to Denver, and died, leaving children.

Jesse Lewis' children by his second wife:

VI. ALFRED W. LEWIS, m'd Clara C. Bell. Ch:

1. *Mary Lewis.* 2. *Susie.* 3. *Robert.* 4. *Ticie.*
5. *Jacob.* 6. *Bell Lewis.*

III. ISAAC T. LEWIS

Lived for many years at New Market, and moved to Nodaway County. He was born January 29, 1811, in Barren County, Ky.; came to Platte in 1837; married in 1844 Ann Wigham, daughter of Joseph, born March 26, 1834. He married, second, in 1854, Mary J. White. Children by his second wife:

- I. ALICE BELLE LEWIS, b. Sept. 6, 1856; m'd Feb. 12, 1874, A. J. Dysart, of Andrew County.
- II. LEETA LEWIS, b. April 22, 1858; m'd Oct. 18, 1875, H. C. Dysart.
- III. JAMES G. LEWIS, b. May 14, 1859; m'd Feb. 22, 1882, Hattie Lee Owens, dr. of John T. (See.) Live in Nodaway.
- IV. THOMAS J. LEWIS, b. July 24, 1860; m'd 1st, Feb. 24, 1880, Fannie O. Lewis, dr. of Wm. and Sarah Lewis. He m'd 2d, in April, 1885, Belle Douglas. Live in Oklahoma Territory.

JOHN MONROE WILSON.

Oct. 3—John Monroe Wilson died two miles east of Platte City. He was born in Pittsburg, Pa., in 1800; married, first, in 1824, Margaret Finley, who died in 1836. He married, second, in 1838, Sarah Whitehurst, who survived him, and died March 2, 1885. He was a man of thought and integrity, but not social or confiding. He kept his own counsel, and was exact in all his dealings. Children by his first wife:

- I. LEWIS WILSON, a cripple, went to California.
 - II. HARVEY WILSON, m'd Mary Rogers, and went to Iowa.
 - III. GEORGE F. WILSON, killed in the Federal army.
 - IV. MARGARET WILSON, m'd Dec. 16, 1871, Samuel Rogers, of Iowa.
 - V. SUSANNAH, m'd James M. Oliphant, a merchant of Weston, and a son of Dr. Samuel. She died, leaving:
 1. *Henry L.* 2. *Alice Oliphant.* 3. *Clay.*
 - VI. DIANA, m'd a Davidson, of Iowa.
 - VII. JAMES C., m'd Mary Hill, of Texas.
 - VIII. SAMUEL WILSON, of California.
- J. M. Wilson's children by his second wife:
- IX. JACOB WILSON, b. Sept. 25, 1844, in Ohio; m'd March 6, 1867, Katie F. Wilson (no kin), b. April 15, 1844. Ch:
 1. *John J.*, b. Nov. 26, 1866. 2. *Alonzo*, b. April 1, 1869.
 3. *Robert*, b. June 12, 1881.
 - X. THOMAS J. WILSON, b. July 19, 1846; m'd Dec. 2, 1867, Mollie Ewell. He served in the Federal army, and is a man of good mind and heart. They live at Merriam, Kansas.
 - XI. MARION F. WILSON, m'd Jose Mann, of Clay.
 - XII. STEPHEN N. WILSON, m'd Susan Snow, of Clay.

XIII. NANCY JANE WILSON, m'd David Russell, of California.
She died, leaving 2 children.

XIV. MOLLIE M. WILSON, m'd Dr. Charles Fletcher, of Kansas.

A. A. EVANS.

Oct. 12—A. A. Evans died. He was born April 3, 1806. He married Prudence A. McCarthy, born September 21, 1814; died August 30, 1866. Ch:

- I. MARY E. EVANS, m'd Samuel Mattox; 4 children.
- II. MISSOURI A., m'd And. Brown. (See.)
- III. JOHN V. EVANS, b. March 17, 1844; m'd June 24, 1866, Nancy A. Chinn. Ch:
 1. *Kathleen.* 2. *Lizzie.* 3. *William.* 4. *Franklin.*
 5. *James.* 6. *Rosa.*

THE KING FAMILY.

Oct. 15—Mrs. Permelia King (widow) administers on the estate of Daniel King. The parents of the Platte County Kings were James and Rachel King, of Virginia. Both died in Platte. Their children were:

I. DANIEL KING,

Born in Virginia March 1, 1796; came to Boone County, Mo., and in 1837 to Platte, taking up a splendid farm at Hampton. Elizabeth Leddington was the name of his first wife. Mr. King was highly respected and implicitly trusted. Ch:

- I. JAMES KING, b. March 1, 1820; d. Nov. 24, 1893; went to California.
- II. RACHEL KING, m'd Drury Stayton; went to Arkansas.
- III. SARAH KING, m'd A. W. Mason, and died, leaving children.
- IV. ELIZABETH KING, dead; m'd Jacob Riffe.
- V. THOMAS C. KING, b. March 1, 1822; m'd June 17, 1860, Mary F. E. Brightwell. (See.)
- VI. NANCY KING, m'd Sept. 3, 1846, Sidney C. Jacks, son of Thomas. (See.) They live near Hampton, on part of the old King homestead. Ch:
 1. *Thomas Jacks* (iii), m'd July 4, 1867, Missouri Brown. (See.)
 2. *Daniel P. Jacks*, m'd Eliza Crain. Ch: [^a] William; [^b] Shelton; [^c] Mary Jacks; [^d] Nancy.
 3. *Elizabeth Jacks*, m'd Wm. B. Pope, brother of Jas. A. Ch: [^a] Arthur.
 4. *Dona Jacks*, m'd July 10, 1881, Burket Dearing (ii). (See.)
 5. *James D. Jacks*, m'd Dec. 25, 1876, Elizabeth Strang, b. Nov. 25, 1857; d. Dec. 28, 1893; 5 children. He m'd 2d, Mrs. Angie Brown.
 6. *Charles Jacks*, m'd Jan. 26, 1883, Kate Kennedy.

7. *Violetta King*, m'd July 27, 1854, David McMillan, b. in 1835, in Kentucky; d. in Jan., 1891. Ch: [a] Dantel T. McMillan; [b] Mollie McMillan; [c] Laura McMillan, m'd Nov. 6, 1880, Jos. Duncan. Ch: [1] Lillie; [2] Joseph; [3] Winnie; [4] John. [d] James W. McMillan, b. May 30, 1862; m'd July 25, 1895, Millie Clarke, dr. of William; [e] Susie, m'd March 2, 1892, Waller L. Edwards; [f] Zora McMillan, m'd Jan. 2, 1889, Geo. F. Carney.

II. LEVINIE KING

Married in 1842 Burkett Dearing, born in 1818 in Virginia. Ch:
I. THOS. DEARING.

II. ANNA M., m'd John Vandeburg.

Oct. 17—Yellow fever fatal at Memphis. Between September 16th and October 22d, there were 1,004 deaths.

James Smock is shot and killed, two miles above Weston, by Anderson G. Mitchell.

Oct. 21—Special election of State senator, to fill the place of Thos. McCarthy, deceased. John R. Keller's vote was 3,367, against 1,219 for C. A. Perry, in the district; and in Platte, Keller's 911, to Perry's 466.

JOHN RAMEY.

John Ramey died. He was born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1791; removed to Montgomery County, Ky., with his parents in 1800; taught school in 1819-20. In 1814 he married Juda Gordon, sister of Thomas Gordon, of Clay. She was born in 1797, in Loudoun County, Va., and died April 16, 1869, in Platte. They came to Platte in 1840, and settled on Second Creek, below Linkville, and entered a splendid body of prairie land. Ch:

I. MARY JANE RAMEY, b. March 8, 1815; m'd Wm. Prunty, brother of Leonard; no children.

II. SUSAN RAMEY, b. April 20, 1817, living. She m'd in Kentucky Hugh B. Wren, b. May 9, 1796; d. in Kentucky. The widow came after her father, to Platte. Ch:

1. *Edwin O. Wren*, m'd Mary Daniel, dr. of Shelby. (See.) Ch: [a] Lillie Wren, d. Oct. 10, 1894; m'd Davis Ramey, of Mt. Sterling, Ky. 1 child: [1] Ed. O. Ramey.

2. *Mary E. Wren*, m'd Richard Oldham. Ch: [a] Olive May.

3. *James J. Wren*, b. in Kentucky Sept. 9, 1844; m'd Jan. 7, 1880, Helen C. Adkins. (See.)

III. LEWIS RAMEY, b. March 1, 1819; sold goods in Platte City; went to California in 1850; made a fortune by trade, and was frozen in a snow-storm, leaving a large sack of gold in

a tree near where his body was found. The heirs here received large sums from his estate.

IV. MELVINA RAMEY, b. Oct. 1, 1821; m'd in 1846, James B. Martin. (See.)

V. THOMAS RAMEY, b. Feb. 11, 1826; went to California; m'd Lizzie Satterfield.

THOMAS C. REYNOLDS

Oct. 24—Thomas C. Reynolds having died October 16, 1873, Noland & Reynolds administered. He married April 7, 1829, in Boone County, Mary Winn, born in Clark County, Ky., January 22, 1806, and died April 6, 1888. Her first husband was Samuel Tribble, whom she married November 20, 1823. Tribble lived but eight months after marriage. A daughter married A. J. Brink. In the spring of 1842 Mr. Reynolds came to Platte, and settled on Brush Creek. Ch:

I. SARAH E. REYNOLDS, m'd Nic. F. Noland. He d. in Dec. 1873. Their daughter Laura married in Kansas.

II. RICHARD T. REYNOLDS. III. JOHN M. REYNOLDS.

IV. MARY REYNOLDS, m'd John Dunagan. Ch:

1. *Mary*. 2. *Kate*.

V. JAMES W. REYNOLDS, dead; m'd Margaret Simpson, dr. of Jas. (See.)

VI. SIDNEY R. REYNOLDS, m'd Feb. 12, 1858, Judge Geo. W. Noland, b. in Madison Co., Ky., Dec. 5, 1830, son of Maj. Joshua Noland and Sallie McKinney. Geo. W. came with his parents in 1831 to Lafayette Co., Mo., and in 1837 to Platte. In 1862 Geo. W. aided in raising a company for the 39th Missouri Militia, subsequently the 82d, and was chosen second lieutenant. He rose to first lieutenant, and served until 1864. In 1873 he was elected county judge, but the drawing for terms gave him only one year. He is a patriarch among his people, who respect him and fully trust his integrity. Ch:

1. *Wm. T. Noland*, m'd Nov. 8, 1883, Rena Garges. (See.)

2. *Ida D. Noland*, m'd Nov. 12, 1877, G. W. Noland (ii).

3. *Henry C. Noland*, m'd Sept. 12, 1893, Mary H. Naylor, dr. of Paul.

4. *Emma Noland*, m'd Jan. 5, 1893, E. W. Harrington. (See.)

5. *Ed. M. Noland*.

VII. MARTHA A. F. REYNOLDS, m'd D. H. Cleveland. Ch:

1. *Geo. R.*, m'd Cor. Brink, dr. of Ab.

2. *Susan Cleveland*.

Oct. 26—R. M. Huston indicted for killing Nat Daniel; acquitted.

Oct. 28—W. R. Laswell, near Camden Point, killed a gray eagle, measuring 6½ feet from tip to tip.

WILLIAM H. BAKER

Came from Kansas and settled near Farley, proving an excellent citizen. He was born in Hancock County, Ky., November 27, 1838; was in the Union army two years, under Gen. Prentiss, and participated in the battles of Corinth, Shiloh, Island No. 10, and Ft. Donelson. He married in 1883 Jennie Odell. Ch:

I. PERRY. II. JOHN. III. THOMAS. IV. KATE.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 1—The country is slowly recovering from the panic. Many banks resume payment.

Nov. 8—Prof. Gaylord lectured on "Palestine" at Platte City.

The Bank of St. Joseph established at St. Joseph, by the Burnes Bros. W. C. Wells is chosen cashier, but declines.

Nov. 11—Garret Hendricks killed near Parkville, by a fall from a wagon.

The M. E. church at Weston is undergoing repairs.

James Adkins is busy organizing "granges," and lecturing the Patrons of Husbandry.

Country mails established from Weston, semi-weekly, to Plattsburg, by way of Camden Point, Ridgely, Carpenter's store, and Bainbridge; also from Platte City, weekly, to Parkville, by way of Hampton; and from Kansas City to Grayson, by way of Barry.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 4—Patrons of Husbandry met at Platte City, and were addressed by Senator F. M. Cockrell.

Dec. 7—Elder J. A. Reavis, employed by the Christian Church at Platte City, preaches his first sermon.

Dec. 24—Christmas-trees at the Baptist and the M. & P. churches, at Platte City.

Dec. 27—F. G. Gaylord publicly installed H. P. of Melody Chapter, No. 21, and B. W. Gilbert W. M. of Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 191.

Cockrill & Co. remove into their new banking house on Lot 12, Block 25, Platte City.

A panther is frequently seen roaming about E. O. Waller's farm.

MARRIAGES IN 1873.

Hereafter I shall record at the end of each year marriages not found in any genealogy in this volume, giving dates consecutively.

January 1—Henry W. Ratliff married Eliza J. Blanchard; Wm. Dougherty married Mary F. McComas.

January 9—James Thomas married Amelia Hall; G. R. Farra married Fannie H. Hamilton.
 January 10—Thos. Wren married Ellen Hall.
 January 14—James Simons married Mollie Deitz.
 January 29—Lewis Howard married Mary Marshall.
 February 6—John W. Stuckey married Ann M. Funk.
 February 10—Jos. B. Ogden married Joan Farris.
 February 12—Jas. A. Broadhurst married Sarah J. Mitchell.
 February 13—John W. Daffron married Hester Denney.
 March 19—Taylor Shouse married Jose Duncan.
 April 27—Jas. T. Wood married Margaret J. Harrington.
 April 28—B. F. Owen married Mary Thorp.
 August 28—W. F. Williamson married Reb. J. Marshall.
 September 18, Jas. Sanders married Martha Cunningham.
 December 28—Arch. Brown married Martha Rogers.

1874.

OFFICERS.

Governor, Silas Woodson; Congressman, A. Comingo; State Senator, J. R. Keller; Representative, J. H. Winston; Circuit Judge, P. Lucas; Circuit Clerk, F. M. Tufts; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; Prosecuting Attorney, S. C. Woodson; County Justices, Talbott, Hamm, Handley, Owens, Noland; County Collector, R. L. Waller; County Clerk, T. W. Park; County Sheriff, E. McD. Coffey; County Treasurer, R. T. Darnall; County Assessor, J. P. St. John; Superintendent of Schools, J. C. Sutherland; Coroner, N. E. Wilkinson; Surveyor, W. V. Slone; Public Administrator, W. F. Yocom.

PRICES.

Butter, 25 cents; coffee, 40 cents; corn, 80 cents; flour, \$3.50; eggs, 12 cents; granulated sugar, 14 cents; potatoes, \$1.40; wheat, \$1.40; wood, \$2.50.

Newspapers—The *Landmark*, \$2.00, published at Platte City by T. W. Park, succeeded by Park & Nesbitt. The *Democrat*, published at Platte City, \$1.50, by L. Shepard, succeeded by the *Advocate*, by H. S. Kline. The *Missouri Commercial*, published at Weston, \$2.00, by Howard & Co. The *Democrat* and *Advocate* are "Sorehead," and the others "Ring."

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Forman, Herndon, Merryman, Norton, Paxton, J. E. and J. F. Pitt, Wells, Woodson, Wilson.

Physicians—Coffey, Guthrie, Johnson, McDonald, Smith, Spencer, Tebbs.

Merchants, etc.—Chesnut & Morin, A. J. Colman, Thos. H. Colman, English, Flannery, Fleshman, Green, Hawley, Hamilton, Jenkins, Kiefer, Keith, Krause, Kurtz (postmaster), Lutes, Meads, Myles, Recht, Ruthven, Smith, Swain & Mason, Wilkinson, Young, Zarn.

Lodges—Belt Commandery, No. 9, B. W. Gilbert, E. C.; Alpha Council, U. D., N. B. Anderson, T. I. G. M.; Melody Chapter, No. 21, F. G. Gaylord, H. P.; Zerubbabel, No. 191, B. W. Gilbert, W. M.; Nebraska, No. 12, Thos. H. Colman, N. G.

Christian Church, Elder J. A. Reavis pastor.

Fair—W. K. Faulconer president, B. F. Hatton secretary.

Banks—Cockrill & Co.; Farmers' Savings Association, W. Oldham, cashier.

At Weston: Attorneys—Burnes, Coburn, Doniphan, Hitt, Hughes, Reynolds, Roney, Watts.

Physicians—Bonifant, Peters, Price, Shortridge, Wilson.

Merchants, etc.—Allen, Blanjour (postmaster), Briggs, Brill, Deitz, Doppler, Duncan, Ellifrit, Ellinger, Evans, Frank, Harper, Hoffman, Holliday, How, Ilkenhans, Keller, Kyle, Lewis, Magers, Maitland, McCormick, Martin, Miller, Moore, Newhouse, Noble, Nolly, Parr, Raileys, Ringo, Rohring, Schneider Session, Siler, Story, Tatman, Teegarden, Warner, Weiser, Yocom.

Court of Common Pleas—John Doniphan, judge; Yocom, clerk; Evans, marshal.

Lodges—Commandery No. 2, F. H. Lewis, E. C.; Council No. 2, S. A. Gilbert, T. I. G. M.; Chapter No. 4, Mr. Bowman, H. P.; Lodge No. 53, H. H. Hedges, W. M.; Unanimity, No. 366, J. T. Reynolds, W. M.; Phoenix, No. 30, M. Schindler, N. G.; Frontier Encampment, No. 2, Schindler, C. P.

High School—P. K. Dibble, principal.

Preachers—Blakey (M. E. S.), S. W. Cope (P. E.), Crawford (Pres.), Irvine (Cum. Pres.), J. W. Luke (Bap.).

At Parkville: Bueneman (postmaster), Busch, Campbell, Carmody, Dziubon, Halsey, Kahm, Luthy, McDonald, Mitchell, Davis, Dr. Moore, Nash, Pack, Park, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld, Wood.

At Camden Point: Brock, Herndon, Duncan, Morton, Ewing (postmaster), Broadhurst (school), Farris. Good Templars—Ewing, W. C. T.; Blue Lodge, No. 169, J. Clay, W. M.

At East Leavenworth: Weisse.

At Edgerton: Dr. Jones, Handley. Adelphi Lodge, No. 355, T. Moore, W. M.

At Farley: Bledsoe, Fouts, Holt, Carpenter (postmaster), Oliver. Fidelity Lodge, No. 339, Wallace, W. M.; Odd Fellows, No. 177, Ohlschlager, N. G.

At Hampton: J. A. Funk.

At Iatan: Dr. Larry, Smith (postmaster).

At New Market: Armstrong, Bryant, Cartwright, Moore, Rev. Babcock (M. E.).

At Ridgely: Chrisman, Gustin, Robinson.

At Tracy: Ryan, Tribble.

At Waldron: Scott, Hawkins, Holt, Waldron, Pettillo.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—The *Landmark* has advertisements of 16 “granges.”

The Signal Office Bureau send to postoffices their daily “indications” of the weather.

Jan. 8—The Patrons of Husbandry meet in secret council at Masonic Hall, Platte City, and pass resolutions recommending economy in the management of county affairs.

THE McEOWEN FAMILY.

John McEowen (i) died six miles east of Platte City. Two brothers, John and Hugh McEowen, removed from New Jersey to Butler County, Ohio, and thence to Huntington County, Ind. Hugh came to Platte in the spring of 1839, and settled on Todd's Creek; John followed him in 1840, and settled two miles north of his brother, in a lovely grove, in a fertile prairie. At that day the prairies were lovely beyond description. I spent nine years of my life upon these divine pastures, that surrounded the humble homes of the McEowens. I weep now when I look upon desolation where once were emerald meadows. The McEowens were plain, rough, intelligent, thrifty, honorable, and upright farmers. In their simplicity they regarded every man as honest, good, and true—and in their generosity they gave whatever was asked, and loaned to any one who would borrow. They were noble backwoodsmen, and warm-hearted pioneers.

I. JOHN McEOWEN

Was born in New Jersey in 1800, and died in Platte, January 8, 1874. He married, first, Eliza Davis, who died in Ohio, leaving:

I. JAMES McEOWEN, b. in Ohio; came west with his father, and d. in Feb., 1856.

II. ISAAC DAVIS McEOWEN, b. in Ohio in April, 1829; m'd May 6, 1860, Catherine Ballard. He died, leaving:

1. *John McEowen*, committed suicide May 27, 1882.

2. *Ann E. McEowen*, m'd March 12, 1878, Benj. Chinn. (See.)

3. *Geo. B. McEowen*, m'd Oct. 14, 1885, Emma Hoskins, dr. of Charles. Ch: [a] Chas. H.

4. *Isaac McEowen* (ii).

John McEowen married, second, July 18, 1831, Hannah Davis, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Davis, and sister of his first wife. She was born in Chester County, Penn., September 2, 1793, and died April 30, 1885. She survived her husband and her own two sons, so that Isaac's children inherited the estate.

II. HUGH McEOWEN (i)

Died June 27, 1847. Under that date his record will be found. (See.)

Jan. 16—Hon. P. T. Abell died at Atchison Kan., aged 61. He was a lawyer of ability, and a strong Pro-slavery man. During the early years of the war he had to leave Kansas. He spent those years in Platte City.

Jan. 17—Henry T. (Tobe) Callahan was shot by one Robert Bemrose on the 14th, and died on the 17th. Bemrose fled, and was never apprehended. Henry was a young man of courage, nerve, and resolution. He was constable of Platte City in 1867. He married Kate Chesnut. (See.)

SIMEON STEWART.

Jan. 19—Simeon Stewart died. He married Malinda ———, who still lives in Kansas City. Ch:

- I. FANNIE, m'd a Moose. II. LEWIS. III. DAVID.
- IV. JAMES H. V. PAULINA.
- VI. BETTIE STEWART, m'd a Shipp. VII. THOMAS.

The widow and children still own the homestead of 160 acres on the road from Platte City to Beverly.

Jan. 21—The county buys \$12,000 of her funding bonds at 97½ cents.

NOAH DAVIDSON.

Jan. 24—Noah Davidson died near Camden Point, and was buried by Masons. His widow, Lucinda, administered, giving bond for \$2,000. Ch:

- I. JENNIE DAVIDSON, m'd John Woodson. (See.)
- II. CLAY DAVIDSON, m'd Dec. 27, 1882, Nannie Bywaters, dr. of John W. (See.) Ch:
 - 1. Glen (girl). 2. Harry. 3. Guy. 4. Babe (boy).
- III. WILLIAM DAVIDSON, went to California.
- IV. HOLMES DAVIDSON, m'd Allibee Bywaters, dr. of John W. (See.) They live in Oklahoma Territory.
- V. ISAAC DAVIDSON, m'd March 9, 1885, Dora Stagner. They live in Oklahoma Territory.
- VI. IDA MAY DAVIDSON, m'd Jan. 27, 1885, A. P. Baughman.
- VII. MINOR DAVIDSON, m'd Feb. 26, 1893, Mary V. Jenkins.
- VIII. ANNA B. DAVIDSON, m'd June 26, 1889, Henry Hurst.
- IX. HARRY DAVIDSON, single.

WILLIAM REYNOLDS

Jan. 25—William Reynolds died in Weston. He was born in Washington County, Penn., February 26, 1793; married February 16, 1826, in Warren County, Ohio, Cassandra ———. They came to Platte in 1844, settled near Ridgely, and removed in 1849 to Weston. Ch:

- I. JOHN T. REYNOLDS, b. Sept. 13, 1846; m'd Nov. 19, 1873, Alice Price, of Richmond, Mo.; admitted to the bar April 9, 1875; left Weston for Texas April 18, 1878, and the 14th of May following, died. He was a lawyer, editor, Mason, and Methodist; and yet highly esteemed. Ch:

1. *Cassandra Reynolds.*

The widow, Alice, m'd Dec. 7, 1880, James M. Clay, of Plattsburg.

- II. MARTHA E. REYNOLDS, m'd Franklin Gilbert. (See.)

Jan. 26—Charles Cox having died, T. J. Doke administers. Bond, \$2,000. He left a widow, Mary, and children:

- I. JOHN. II. PORTER. III. JAMES.

H. C. Bond, stock agent for the C. & S. W. Railway Company, comes to Platte City and buys property.

FEBRUARY.

JANE DRAIS.

Feb. 1—Jane Drais having died, James Drais administers. She was the widow of Jackson Drais. Ch:

- I. ELIZABETH (BETTIE), m'd W. R. Claire.

- II. ROBERT DRAIS.

- III. MARTHA DRAIS, m'd March 19, 1879, John R. Jones.

- IV. AGNES DRAIS, m'd John Cannon.

Feb. 21—Andrew J. Stagner having died January 29, 1874, his widow, Cynthia, administers. Bond, \$2,500.

THE STAGNER FAMILY

Sprang from James Stagner, whose son, Thomas Stagner, born June 13, 1892, married Nancy Maupin, born December 2, 1803. Thomas and Nancy lived and died in Madison County, Ky. Thomas Maupin, a Revolutionary soldier, was the father of Mrs. Nancy Stagner, and Michie Maupin (i), of Platte, was her brother. The children of Thomas and Nancy Stagner were born in Madison County, Ky., and were:

- I. LITTLE R. STAGNER, b. Dec. 11, 1824; d. in Marshall Mo., March 12, 1893; never married.

- II. JASPER N. STAGNER, b. Oct. 20, 1826; d. March 25, 1896; m'd Elizabeth Stagner (cousin), dead. Ch:

1. *Winston N. Stagner*, m'd O. F. Wilhoit. Children:
[^a] Vickie; [^b] And. J. Stagner.

2. *A. L. Stagner.*

- III. SPEED STAGNER.

- IV. DR. MICHIE STAGNER, late of Iowa.

- V. ANDREW J. STAGNER, b. Dec. 11, 1830; d. Jan. 29, 1874; m'd June 19, 1859, near New Market, Cynthia A. Davidson, b. May 15, 1830, dr. of Joseph. Mr. Stagner's father, Thomas, was born and reared in Madison Co., Ky. His parents came from North Carolina to Boonesborough, Ky.

He was a drover, and took cattle, hogs, mules, and horses to the Southern market. He died in 1860, possessed of a large landed estate. His wife died March 25, 1841.

A. J. Stagner spent his early manhood in California, and came to Platte in 1858, married, and settled at what is now the town of Dearborn. After his death, Mrs. Stagner laid off several additions to Dearborn, and has realized a good price for lots sold. She is still living, and is a sensible, judicious, and enterprising woman. Oh:

1. *Thos. J. Stagner*, m'd March 17, 1890, Jennie Simmons, of Buchanan. 1 child: [a] Beulah.
2. *Nannie J. Stagner*, m'd Jan. 26, 1893, Dr. James Watson, of Dearborn.
3. *Mary E. Stagner*, m'd Dec. 17, 1884, Edwin L. Wells, druggist, of De Kalb. Oh: [a] Mat (boy); [b] a boy.
4. *Andrew Newton Stagner*. 5. *Julia M. Stagner*.

VI. RICHARD STAGNER, of Illinois.

VII. PATRICK STAGNER, of Illinois.

VIII. HENRY STAGNER, of Richmond, Ky.

IX. FANNIE STAGNER, b. in Madison Co., Ky., in 1848. She came to Missouri, and was educated at Camden Point; m'd in 1867 Rev. J. D. Clay, of the Baptist Church. She was a devoted Christian, spent a holy life, and died, leaving:

1. *A. L. Clay*. 2. *W. N. Clay*. 3. *A. R. Clay*. 4. *Oscar*. 5. *Dora*. 6. *Elva*. 7. *Lena*.

Feb. 20—Platte City Sunday-school Association formed, and union meetings held monthly.

W. J. Bemis died at Parkville. He was born November 3, 1831. He married Mrs. Elizabeth Summers, née Wilson, but left no children. He was an enthusiastic Mason, and a cordial but intelligent gentleman. He built the large mill in Parkville, known as the "Red Cross Mill," which was burned about 1891. His enterprise gave new life to Parkville.

To Dabney Bowen was awarded the contract to board the poor at \$1.50 per week.

COUNTY CLERK'S FEES.

T. W. Park's report showed his receipts of fees, \$3,785.73. He was allowed \$3,700 for services and clerk's hire, and paid the balance, \$85.73, into the county treasury.

The Northwestern Missouri Lunatic Asylum is established at St. Joseph.

The Weston Savings Bank is established with Jas. Hardisty president, and I. P. Cartwright cashier.

N. B. Anderson, still in Kentucky, is chosen head of the temperance cause in that State.

W. O. Oldham succeeds I. P. Cartwright as cashier of the Farmers' Savings Association.

Feb. 24—Temperature 4° below zero.

Feb. 27—Chas. J. Nesbit buys a half-interest in the *Landmark*.

Geo. S. Park publishes in the *Landmark* a long article on the culture of apples in the West. He maintains that between the Missouri and the Pacific slope there is no soil suitable for apples.

M. B. Wood, of Parkville, opens a drug store in Farley.

MARCH.

March 1—Granges are organized over the county, and their influence predominates in politics.

Rev. John G. Fackler, of St. Joseph, holds a protracted meeting in Platte City. Six additions to the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Fackler makes a public lecture on the beauties of the Yosemite Valley, California, the 10th.

WILLIAM BONNELL.

March 6—William Bonnell having died, Jonathan Bonnell administered. Bond, \$200. His wife was Catherine, born June 10, 1809, and his children:

I. CHARLES BONNELL, m'd Nov. 3, 1859, Mary S. Shouse.

II. REBECCA BONNELL, m'd a Simmons.

III. ELIZABETH, m'd a Henson.

IV. SARAH BONNELL, m'd a Henson.

V. LEAH BONNELL, m'd Feb. 21, 1865, John S. Shouse. Ch:

1. *Thomas Shouse*.

VI. JONATHAN BONNELL. VII. HENRY BONNELL.

VIII. MARGARET BONNELL, m'd a Lamar.

IX. MARY BONNELL. X. MARTHA.

March 13—Hamilton & Oldham are buying hemp at Platte City, and shipping to St. Louis.

March 15—Thomas Holland died, aged 56.

THE STANDIFORDS.

Thomas Standiford died. Skelton Standiford and Sarah Dodson had two sons, Thomas and William, who came from Virginia with their parents to Howard County, Mo., in 1817, and thence to Platte in 1841, and settled near Ridgley.

I. THOMAS STANDIFORD

Was born in Virginia October 30, 1813; died near Edgerton March 15, 1874. He was an esteemed farmer, Baptist, and Democrat. He married, first, in 1834, Rhoda Jennings, born May 4, 1815; died in 1863. Ch:

I. MARGARET STANDIFORD, b. July 3, 1836; d. June 16, 1890; m'd Hiram Cook, son of Adam. Ch:

1. *W. T. Cook*, m'd July 15, 1882, Laura A. Jones; no children.

2. *Geo. Cook*, m'd 1st, March 7, 1861, Mollie E. Nash. He m'd 2d, Julia Beery, dr. of Geo. (See.) 1 child: [a] Ray.
3. *Maggie Cook*, m'd A. D. Masoner. Ch: [a] Albert; [b] Estella Masoner; [c] Mattie; [d] James.
4. *Henry Cook*, m'd Sept. 7, 1891, Ella Cockrael; no children.
5. *Alice Cook*, m'd Sept. 9, 1893, Geo. Gustin.
6. *Pattie Cook*, m'd Oliver Gwin. 7. *Curtis Cook*.
- II. W. D. STANDIFORD, b. Feb. 4, 1838; m'd Feb. 2, 1860, Nancy Newman, died in 1895. (See.) They live near Edgerton.
- III. NATHAN STANDIFORD, b. Jan. 2, 1840; d. Aug. 20, 1862.
- IV. MARY E. STANDIFORD, b. Aug. 12, 1842; d. Sept. 13, 1866; m'd Harrison E. Sale. Ch:
 1. *W. T. Sale*, m'd Feb. 29, 1880, Sarah Mays, dr. of Henry. (See.)
 2. *Lou Sale*, m'd Geo. James.
 3. *Rhoda Sale*, m'd Calvin Harmer, dead. 1 child: [a] Rhoda.
 4. *Harrison Sale* (ii), m'd Mrs. Jemima Wilkerson, née Dodson. Ch: [a] Margaret, m'd Aug. 31, 1890, Alex. R. Newman, son of Wm.
- V. JOHN E. STANDIFORD, b. May 5, 1845; m'd 1st, a Bywaters. Ch:
 1. *Albert E. Standiford*.
 2. *Gertie Standiford*, m'd Jan. 1, 1896, C. B. Duncan. John E. m'd 2d, a lady from Kansas.
- VI. JAMES N. (DICK) STANDIFORD, b. Oct. 21, 1847; d. May 20, 1889.
- VII. MARTHA J. STANDIFORD, b. Sept. 7, 1851; m'd Feb. 2, 1871, Samuel R. Ralston. Ch:
 1. *Anna*, m'd Chris. Hamilton. 2. *Oscar Ralston*.
- VIII. THOMAS STANDIFORD (ii), b. Feb. 11, 1854; m'd Mahala Black. (See.)
Thomas Standiford (i) m'd 2d, Mrs. Lucy Snell. (See.)

II. WILLIAM STANDIFORD.

Born May 22, 1818; married, first, Kesiah Hayden, sister of Andrew. Ch:

- I. REV. JAMES STANDIFORD, of the Baptist Church, b. Nov. 21, 1839; m'd Sept. 2, 1858, Sophronia Jennings, b. Oct. 10, 1838, dr. of Moses. Ch:
 1. *John*, b. Jan. 13, 1862.
 2. *Moses*, b. Dec. 10, 1868; m'd Dec. 28, 1892, Bertha Hall.
 3. *Ella M. Standiford*, b. Nov. 24, 1877.
 4. *Mary A.*, m'd Robert Daffron. Ch: [a] Noah.
 5. *Nettie L.*, b. Jan. 12, 1866.
- II. ELIZA A. STANDIFORD, dead; m'd Jas. Leavel. 1 child.
- III. ELIZABETH STANDIFORD, m'd David Liggett, b. March 12, 1841; d. in 1864. Ch:

1. *William Liggett*, m'd Maggie Gaines, dr. of Pres.
 IV. NANCY STANDIFORD, m'd Mitchell Newell, of Kansas.
 William Standiford (i) m'd 2d, Kesiah Bradley. Ch:
 V. MARY A. STANDIFORD.
 VI. RHODA STANDIFORD, m'd a Manuel.
 William Standiford (i) m'd 3d, Mary Burnett, dr. of
 Wilson.
 VII. ELLA STANDIFORD.
 VIII. LENA STANDIFORD, m'd Nov. 18, 1894, George F.
 McKnight.

III. DODSON STANDIFORD

- Was a cousin of Thomas and William, born about 1818; d. near
 Edgerton July 1, 1883; married September 11, 1834, Amanda
 McManaway, who survived him. Ch:
 I. ELIZA, m'd Wm. Davis.
 II. MELCENA STANDIFORD, m'd March 1, 1855, Allen J.
 Scott.
 III. MARGARET, m'd Henderson Workman.
 IV. ANGELINE, m'd John Hightower.
 V. JANE STANDIFORD, m'd Nov. 10, 1878, S. S. Stone, son of
 Strother.
 VI. RUTH STANDIFORD, m'd John Beery.
 VII. ELLEN G. STANDIFORD, m'd Feb. 11, 1877, J. W. St. John.
 VIII. WILLIAM S. STANDIFORD, m'd March 2, 1882, Lucy
 Stone, dr. of Strother.

ADAM COOK,

Born in Tennessee May 5, 1801; died February 10, 1897; married
 May 6, 1834, Catherine Ottinger, who was mother of all his
 children:

- I. MOSES COOK, m'd Mary Hopper. Ch:
 1. *Adam*. 2. *Mary*.
 II. JANE COOK, m'd Samuel Ottinger. Ch:
 1. *Peter*, m'd a Jennings, and went to Kansas.
 2. *John*, also went to Kansas.
 3. *Margaret Ottinger*, m'd W. White, of St. Joseph.
 4. *Delia Ottinger*.
 5. *Anna Ottinger*, m'd Herod Smith, of Andrew County.
 6. *Kate Ottinger*, m'd Chas. Moore, of St. Joseph.
 7. *Burr Ottinger*.
 III. JOHN COOK.
 IV. MARGARET COOK, m'd Paul Ottinger, of Buchanan.
 V. ANDREW J. COOK, m'd Mary J. Denny, who died, and he
 m'd 2d, Anagusta Gardiner, and died, childless.
 VI. HIRAM COOK, m'd Margaret Standiford. (See.)
 VII. CATHERINE COOK, m'd Ben Gwin. (See.)
 VIII. MARY MAGGIE COOK, b. May 21, 1836; m'd March 1,
 1866, Elbert S. Grantham, b. March 5, 1830. Ch:

1. *Josephine Grantham*, m'd R. E. Fisher. Children: [a] Clarence; [b] Maggie Fisher.
 2. *Nellie Grantham*, m'd Edgar Demoss. Ch: [a] Elsie, and [b] Herbert (twins).
 3. *Hardwicke Grantham*, m'd Nancy Wells. Children: [a] Maggie; [b] Fred.
- IX. SUSAN COOK, m'd Peter Collins. Ch:
1. *George*. 2. *Celia Collins*, m'd Oliver Snider.
 3. *Katie Collins*, m'd William Gwin, son of Elisha. (See.)
 4. *Margaret Collins*, m'd Henry Jennings, son of John.
 5. *Mary Collins*, m'd Hut. Smith. 6. *Nora*.
 7. *Ida Collins*.

APRIL.

April 1—Jas. A. Price is elected mayor of Weston.
 Platte County Protective Association formed.
 The Weston Savings Bank opens in style.

ELDER JOHN T. MURDOCK.

April 2—Elder John T. Murdock died. He was born in Westmoreland County, Va., March 10, 1804; moved to Lexington, Ky., in 1811, and came to Platte in 1847; married Nancy Chinn, born in Harrison County, Ky., April 8, 1804; died in Kentucky in 1835. He was an earnest Old-school Baptist elder, tall of person, and graceful in manner. He was honored and beloved. Ch:

- I. ELIZABETH MURDOCK, b. in Bourbon Co., Ky., May 26, 1828; m'd April 26, 1846, in Kentucky, Elijah S. Chinn. They came to Platte in 1847, and, after removing several times, went to Vacaville, Cal., where Mrs. Chinn died July 26, 1893. Ch:
 1. *Nancy Chinn*, b. Feb. 20, 1866; m'd June 24, 1866, John Evans, b. March 17, 1844.
 2. *Lucy K. Chinn*, m'd John Stone.
 3. *Mollie E. Chinn*, m'd Oct. 26, 1880, Wm. Boydston. Ch: [a] Lee Boydston; [b] Elijah S.; [c] Pearl; [d] Zula M.; [e] Waneta. There are four other children with their father, Elijah S., in California.
- II. CHAS. T. MURDOCK, b. in Bourbon Co., Ky., Aug. 5, 1834. He was educated at Pleasant Ridge; m'd Sept. 6, 1855, Malinda H. Chinn, dr. of Alex. and Mary Chinn, of Bourbon Co., Ky. Ch:
 1. *Mary E. Murdock*, m'd Sept. 13, 1877, B. F. Montague.
 2. *Joel C. Murdock*, m'd Dec. 24, 1885, Georgia Cook, dr. of W. H.
 3. *Nancy L. Murdock*.

Mr. John T. Murdock married, second, in Kentucky, Mrs. Amanda Hardesty, née Hodges, born October 14, 1806; died September 24, 1885. Ch:

III. BEN. F. MURDOCK, b. Oct. 13, 1839; m'd Sept. 25, 1865, Bettie Wilhite, dr. of Eliezer. (See.) Ch:

1. *Agnes Murdock*, m'd Dec. 11, 1895, W. S. Gist.

Mr. Murdock is an experienced accountant, and is now our county clerk.

IV. ANNIE A. MURDOCK, b. Nov. 22, 1842; m'd Oct. 19, 1865, John W. Magee, b. Jan. 1, 1841, son of B. W. Magee and Elvira True. Mr. Magee possesses fine business qualifications, and his life has been spent in the marts of trade. He has been at different times a farmer, trader in cattle and grain, miller, bank president, and speculator in any thing in the market. He lived for years in Iowa; removed to Ottawa, Kansas, and was mayor of the city. He is a native of Coles Co., Ill. His home at present is Camden Point. Mr. Magee is a Republican, and at one time was the candidate of his party for probate judge, and received many votes outside of his party. In the war he served in the Federal army. He is a Mason. Ch:

1. *Lena Magee*, b. April 1, 1867; d. Aug. 5, 1887; m'd Prof. Wm. A. Banister; no children.

2. *Mary E. Magee*, b. Nov. 20, 1873; m'd Feb. 26, 1891, J. W. Swarthout.

V. JOHN N. MURDOCK.

VI. ELLA MURDOCK, m'd Oct. 18, 1865, Jas. P. Thomas.

April 3—Camden Point Orphan School, Broadhurst principal, has 150 scholars.

There are 14 prisoners in Platte County jail, mostly brought from other counties.

ROBERT B. MITCHELL.

April 6—Robert B. Mitchell died at his home near Camden Point. He was born in Bourbon County, Ky., in Oct., 1794. He enlisted in 1812 in Capt. Ellis' company of Col. Porter's regiment of the Army of the Northwest; came to Jackson County, Mo., in 1836, and thence to Platte in 1838. He was at an early day Indian agent at Council Bluffs, acting for several tribes, was a man of profound thought and sound judgment, a member of the Baptist Church, reserved in his manners, and seldom seen in company. He married Sallie Mitchell, who survived him. Ch:

I. JAMES B. MITCHELL, m'd 1st, Nancy Tinchier. Ch:

1. *Sallie*, m'd F. Garvin.

James B. m'd 2d, Addie Logan, dr. of Martin. Ch:

2. *Robert*, m'd Sallie Thornberg. 3. *William Mitchell*.

II. MARY E. MITCHELL, m'd July 5, 1845, Ambrose Owens. (See.)

III. JOHN E. MITCHELL, m'd Dec. 16, 1844, Mary A. Pumphrey, dr. of Elisha. Live in California.

IV. FRANCIS B. MITCHELL, lives in Colorado.

V. WM. A. MITCHELL, b. July 27, 1837; m'd Feb. 12, 1871, Mary A. Boydston, dr. of Samuel. Ch:

1. *Alma Mitchell.* 2. *Erma.* 3. *Bruce.* 4. *Frank.*
5. *Collie.* 6. *William Mitchell.*

VI. NANCY J. MITCHELL, b. in June, 1823; d. April 1, 1889; m'd March 7, 1860, Wm. H. Elliott, b. March 12, 1827, son of Josiah; no children.

April 7—The furniture factory at Weston commenced operations.

April 8—JAMES J. MOORE having died, Peyton Newman administered. Bond, \$1,600. His widow was Margaret, and his children: 1, Malinda; 2, Nancy M. Moore; 3, Jacob; 4, Angeline; 5, Isaac Moore; 6, Sarah E. Moore; 8, William.

April 9—EDWARD ROBERTS died, aged 44. D. J. Thorp administers. Bond, \$3,000. His widow was Margaret, and children: 1, Sarah Roberts, married a Henson; 2, Julia Roberts, m'd Jan. 18, 1872, Jas. Hyatt; 3, John L. Roberts; 4, Missouri; 5, Thomas W.; 6, Ellen N.; 7, George Roberts; 8, Robert E.; 9, Katharine Roberts.

William H. Hunt returned after a sojourn in Kansas.

Elder J. R. Reavis resigns his pastorate of the Christian Church in Platte City.

John F. Merryman and Jas. F. Pitt are admitted to the bar, and form a law partnership at Platte City, which is soon dissolved, by Merryman going to St. Louis, and Pitt to St. Joseph.

April 20—James E. Ireland, being elected to succeed Noland as county judge, takes his seat.

Adkins, Dougherty, and Dobson, committee appointed by the County Grange to investigate the accounts of the county clerk and road commissioner, report both in default.

JACOB BUSEY

April 21—Jacob Busey died, aged 90. His wife, Elizabeth, died July 29, 1871, aged 83. They lived three miles west of Platte City. Ch:

I. ELIZABETH.

II. WILLIAM BUSEY, m'd Rachel Busey, widow of his brother, Matthew T. Busey. (See.)

III. MATTHEW T. BUSEY, m'd Rachel ———. Ch:

1. *William Oscar Busey*, m'd April 22, 1869, Edith L. Rice, dr. of Charles. Ch: [^a] May Busey, m'd Jan. 1, 1896, Jas. H. Sexton. W. O. m'd 2d, Oct. 26, 1887, Hattie Criss.
2. *Dr. Alfred P. Busey*, m'd a Callett, of St. Joseph, and lives there.
3. *Jacob T. Busey*, m'd May 6, 1875, Fannie Murley.
4. *John H. Busey*, m'd March 13, 1871, Hattie J. Lober. (See.)

IV. JOHN S. BUSEY, dead.

VI. FANNIE BUSEY, m'd Alf. Trimble. Ch:

1. *Viola Trimble.*

VII. MARTHA BUSEY, m'd Sept. 2, 1847, Colman Shaw. Ch:

1. *Walter.*

VIII. SARAH JANE BUSEY, b. in Shelby Co., Ky., April 4, 1831; d. Oct. 3, 1890; m'd in 1856, Jesse Brashear, b. June 6, 1830. Mrs. Brashear came with her parents to Platte in 1844. Children:

1. *Lilly Brashear*, m'd John Payne; 3 children.

2. *Mary Brashear*, m'd Richard Shouse.

Mr. Jesse Brashear married second, January 6, 1892, Mrs. Sophia Keller, née Ellington, and lives at Camden Point. He has served several terms as coroner, and is a Knight Templar.

THE BRASHEAR FAMILY.

Levi Brashear, of Maryland, is the progenitor. His son,

JOHN BRASHEAR,

Was born February 23, 1796; married in Scott County, Ky., Sarah Turner, born in 1800, daughter of Benjamin. Their children:

I. LEVI BRASHEAR, b. in 1818; d. in 1890; m'd Permelia Johnson, of Scott County, Ky. She went to Texas with her children.

II. AGNES BRASHEAR, m'd a Faulconer, in Kentucky.

III. W. T. BRASHEAR, b. June 30, 1822; m'd Feb. 27, 1859, Nancy Kitchen, dr. of Weston. She died in 1874, leaving:

1. *W. R. Brashear*, b. in 1867.

IV. JESSE BRASHEAR, see above.

V. FANNIE BRASHEAR, single.

THE OLIVER FAMILY.

April 22—William E. Oliver died. Josiah Oliver was an emigrant from England, and settled in Fauquier County, Va. His son, John Oliver, died there, in 1840. He married Sibylla Eskridge, daughter of Burdette. The widow and children came to Platte, and here the widow died, in 1850. Ch:

I. LEMUEL THOMPSON OLIVER, b. July 19, 1820. (See.)

II. GRANVILLE JACKSON OLIVER (see), m'd Eliza Brightwell.

III. WILLIAM E. OLIVER, m'd Anna Jackson, d. Oct. 6, 1876. Children:

1. *Bettie Oliver*, m'd April 13, 1886, Hon. Arch. M. Woodson, of St. Joseph, son of Benj. J. (See.) He was b. in Knox County, Ky., Jan. 30, 1854; was brought, the same year, to Buchanan County, Mo., and thence to Platte in 1869; attended Plattsburg College two years, graduated at St. Louis Law School in 1877,

practiced in that city until 1882, spent two years in Platte City, removed to St. Joseph, and was appointed in 1890 judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit. He inherits the judicial mind of the Woodsons, and is rising to distinction.

2. *Kate Oliver*, m'd Sept. 25, 1878, John Mitchell.

3. *Anna Oliver*. 4. *Harvey*. 5. *Alice*.

IV. ANGELINA OLIVER, m'd first, April 26, 1853, John W. Brightwell. (See.) He d. June 6, 1858, leaving a daughter:

1. *Lura*, who m'd Nov. 23, 1871, Douglas George, b. Aug. 5, 1846. Ch: [*a*] Willie George; [*b*] Ella; [*c*] Peyton; [*d*] Ora; [*e*] Jenkins; [*f*] Bee; [*g*] Aletha; George.

Mrs. Angelina Brightwell m'd 2d, Frank Gaines. (See.)

V. GIBSON OLIVER, lives in California.

VI. BETTIE OLIVER, m'd Wm. P. Brightwell. (See.)

VII. JOHN OLIVER, m'd Nov. 16, 1858, Mary Tribble, dr. of John.

WILLIAM WALDRON.

April 25—William Waldron died near the town of Waldron. He was born in Ireland June 15, 1803, came to New York in 1835, and thence to Platte in 1867. He was a Catholic. His sons were men of enterprise; they laid off the town of Waldron, and built a fine mill, which was burned. They made their town a busy place for some years; but adverse circumstances reduced them in fortune, and they are scattered. Children of William Waldron:

I. JAMES WALDRON, m'd Nov. 1, 1866, Mary J. Ellis, dr. of Doctor. He died in Oklahoma Territory Oct. 2, 1894.

II. THOMAS WALDRON, m'd Nov. 14, 1867, Ann E. Brink.

III. STEPHEN WALDRON, m'd June 12, 1867, Mat. A. McGachegar, dr. of Thomas. (See.)

IV. MARY WALDRON, m'd Feb. 9, 1871, William Ellis.

V. HENRY WILLIAM WALDRON, m'd Aug. 26, 1872, Mary Alice Bledsoe, b. Aug. 3, 1853; d. July 30, 1893. She was a daughter of Dr. Willis Bledsoe, a zealous Methodist and a leader in many benevolent enterprises. She died in the midst of her usefulness, and was greatly bewailed. Mr. Waldron is an excellent business man, but since his pious wife died, he has set himself apart for the ministry, and is an active and devoted missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

VI. JOHN WALDRON, m'd Oct. 17, 1872, Ellen Scott.

April 27—The Odd Fellows have a banquet at the Brady House, in Platte City.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Revenue collected.....	\$55,167.02
Warrants issued.....	\$18,910.61
Interest paid.....	32,848.17
Surplus.....	\$3,408.24

Expenditures in Detail.

Roads and bridges.....	\$1,312.00
Poor and insane.....	4,067.00
Court-house.....	44.00
County Justices.....	354.00
Jail.....	564.00
County Clerk (Park).....	1,943.00
Circuit Clerk (Tufts).....	220.00
County Assessors.....	287.00
County Attorney (Woodson).....	927.00
Superintendent of Schools (Sutherland).....	581.00
County Treasurer (Darnall).....	950.00
Sheriff (Coffey).....	1,093.00
Bridge Commissioner (Slone).....	1,749.00
Wood.....	165.00
Criminal costs.....	1,817.00
Stationery.....	1,035.00
Printing.....	471.00
Jurors and witnesses.....	599.00
P. & G. R. Railroad bonds.....	451.00
Sundry purposes.....	281.61
	\$18,910.61

Assessment of Personalty.

Horses, 8,185.....	\$296,776.00
Mules, etc., 2,420.....	107,100.00
Cattle, 15,985.....	202,852.00
Sheep, 6,956.....	7,801.00
Hogs, 52,462.....	99,974.00
Money and notes.....	519,586.00
Other property.....	548,378.00

\$1,782,467.00

County Debt.

Funding bonds.....	\$300,500.00
Interest to May 1, 1874.....	10,016.66
P. & G. R. Railroad bonds.....	9,100.00
Interest.....	10,570.00
Due School Funds.....	14,091.51
Warrants outstanding.....	5,446.67

\$349,724.84

County levy, \$1.30; total assessment, \$5,166,312.00.

May 2—BENJ. SMITHER having died William Cockrael administrators. Bond, \$500. He lived near Ridgely. Ch: 1, Martha, married a Fitzgerald; 2, Susan Smither, married November 20, 1879, Henry Ottinger; 3, Ben. H. Smither.

A committee of farmers, appointed by the County Grange, are investigating the records. The war between the *Landmark* and *Democrat* grows warm.

THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY.

May 6—Martha A., wife of W. O. Baughman, died. Two brothers, William O. and Newton P., sons of Henry Baughman and his wife, Pauline Owsley, sister of Governor Owsley, of Kentucky, came to Platte, and settled near New Market.

I. WILLIAM O. BAUGHMAN

Was born in Lincoln County, Ky., December 25, 1806; still living; married Martha Ann Bryan, daughter of Captain Robert. Ch:

I. ROBERT, d., single, Sept. 16, 1875.

II. JOHN B. BAUGHMAN, m'd Esther A. Williams, dr. of Wm. (i) and sister of Bud. Ch:

1. *William P. Baughman.* 2. *John R.*

3. *Eudora Baughman*, m'd an Allen. 4. *Augustus.*

5. *Samuel.* 6. *Booth.*

III. WILLIAM B. BAUGHMAN, b. April 11, 1823; m'd Feb. 3, 1867, Esther A. Williams (ii), dr. of Bud., b. June 29, 1848; no children.

IV. MARY ELIZABETH, m'd 1st, James Engleman; died. leaving:

1. *Wm. Engleman.*

Mary m'd 2d, James Bell. Ch:

2. *Jennie Bell.* 3. *Marshall Bell.*

V. JACOB BAUGHMAN, d. in the Southern army, in 1863. He married Sallie Greenwood. Ch:

1. *Elizabeth Baughman*, m'd John Knight.

2. *Jacob.*

VI. HARLAN BAUGHMAN, d. in the Southern army. He married Paulina Harlan. Ch:

1. *Elizabeth.*

Paulina m'd 2d, C. P. Armstrong.

VII. HAMILTON BAUGHMAN, m'd Emma Cox, dr. of Jacob. Children:

1. *Elizabeth.* 2. *William Baughman.*

3. *Moultrie.*

VIII. THOMAS J. BAUGHMAN, married, and his wife died, childless. He lives.

IX. MARTHA JANE BAUGHMAN, m'd July 4, 1867, Michie Cox. Ch:

1. *Joseph Cox.* 2. *William Cox.*

II. NEWTON P. BAUGHMAN

Married Mary J. McGee, and went to Kansas. Ch:

- I. AUGUSTA BAUGHMAN, m'd W. H. Middleton. (See.)
- II. KATE BAUGHMAN, m'd Jan. 19, 1882, Chas. V. Hall. (See.)
- III. TEMPLETON M. BAUGHMAN, m'd Bettie Leavel. (See.)
- IV. REBECCA BAUGHMAN, m'd Dec. 21, 1882, J. F. McMichael.
- V. AYOCHMONDE, m'd a Davidson.
- VI. CHARLES BAUGHMAN.

May 8—Colored voters meet at the court-house, Sawney Vaughn presiding. Resolutions are passed favoring good wages. By their request, S. C. Woodson addressed them.

THE TRIBBLE FAMILY.

May 17—Andrew Tribble died. (See.) He was a son of John Tribble (i) and Jane Phelps. Their children:

- I. ANDREW TRIBBLE, m'd Elizabeth Todd. (See.)
- II. JOSEPH TRIBBLE (i).
- III. SILAS TRIBBLE.
- IV. JOHN TRIBBLE. (See.)
- V. DUDLEY TRIBBLE, m'd Mary J. Lanter. (See.)
- VI. PERMELIA TRIBBLE, m'd Elijah Morgan. (See.)
- VII. SUSAN TRIBBLE, m'd Joseph Todd (ii). (See.)
- VIII. NANCY, m'd Elias De Masters.
- IX. ELIZABETH TRIBBLE, m'd Arch Stewart.

X. SALLY TRIBBLE, m'd John Lafferty.

Each one of these planted a family tree in Platte.

May 18—Thomas Walker's estate is placed in charge of his son, W. A. Walker. Ch: 1, William A.; 2, Belinda; 3, Eliza Walker; 4, Nancy; 5, Berry; 6, Alf. A. Walker.

May 22—Robert McAlexander dragged by his horses and killed, near Parkville. John S. Malott administered. Bond, \$3,000. Ch: 1, Andrew; 2, Vinie, m'd an Agnew; 3, Virginia; 4, Thos. McAlexander; 5, Samuel; 6, William; 7, Sarah McAlexander, m'd John S. Malott; 8, Martha, m'd a Brenham.

May 21—Ascension Day observed by an excursion of the Knights of Belt Commandery, to Talbott's and Barbee's residences. Dr. F. M. Johnson elected E. C. A banquet at the hall for Knights and ladies.

AFFIDAVITS TAKEN AGAINST "SOREHEADS."

The *Democrat* charges that for two years the "Ring" had been secretly taking affidavits, to be used against "Soreheads" as occasion might offer. James Adkins, having heard that such affidavits had been taken against him, demanded their production. None were presented.

JUNE.

CAMDEN POINT ORPHAN SCHOOL.

June 1—Trustees: W. C. Wells, president; S. C. Woodson, secretary; J. M. Railey, treasurer; W. F. Perrin, M. Harrington, A. T. Leavel, and J. W. Steele, directors. Faculty: Robert A. Broadhurst, principal; Rene F. Broadhurst, matron; Misses Ella Ford, M. M. Perrin, Julia L. Taylor, Rosa L. Wilhoit, and Mrs. Bettie C. Leavel, teachers. The inmates number 166, of whom 119 are boarders, and 41 beneficiaries.

June 9—The Platte County Protective Association meets monthly at Weston.

JOHN DYE.

Aged 76, dies in Marshall Township. He was born February 4, 1799, in Mason County, Ky. His father was Kenneth Dye, son of William Dye and Phœbe Monteer. Mary Dye, a daughter of William and Phœbe, and a sister of Kenneth, married Joseph Forman, and was grandmother of William Forman, of our bar. John Dye married, in 1818, Parthenia Gow, born February 15, 1800. They came to Platte in 1844. Ch:

I. MARY DYE, b. Feb. 4, 1820; m'd Samuel Pepper, b. in Mason Co., Ky., in 1817; d. in Platte Sept. 25, 1880. He was a man of intelligence and wide influence. Ch:

1. *John J. Pepper*, b. in Mason Co., Ky., March 3, 1842; d. Sept. 29, 1892; m'd Eliza Jones. Ch: [a] Samuel; [b] Ruby V. Pepper, m'd March 3, 1890, Jeff. D. Wells, b. April 17, 1860; [c] James D. Pepper; [d] William D. Pepper; [e] Notley A. Pepper; [f] John C.; [g] Ben B. Pepper.
2. *Elizabeth Pepper*, m'd Wm. Dougherty.
3. *Mary S. Pepper*, m'd Jan. 5, 1893, Wm. P. Linville, d. in March, 1893. Ch: [a] William P. (ii); [b] Laura A.; [c] Maud E.; [d] Thomas P.; [e] Riley; [f] Birdie F. Linville.
4. *Alice Pepper*, m'd Oct. 22, 1873, Henry Todd Bigham.
5. *Mary (Neely) Pepper*, m'd Dan P. Stephens, b. Feb. 26, 1853. Ch: [a] John Stephens; [b] Bee Stephens.
6. *Laura Pepper*, m'd May 23, 1883, Willard B. Smally.
7. *William A. Pepper*.

II. MARGARET DYE, m'd Feb. 13, 1845, Henry Griffith, of Buchanan County, b. Aug. 20, 1824. She died childless, and he m'd 2d, Sept. 17, 1886, Isabel Roberts. He died Jan. 3, 1895. He was a Mason and Odd Fellow.

III. JANE DYE, b. May 26, 1824; d. Feb. 21, 1897; m'd Nov. 15, 1845, H. J. Pyle, b. in Mason Co., Ky., March 3, 1818; d. near De Kalb, Mo., Dec. 28, 1890, leaving 9 children.

IV. ANN DYE, m'd James Griffith. Live in Clay.

V. JAMES DYE, b. Feb. 13, 1834; m'd Oct. 9, 1856, Lucy J. Guthrie, b. Jan. 1, 1840. She d. Sept. 2, 1882. Mr. Dye is

a successful farmer and breeder of fine stock. He m'd 2d, Dec. 18, 1884, Lizzie M. Hamilton, b. Sept. 5, 1857; d. Dec. 27, 1890. He m'd 3d, Aug. 19, 1896, Miss Rufina Myers. Children by his first wife:

1. *Florence Dye*, m'd John McAdow. (See.)
2. *Fannie Dye*, m'd Jan. 30, 1879, William Hillix. (See.)
3. *Eva Dye*, m'd Jan. 1, 1884, Stev. Winburn, son of T. B.
4. *Maggie Dye*, m'd David Chesnut. (See.)

VI. ELIZABETH DYE, m'd Thos. B. Lovelady.

VII. WILLIAM DYE, m'd Nov. 5, 1885, Mrs. Margaret A. Gabbert.

VIII. PARTHENIA DYE, m'd Willis Polk. Ch:

1. *Willie Polk* (ii).

IX. MARTHA DYE, m'd Aug. 11, 1862, Jerry Newby. Ch:

1. *Nathan*. 2. *Cora Newby*.

June 11—Examination at Daughters' College. B. W. Gilbert made the oration. No graduates.

June 12—L. Shepard announces himself for Congress.

Miles Harrington and T. H. Talbott have a spicy controversy, in the Platte City papers, over the last election of county judge. Merryman & Paxton dissolve their law partnership.

June 16—Sarah Grayson's house burned.

Registration is now in control of Democrats. Henry Colman (i) is registrar at Platte City, and L. R. Ringo at Weston.

June 19—The committee of the County Grange appointed to investigate the accounts of officers reports that Sheriff Ogden's accounts are correct.

Picnic at New Market by Granges and Good Templars.

The Leavenworth Academy of Science makes an excursion to the fair grounds at Tracy, and there is music and dancing.

Grasshoppers approaching.

JULY.

July 1—James Adkins, John Bigham, E. M. Dobson, W. H. H. Dougherty, and Geo. Gabbert, the investigating committee of the County Grange, charge errors in the accounts of officers, and create much discontent.

Kansas crops are a failure, and ours are short, but they turned out better than expected.

July 4—Great fireworks at the St. Louis bridge. A dozen go from Platte City to witness the display, but come back disappointed.

Picnic at the fair grounds, and fireworks in Platte City at night; Ruthven manager.

July 6—JOHN CAMPBELL died. Children: 1, Margaret E.; 2, William A.; 3, Hilary L. Campbell; 4, Mary A.; 5, Geo. F.; 6, Chas. L.; 7, Melissa A. Campbell; 8, John C.

July 16—Picnic at New Market. Norman J. Colman and E. H. Norton speak.

The investigating committee charge errors in G. W. Belt's accounts. He replies in the *Landmark*.

July 17—Picnic at Barry. Colman, Wilson, and Hardwicke speak.

HON. JOHN WILSON.

July 25—Hon. John Wilson died. He was born in Christian County, Ky., February 13, 1804. He was a son of James Wilson and Rachel Harrington. James was an officer in the Revolution, was wounded at the battle of Camden, and bore a ball in his body to the day of his death. His son, John Wilson, came to Boonville, Mo., entered on the practice of law, and was circuit attorney when the whole southwest corner of the State was included in the Boonville Circuit. He married April 5, 1830, Elizabeth Clark, born in Winchester, Ky., January 11, 1813. She was a daughter of Robert Clark, of Winchester, and Malinda Trigg, daughter of Gen. Stephen Trigg. The Clark family came to Boonville in 1818. In 1841 Mr. John Wilson and family came to Platte, and located three miles east of Platte City, and subsequently settled on the Norton farm, adjoining the town of Platte City. His name is enrolled as an attorney of our bar July 13, 1841. He represented the county in the Legislature three terms, 1856, 1862, and 1864. He opposed secession, but in 1865 voted against emancipation. He was appointed county attorney in 1865, and held the office several years. He was an ardent Whig, and gloried in being the first man to suggest the name of Gen. Taylor for President. His voice was Stentorian and his oratory impassioned. He was a member of that circle of illustrious lawyers and statesmen who framed the Constitution and formulated the laws of the greatest State in the Union. He was a co-laborer with Atchison, Doniphan, Burnett, Rees, and Wood in making our noble forests and lovely prairies the home of the most enterprising and virtuous people on earth. He was known throughout the State as "Hon. John Wilson, of Platte," the "Old-line Whig," and the "loud-voiced orator." His name was frequently suggested for supreme judge, governor, and United States senator. His widow yet lives, making her home at Liberty. Ch:

- I. MALINDA WILSON, b. Feb. 8, 1831; d. May 15, 1874; m'd Hon. E. H. Norton. (See.)
- II. JAMES B. WILSON, b. Feb. 19, 1833; m'd Nov. 3, 1869, Emma Wilson. They live in southwest Missouri. Ch:
 1. *Charles B.*, b. Aug. 2, 1871.
 2. *Alma Wilson*, b. Nov. 12, 1875.
- III. ROBERT P. C. WILSON, b. Aug. 8, 1834, in Boonville; m'd Carrie F. Murray. (See.)
- IV. CHARLES B. WILSON, b. March 25, 1836; licensed as an

attorney Dec. 10, 1860; m'd Nov. 3, 1869, Kate Thornton. Children:

1. *Anna*, now a teacher in the Public School of Platte City.

V. JOHN WILSON, b. March 25, 1838. After a full course in medicine, he went to Kansas, married Annie Pedicord, and is doing well in his profession.

VI. LOULA WILSON, b. Aug. 7, 1844; m'd May 3, 1871, Robt. H. Miller, b. in Richmond, Va., Nov. 27, 1826. He has been the editor and proprietor of the *Liberty Tribune* since 1846. Children:

1. *Roy Miller*. 2. *Bessie*. 3. *Ida*. 4. *Clark*.
5. *Mary Miller*.

VII. CORNELIA, b. in Aug., 1846; d. Feb. 2, 1862—a lovely April flower withered by the frosts of May.

VIII. ELLA WILSON, b. in June, 1848; m'd July 14, 1870, Prof. D. M. Conway, who taught, at different times, public and private schools in Platte City. They went to Colorado, and she died, leaving:

1. *Horace Conway*.

THE CLARKS.

Robert Clark, of Winchester, Ky., married Malinda Trigg (see Trigg family), daughter of Gen. Stephen Trigg, of Kentucky. Ch:

- I. ELIZABETH CLARK, m'd John Wilson. (See.)
- II. STEPHEN T. CLARK, lived in New Orleans.
- III. BENNETT CLARK, m'd Margaret Henderson, in Boonville, Missouri.
- IV. ROBERT P. CLARK, m'd Missouri Houx. They live in Wyandotte, Kansas. Mr. Clark is a man of superior intellect and judicial instinct. Born in Kentucky, he came to Boonville in 1818, and thence to Platte in 1842, and was enrolled as a member of our bar March 28, 1842. He was appointed county judge May 11, 1852, probate judge in 1861, but displaced by the Ousting Ordinance in 1862; raised a company of "Pawpaw" militia in 1863, county attorney at several times, and about 1870 removed to Kansas. His fine legal talent is marred and his success defeated by a lack of ambition and a want of all desire of preferment.
- V. MALINDA CLARK, m'd Stephen Johnston. (See.)

RANDOLPH STALLARD.

Randolph Stallard died five miles north of Platte City. He was a son of Thomas Stallard, and a brother of David Stallard, and was born in Culpeper County, Va., June 18, 1814. A. R. Baker administered, giving bond for \$2,500. He married Margaret Biscoe, who still lives in Camden Point. Ch:

- I. SUSAN A. STALLARD, m'd Dec. 31, 1862, William Patton.
- II. THOMAS E. STALLARD, b. Aug. 28, 1832; m'd Jan. 21, 1875, Amelia Moore, dr. of Jas. B.
- III. MARY V. STALLARD, m'd Samuel McCormick. (See.)
- IV. RICHARD WYLIE STALLARD, m'd Oct. 5, 1892, Nannie Wilson.
- V. ELIZABETH STALLARD, m'd Middleton McCormick.
- VI. JAMES B. STALLARD, m'd 1st, Jane Brown, dr. of Rev. John W. He m'd 2d, Nannie Wilson, dr. of John, of Tracy.

Farmers' Savings Association report: Capital, \$5,000; deposits, \$33,520.54; loans, \$23,929.31.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—Picnic of colored people at Cockrill's Grove, near Platte City.

Speaking at Farley by C. H. Hardin, candidate for governor, Senator F. M. Cockrill, and R. P. C. Wilson.

Warm and dry.

Aug. 7—Picnic at Camden Point; Winston, Coffey, Watts, and others speak.

THE "DEMOCRAT."

Aug. 9—The *Democrat* is sold to a company composed of A. R. Baker, H. T. Calicott, F. G. Cockrill, J. W. Jack, J. E. Merryman, M. C. Park, W. M. Paxton, R. P. Tribble, E. O. Waller, and others. It is placed in charge of W. M. Paxton until an editor is permanently employed, and its name is changed to *Advocate*.

The *Weston Commercial* virulently attacks Dr. Coffey, candidate for reelection as sheriff, charging that his motive for apprehending a certain criminal was the reward offered. The attack helped Coffey in his election.

Aug. 10—A destructive storm passed over Platte City at night.

WILLIAM COLE.

Aug. 13—William Cole died. He was a wealthy and prosperous farmer, living two miles southeast of Platte City. He married, in 1832, Olive McGuire, born in Indiana February 2, 1815; died at the homestead in Platte County November 21, 1893. She was a handsome, intelligent, and amiable matron, admired and beloved by neighbors and kindred. They came to Platte in 1838. Children:

- I. JAMES COLE, died in 1860; m'd April 12, 1857, Mary Bane. Children:

- 1. *Eupha O. Cole*, m'd Nov. 20, 1879, Gabriel A. Rice, son of Charles. She died June 27, 1890, leaving: [a] Lena Rice, b. May 12, 1881. Mr. Rice m'd 2d, Nov. 24, 1892, Eddie Oldham, dr. of F. M.

2. *William B. Cole*, drowned in Platte River July 15, 1876.
- II. MARY J. COLE, m'd March 15, 1877, Geo. Larkin, son of John (see); no children.
- III. DAVID H. COLE, b. Jan. 18, 1848; d. April 16, 1895; m'd March 14, 1877, Mildred Tinder, b. Oct. 14, 1855, dead. Children:
1. *Florence Cole*. 2. *Edison Cole*.
- IV. THOMAS J. COLE, m'd Rosa Lewis. (See.)
- V. SARAH D. COLE, m'd Oct. 9, 1878, E. D. Perry. Ch:
1. *Eddie O. Perry*. 2. *Walter L*. 3. *Maude*.
- VI. ELIZABETH COLE, m'd Dec. 16, 1880, John R. Bane. (See.)
- VII. GEORGE P. COLE.

Aug. 15—Democratic mass-meeting choose delegates to the State Convention.

Chas. G. Hunt, an early resident who married a Spratt, died. The *Landmark* is vindictive, but begs for peace.

Owen Daily died, leaving his property to the Catholic Church, but it all was spent in litigation before it was settled whether the bequest was constitutional or not.

GRASSHOPPERS

Aug. 21—Grasshoppers appear in countless multitudes—"thick as autumnal leaves that strow the brooks in Vallombrosa." But they came too late in the season to injure growing crops. They made little holes in the ground, an inch or two deep, and deposited their eggs by millions. These hatched out the first warm spell in the spring, and all hopped off in the same direction. No two armies marched the same course, but each division seemed to be controlled by its own major-general. They devoured every green thing, except the pawpaws. Like the "Jayhawkers," they did not like the "Pawpaws." The railroads killed so many in places that the rails became so oily from their fat that trains could not run.

Aug. 24—Ben J. Franklin is nominated for Congress by the Democratic Convention at Kansas City.

Aug. 30—A Sunday-school Convention at the M. & P. Church in Platte City; Dr. Coffey, president; addressed by W. M. Paxton, Thos. Herndon, and others.

The wheat and corn crops prove to be better than was expected.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—"The Tadpoles" is the name given to the Grange organization. They meet at Jefferson City, and nominate William Gentry for governor. L. Shepard runs for Congress, on the same ticket.

The controversy over the fees of officers waxes hot.

Sept. 4—Geo. W. Dunn is nominated for circuit judge, at the Democratic Convention at Plattsburg.

The Camden Point Orphan School opens with 70 scholars; Broadhurst president.

Metzger, Hamm & Shannon are running the Tracy steam mills, and are buying wheat.

Sept. 8—Colored voters hold a meeting at the court-house, and pass resolutions.

Sept. 11—L. Shepard prints a circular in the *Advocate* announcing himself a candidate for Congress.

A much-needed rain.

Sept. 13—A convention of Farmers' Clubs at the court-house resolves to act in concert with the Democratic party, and not with the Third party. They nominate Democrats.

SILAS HOLDER dies. His widow is Alice J., and children: 1, Eva M. Holder; 2, Sarah M.

Sept. 24—A Good Templars' convention at Camden Point lasts two days.

Sept. 27—J. A. Hockaday and Senator Vest speak at Platte City.

Sept. 28—The fair was a grand success. The *Landmark* issued a daily. Ry Darnall put a \$50 bill on top of a smooth pole, and for one dollar offered the \$50 to any one who would climb the pole and get it. The boys got away with two \$50, and Ry stopped business. F. M. McCormick was chosen president.

The Democratic Central Committee are: 1, A. R. Baker; 2, H. T. Callicotte; 3, C. F. Chrisman; 4, C. C. Graves; 5, Jacob Harrington; 6, John Laswell; 7, A. J. Larry; 8, C. T. Murdock; 9, M. C. Park; 10, Bolivar Rule; 11, J. C. Summers; 12, James Wallace.

OCTOBER.

JOHN REED.

Oct. 4—John Reed (ii) in a fit of jealousy, near Ridgely, shot his wife and then himself. John Reed (ii) was a son of John Reed (i), of Clinton, who married a Hornback, sister of President A. Lincoln's mother. John Reed (ii) and his sister, Sallie Buchanan, were therefore first cousins of Mr. Lincoln. The children of John Reed (i) were:

I. JOHN REED (ii), who died by his own hand Oct. 4, 1874.

He m'd 1st, Mary Fry, dr. of Elijah Fry. After her death, he m'd 2d, Mrs. Sarah Shackelford, dr. of Geo. Crockett, a very handsome and attractive lady. Her, he killed, as stated. He had killed Aug. 9, 1872, John Ecton, and, on trial, was acquitted of murder. (See.) His life had been embittered by this trial; 3 children by his second wife.

II. SALLY REED, m'd Henry Buchanan. Ch:

1. *John Buchanan*. (See.)
2. *Porter Buchanan*, b. Nov. 23 1818; died single in Oct., 1895.
3. *George Buchanan*, dead.

John Davis died at Parkville. He was a business man, and had been a justice of the peace for several terms.

The registration, 3,597; vote in November, 2,900.

Oct. 10—The bar passes resolutions of respect for Judge Lucas at the end of his term of service.

A much-needed rain. The county court fixes the treasurer's salary at \$600.

Oct. 12—Benj. J. Franklin, Democratic candidate for Congress, speaks at Platte City. He speaks at Parkville the 19th, at Farley the 20th, and at Weston the 23d.

Oct. 17—Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 191, is sold by the sheriff, and bought in by members of the Masonic Order.

Oct. 23—Temperance convention at Hickory Grove; R. M. Parrish president, H. J. Mayo secretary.

Thos. G. Cockrill removes to the Cain farm of 320 acres, 5 miles southeast of Platte City.

Oct. 27—A. J. MOORE having died, W. D. Standiford administered. He married January 18, 1857, Mary S. Ford. Children: 1, William S. Moore; 2, James Moore.

NOVEMBER.

ELECTION.

Governor—C. H. Hardin (Democrat), 2,127; William Gentry ("Tadpole"), 723.

Congressman—B. J. Franklin (Democrat), 2,073; W. H. Powell, 646.

Representative—Jas. Adkins (Democrat), 1,890; T. Quinn, 846.

Circuit Judge—G. W. Dunn, 2,822.

Prosecuting Attorney—S. C. Woodson, 2,695.

Sheriff—E. McD. Coffey, 2,745.

Circuit Clerk—R. L. Waller, 2,804.

Treasurer—R. T. Darnall, 2,381; T. H. Colman, 448.

County Clerk—T. W. Park, 1,815; Jo St. John, 955.

Coroner—G. T. Jones, 951.

For Constitutional Convention, 2,100.

Nov. 4—Melvin McKee died, aged 78.

Nov. 6—Three masked men rob Jas. Blackwell of \$82.

Nov. 9—A county meeting of Patrons of Husbandry at the court-house; J. S. Duncan master, and E. C. Cockrill secretary.

The county clerk, Park, paid into the county treasury \$558 over and above the sum allowed him by law.

Nov. 16—A good rain, followed by snow and cold weather.

Weston voted aid for the furniture factory.

Col. J. A. Price and W. B. Watts have a spicy correspondence in the *Advocate*.

CAPTAIN ROBERT DAVIS JOHNSTON.

Nov. 21—Capt. Robert Davis Johnston died at Platte City. Born in Harrison County, Ky., November 30, 1802, removed to Indiana, and thence, in 1842, to Platte. In company with John Lewis, he opened a dry goods store; after a few years, he formed a partnership with James H. Johnston in the same business. They prospered and he started the new house of R. D. Johnston & Son (R. Mat Johnston), which did a large business until the war. But all the stores at that day did a credit business, and asked their customers to settle but once a year. The firm had borrowed money of the farmers, and expected to pay their debts by the proceeds of their sales: But, in 1862, they had to quit business. Seeing failure inevitable, funds were collected, and R. Mat Johnston was sent west to try his fortune in the Colorado mines, but he lost all and returned. They settled up as far as the remaining assets would go. When the "Pawpaw" militia was organized, R. D. Johnston was selected to command a company at Platte City; but, in July, 1864, his men deserted to the Confederate army, and left him without support. He became deputy recorder under Tufts, and died in this position.

Capt. Johnston married, first, in Indiana. Mrs. Johnston died in 1844, and December 13, 1846, he married Nancy Hartman, born March 7, 1825, daughter of Esquire Henry Hartman, of Platte City. After his second marriage, he purchased 160 acres of fertile land, two miles east of Platte City, on the road to Liberty, and built a large brick house upon it. In 1870 this farm was sold for \$8,000. His wife, by a separate contract, sold her dower, and with the proceeds built the house in Platte City now belonging to Garrard Chesnut.

Capt. Johnston never received pay for his services as captain of Company A, 82d Regiment, Enrolled Missouri Militia, though in active service for ten months. A court-martial inquired into his conduct, and discharged him. He was elected, and served a term in the Missouri House of Representatives; went to California in 1849, and again in 1853. Mrs. Nancy Johnston still lives, sojourning with her children. Capt. Johnston's children by his first wife were:

- I. R. MAT JOHNSTON, b. Aug. 24, 1828, in Indiana; d. in Colorado April 30, 1879; m'd May 3, 1853, Hannah A. Hartman, dr. of Esquire Henry Hartman. She was b. Aug. 7, 1829; d. March 18, 1860. Mr. Johnston did not marry again. He was an urbane gentleman, and highly esteemed. He

held the office of treasurer of Platte County two terms; and in Lake Co., Colo., he was twice elected county clerk, and was the treasurer of the county when he died. Ch:

1. *Katharine*, m'd Nov. 17, 1872, Jos. W. Sprague. Ch: [a] Blanche Sprague, m'd W. Schooler; [b] Jas. H. Sprague; [c] Melvina Sprague; [d] Galatea.
2. *Jessie Johnston*, d. Sept. 14, 1878; m'd Dec. 7, 1875, A. D. Whitson. Ch: [a] Alice I. Whitson, m'd Oct. 27, 1894, Lyman Haden.

II. HARVEY J. JOHNSTON, b. May 21, 1834; m'd Oct. 20, 1858, Lydia A. Jackson, d. in 1860; no children. Harvey J. m'd 2d, Aug. 29, 1880, Mag. D. Letts. Ch:

1. *Lizzie*. 2. *Mary K.* 3. *Jose R.*

They live in Buena Vista, Colorado.

III. A. MILTON JOHNSTON, b. June 16, 1838; m'd Feb. 2, 1860, Laura V. Brown, dr. of William. Ch:

1. *Walter*. 2. *A. Lee*. 3. *Herbert L.*

By Capt. Johnston's second wife:

IV. REBECCA JOHNSTON, b. Oct. 5, 1847; single.

V. ALICE JOHNSTON, b. Jan. 27, 1849; m'd Dec. 8, 1874, Dr. J. C. Sutherland. He served as superintendent of schools in 1872-3.

THE HARTMAN FAMILY.

Henry Hartman, born in Pennsylvania January 28, 1787; died in Platte City March 17, 1859; married Annie Smith, born October 3, 1792; died July 26, 1818. He removed to Indiana, and thence, in 1844, to Platte City. He was a man of sound judgment; held the office of justice of the peace for many years, and died in office. Ch:

I. ABRAM B. HARTMAN, b. in Pennsylvania June 3, 1813; d. in Platte City July 26, 1880; m'd Dec. 24, 1840, Harriet Withers, b. in Pennsylvania Aug. 18, 1816; d. April 2, 1892. He was a millwright, and was in my service ten years, at the Platte City Water Mill. He was a strong Union man in the war. For years before her death, Mrs. Hartman was blind. Ch:

1. *Seranda Hartman*, m'd Aaron Evans, dead. She lives in Kansas. Ch: [a] Sarah Evans.
2. *Nannie Hartman*, m'd Feb. 15, 1871, Frank Graham. Ch: [a] Frank; [b] Arthur. Live in Kansas.
3. *Mollie*, d. Sept. 14, 1896.
4. *John L. Hartman*, b. Sept. 3, 1849; m'd Oct. 9, 1881, Mary Turner, dr. of Thomas, of Weston. She was b. May 10, 1859. Children: [a] Anna; [b] Thomas; [c] John.

Esquire Henry Hartman married, second, Alice Sharp, born July 12, 1801; died in Platte City December 24, 1896. Children:

- II. JONATHAN HARTMAN, b. April 7, 1820.
 III. WILLIAM M. HARTMAN, b. March 15, 1829; d. Oct. 21, 1880.
 IV. NANCY HARTMAN, m'd Capt. R. D. Johnston. (See.)
 V. JOHN R. HARTMAN, b. Oct. 7, 1830.
 VI. ELVIRA HARTMAN, b. March 19, 1835. She m'd 1st, Harry Whitlaw, who died leaving:
 1. *Frank*.
 She m'd 2d, Dr. Ben Johnson. Ch:
 2. *Garland Johnson*. 3. *Jakie*.
 VII. MILTON HARTMAN, died in the Confederate army.
 VIII. HANNAH HARTMAN, m'd R. Mat. Johnston. (See.)
 Nov. 22—Fire consumed the house of B. J. Franklin, on the site of the old jail in Platte City.
 Nov. 27—A 6-inch snow.

DECEMBER.

- Dec. 1*—Sir Knights Belt, Gilbert, Park, and Tufts attend the national conclave at New Orleans.
 A 12-inch snow that disappears the 4th.
Dec. 4—H. S. Kline takes charge of the *Advocate*, and issues his salutatory.
 Convention of Good Templars at Pleasant Ridge.

JUDGE JOHN FREELAND.

Judge John Freeland died in Kansas. He came in 1838, and settled one mile northeast of Camden Point. He was one of the early justices of the peace, and held the office of county court justice. He possessed sound judgment and unblemished reputation. He removed to Kansas before the war.

- I. JAMES M. FREELAND, m'd Sarah J. Henderson, and removed to Kansas. His children were:
 1. *William R.* 2. *James.* 3. *John.* 4. *Ida.*
 5. *Jos. L.*, m'd Annie Holt. (See.) 6. *Jesse L.* 7. *Ann.*
 8. *Thomas.*
 II. JOHN W. FREELAND, m'd Sept. 9, 1849, Rebecca Eskridge, dr. of John. They were divorced, and she m'd 2d, a Bolinghouse and led a wild career. She has returned to Platte since her father's death in 1896.
 III. HENRY J. FREELAND. (See.)
 IV. B. F. FREELAND, at one time a merchant of Weston.
 Dec. 29—Mrs. De Forest Fairchild, and other ladies of Leavenworth, lecture on temperance at Platte City.
 Dec. 30—Convention of Good Templars meet at Farley, with R. M. Parrish president, and H. J. Mayo secretary.

A LIST OF PLATTE COUNTY PREACHERS FROM 1868 TO 1874.

Dec. 31—P. Aker (Chris.), A. Batte (Epis.), Chas. Babcock (M. E.), Asa Bird, J. Y. Black, D. F. Bone (M. E. S.), A. W. Broadhurst, John W. Brown (Bap.), P. J. Burruss (Bap.), Jas. Burruss, Jerry Clay (Bap.), J. M. Crawford (Pres.), H. W. Curren (M. E.), J. C. C. Davis (M. E.), Jos. Devlin (M. E.), P. K. Dibble (Chris.), W. E. Dockery (M. E. S.), John W. Ellis, Ham Estes, J. P. Foreman (Pres.), W. S. Gwin, H. H. Haley (Chris.), T. P. Haley (Chris.), W. D. Haverly (M. E.), A. E. Higgins, Wm. Holmes (M. E.), Thos. Hurst (M. E.), L. V. Ishmael (M. E.), Wm. Jones, Geo. H. Kern (M. E.), W. R. Latta, O. W. Linn (M. E.), J. B. McClary (Chris.), J. A. Mumpower, Atchison Prunty (M. E.), S. A. Ringo, J. K. Rogers, W. C. Rogers, L. Rush, D. G. Saunders (Bap.), D. R. Shackelford (M. E.), Geo. S. Stockings, R. M. Thomas (Bap.), W. H. Thomas (Bap.), C. W. Thorp (M. E.), J. M. Waller (Chris.), Thos. Whitlock, I. T. Williams (Bap.).

MARRIAGES IN 1874 NOT ELSEWHERE RECORDED.

January 13—Thos. Jennings married Millie Dunning.
February 23—N. T. Reno married Mary A. Collins.
April 26—Robert B. Duncan married Sarah E. Stone.
May 22—Wm. Chrisman married Va. J. Chapman.
June 11—John Bigham married Jennie C. Hendrix.
September 4—John W. Thatcher married Sarah A. Karr.
September 15—Perman Blakley married Ella E. Moore.
December 23—W. D. Black married Belle Busey.

1875.

OFFICERS.

Governor, C. H. Hardin; Congressman, B. J. Franklin; State Senator, J. R. Keller; Representative, Jas. Adkins; Circuit Judge, C. W. Dunn; Circuit Clerk, R. L. Waller; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; Prosecuting Attorney, S. C. Woodson; County Justices, Hamm, Handley, Ireland, Owens, Talbott; Sheriff, E. McD. Coffey; County Clerk, T. W. Park; Coroner, Geo. T. Jones; Treasurer, R. T. Darnall; Surveyor, W. V. Slone; Public Administrator, W. F. Yocom; Superintendent of Schools, J. C. Sutherland.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Herndon, Merryman, Norton, Paxton, Pitt, Wells, Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Coffey, Guthrie, Johnston, McDonald, Smith, Spencer.

Merchants, etc.—Brady, Clemings, Colman, Flannery, Fleshman, Gaylord, Hawley, Jenkins, Kiefer, Krause, Kurtz (postmaster), Lutes, Meads, Morin, Recht, Ruthven, Smith, Swain & Mason, Sloan, Wilkinson, Wills, Young, Zarn.

Lodges—Belt Commandery, No. 9, F. M. Johnson, E. C.; Alpha Council, U. D., N. B. Anderson, T. J.; Melody Chapter, No. 21, Thos. H. Colman, H. P.; Zerubbabel Lodge, No. 191, B. W. Gilbert, W. M.; Nebraska Lodge, No. 12, Fred Krause, N. G.; Good Templars, No. 746, Geo. Sims, W. C. T.

Newspapers—*Landmark*, Park & Nesbitt editors; *Advocate*, H. S. Kline editor.

Fair—F. M. McCormick president, Hatton secretary.

Banks—Farmers' Savings Association, W. O. Oldham cashier; Cockrill & Co.

Preachers—D. F. Bone (M. E.), W. H. Williams (Chris.), Foreman (Pres.).

Schools—Daughters' College, F. G. Gaylord president; Public School, John W. Brown principal.

At Weston: Attorneys—Burnes, Coburn, Doniphan, Hitt, King, Roney, Watts.

Physicians—Bonifant, Peters, Price, Shortridge, Wilson.

Merchants—Allen, Blanjour (postmaster), Briggs, Brill, Deitz, Doppler, Duncan, Ellifrit, Ellinger, Evans, Frank, Harper, Hoffman, Holladay, Hood, How, Ilkenhans, Keller, Kurtz, Jacquemin & Shenkner, Kyle, Lewis, McConnell, Magers, Maitland, Martin, Mauch, Miller, Moore, Newhouse, Noble, Parr, Ringo, Rohring, Siler, Teegarden, Weiser, Wood, Yocom.

Court of Common Pleas—Doniphan, judge; Yocom, clerk; Evans, marshal.

Lodges—Commandery No. 2, C. B. Simpson, E. C.; Council No. 2, S. A. Gilbert, T. I. G. M.; Chapter No. 4, M. Bowman, H. P.; Lodge No. 53, H. H. Hodges, W. M.; Unanimity, No. 366; Phoenix, No. 30, M. Shindler, N. G.; Frontier Encampment, No. 2, M. Shindler, C. P.

At Parkville: Ashby, Bueneman (postmaster), Busch, Campbell, Carmody, Dziubon, Halsey, Kahm, Luthy, McDonald, Mitchell, Dr. Moore, Nash, Pack, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld. Compass Lodge, No. 120, F. Kahm, W. M.

At Camden Point: Brock, Duncan, Farris, Ewing (postmaster), George, Morton, Maupin, Broadhurst (principal Public School), Jerry Clay, W. M. of Masonic lodge.

At Edgerton: Clemings, Cockrael, Handley, Dr. Jones, Moody, Wade, Webber.

At Farley: Fouts, Holt, Bledsoe, Wood. Lodge No. 339, Jas. Wallace, W. M.; Good Templars, M. B. Wood, W. C. T.

At Hampton: J. A. Funk.

At Iatan: Dr. Larry, Smith (postmaster).

At New Market: Armstrong, Bryant, Hoffman, Moore, Stockton. Lodge No. 274, W. A. Singleton, W. M.

At Ridgely: Chrisman, Creek, Ellington.

At Shivelton: Woolson, Moore.

At Tracy: Clifford, Metzger & Hamm, Ryan.

At Waldron: Holt, Pettillo, Hawkins, Scott (postmaster).

PRICES.

Butter, 20 cents; corn, 70 cents; feathers, 50 cents; eggs, 12 cents; flour, \$2.50; hams, 13 cents; hemp, \$1.00; wheat, \$1.00; wood, \$3.00.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—In the Platte City Sunday-schools the Methodists and Presbyterians agree that the Methodists (Freeze, superintendent), take the morning hour, and the Presbyterians (Paxton, superintendent), the afternoon.

New Year's entertainment at the court-house. Performers, Hawley, Meads, and Ruthven.

Land has recovered slightly in price since the panic.

Dr. D. J. Fouts sells to the Sibley Mill Company his diminutive steamer, that he has been running on the Platte and Missouri rivers.

The Phoenix Mill at Tracy, with Metzger & Hamm in control, has been doing a large business.

Joseph Tribble rents to S. English, for \$900, his one-third interest in the Platte City water mill.

The *Landmark* and the *Leavenworth Times* are at war.

Jan. 4—Thermometer 10 degrees below zero.

Jan. 8—Mrs. John Eldridge died. John Eldridge was born in Monmouth County, New Jersey, January 1, 1800, and died December 28, 1895. He worked in the ship-yards of New York; in 1817 he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and engaged in building barges. He married Drucilla Maryfield, moved to Peoria, Ill., and bought a farm of 800 acres. In 1838 he sold out and came to Platte, settling near Camden Point. He was at his death the oldest man in Platte County. His daughter, Rebecca, married, first, J. W. Freeland, from whom she was divorced, and then married a Boltinghouse. November 20, 1879, she was sentenced, in Iron County, Mo., to ten years' imprisonment, for the murder of a child she had adopted.

Jan. 8—The county papers publish a long call on Judge E. H. Norton to become a candidate for delegate to the Constitutional Convention. He accepts, and at the election set for the 26th inst. is chosen, with D. C. Allen as his associate.

Good ice. The Missouri is closed.

Jan. 10—Part of Doniphan's Addition to Weston is vacated by the county court.

Jan. 16—Temperature 23 degrees below zero.

Jan. 18—D. C. Allen, candidate for delegate to the Constitutional Convention, speaks at Platte City.

Jan. 18—MAJOR JAS. B. WRIGHT died at Weston. He married January 16, 1849, Virginia Dale, who administered, giving bond for \$1,000. They lived in Weston; and during the war he was a zealous Union man. He was well educated, and was active in every good cause.

Jan. 19—G. W. Reynolds' house burned in Weston.

PRESTON WHITLOCK

Jan. 24—Preston Whitlock died near Smithville. He came to Platte in 1837, and settled on the edge of the prairie, on the road to Platte City, three miles southwest of Smithville. By sound judgment, honesty, and industry he prospered, and left some 400 acres of choice land to his children. He married Levina Grover, daughter of the celebrated Indian missionary, Joel Grover, who lived for a few years on Todd's Creek. She died February 18, 1889. Ch:

- I. MARY E. WHITLOCK, m'd Oct. 5, 1885, J. K. P. Shepard, of Leavenworth.
- II. JOHN W. WHITLOCK, lives in Kansas.
- III. SUSAN F. WHITLOCK, m'd Richard M. Anders.
- IV. HENRY C. WHITLOCK, lives in Leavenworth County, Kan. He filled with distinction the office of superintendent of common schools.
- V. SUSANNA WHITLOCK, b. May 25, 1846; d. Sept. 20, 1889; m'd Jan. 14, 1867, Geo. Rader, b. in Virginia May 18, 1830. He lives west of Smithville, in Platte. Ch:
 1. *Frank*, b. Dec. 8, 1867.
 2. *David Rader*, b. Sept. 30, 1869.
 3. *Anna*, b. Feb. 22, 1876.
 4. *Kate*, b. Feb. 28, 1879.
- VI. ADELIA WHITLOCK, m'd Sept. 25, 1873, William Taylor.
- VII. ELIZA A. WHITLOCK, b. in 1854; m'd Dec. 25, 1877, Ben F. Duncan. Ch:
 1. *Juliana*, b. Sept. 4, 1878.
 2. *Rose*, b. May 2, 1881.
- VIII. ROSE WHITLOCK, d.; m'd Jacob Swope (ii); no children.
- IX. EMILY WHITLOCK, m'd March 16, 1874, Henry E. Penny. She died childless, and he m'd 2d, March 4, 1875, her sister,
- X. LAURA WHITLOCK, who was b. Feb. 13, 1850, and d. Oct. 22, 1879, leaving:
 1. *Charles Penny*.
- XI. CHARLES WHITLOCK, b. March 2, 1859; d. Feb. 5, 1882.
- XII. GEO. E. WHITLOCK, a railroad officer in the West.

Jan. 25—The Waldron mills are in full operation, and the town is lively.

Samuel A. Gilbert is appointed judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, in the place of Doniphan, resigned.

Jan. 26—Election of delegates to the Constitutional Convention; E. H. Norton's vote in Platte was 725, and D. C. Allen's 760.

Jan. 29—John Shortridge died, aged 65.

THE SHORTRIDGE FAMILY

Sprang from Chas. Shortridge, who married Kitty Owens, and lived and died in Henry County, Ky. Their children who came West were:

I. JOHN T. SHORTRIDGE, b. Aug. 13, 1811; d. in Platte Jan. 29, 1875. He m'd Nancy Middleton, dr. of Horatio. Ch:

1. *Chas. H. Shortridge*, b. April 4, 1850; m'd 1st, Feb. 24, 1871, Emma Belle Carson, dr. of Thos. J. (See.) He m'd 2d, Feb. 12, 1882, Luella T. Owens, b. April 6, 1861, dr. of Madison. Ch: [*a*] Maitland A. Shortridge, b. March 24, 1883; [*b*] Fannie M. Shortridge, b. June 1, 1890; [*c*] Robert A. Shortridge, b. March 27, 1893.

II. LEWIS SHORTRIDGE, m'd 1st, Eliza Cox. Ch:

1. *Thomas W. Shortridge*, m'd Feb. 1, 1866, Elizabeth Merchant. Ch: [*a*] Frank Shortridge; [*b*] Eva.
2. *Fannie Shortridge*.
3. *Chas. G. Shortridge*, m'd March 21, 1882, Jessie L. Swaney. (See.)

Lewis Shortridge m'd 2d, Annie Thornburg; no children.

III. PRICE SHORTRIDGE, was twice married, and is now a widower, in Buchanan County.

IV. GEORGE SHORTRIDGE, never married.

County warrants sell at 92 cents, and county bonds at 95 cents.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—The Red Cross Mill at Parkville, W. J. Bemis proprietor, is doing a large business.

THOMAS ALVIS.

Feb. 4—Thomas Alvis died three miles east of Platte City. His widow, Elizabeth, administered. Bond, \$500. Ch:

I. ALICE E. ALVIS, m'd April 6, 1856, Peter Runyon.

II. MARTHA E. ALVIS, m'd June 28, 1866, Alfred Vermillion, b. March 21, 1843. Ch:

1. *Perry T.*
2. *Wm. L.*, b. Aug. 30, 1868; m'd Sept. 1, 1894, Stella A. Hard.
3. *John W.* 4. *Albert Eli.* 5. *Henry W.*
6. *Chester A.* 7. *Martin L.* 8. *Lizzie.* 9. *Ella.*

III. FANNIE L. ALVIS, b. Oct. 22, 1848; m'd Nov. 13, 1873, Jas. C. Murphy.

IV. MARY A. ALVIS. V. THOMAS H. ALVIS.

VI. RICHARD, killed July 14, 1864, at Camden Point fight. (See.)

Feb. 6—The presidents of schools boards met at Platte City, and selected the school-books to be used in the county. (See *Landmark* of February 12, 1875.)

Feb. 8—On petition, the county court submitted the question of licensing dram-shops to the people, and license carried by a small majority.

Feb. 16—Phoebe Ussary having died, Jas. B. Thompson administered. Bond, \$1,000.

THE USSARY FAMILY.

Captain William Ussary was born in Tennessee, and died in Platte in September, 1846. He married Phoebe Snodderly, and came to Platte in 1837, settling near New Market. Phoebe was a daughter of John Snodderly, of Tennessee. Ch:

I. JOHN USSARY, b. Dec. 20, 1821; d. in 1894; m'd 1st, in 1848, Elizabeth Cochran, d. in 1856. He m'd 2d, Lucinda Bledsoe. Mrs. George Vester and Claude Ussary were children of his first wife.

II. ELIZABETH USSARY, m'd Craig Robinson. She died, leaving:

1. *Wm. R. Robinson*, and other children.

III. JAMES USSARY, dead; m'd a Keal, dead.

IV. LOUISA USSARY, b. Aug. 16, 1828; m'd in 1854, John Calvin Sharp, b. May 7, 1826, son of John. Ch:

1. *Paulina Ann Sharp*, m'd John Cooper.

2. *Wm. M. Sharp*, m'd Cora, dr. of Richard Bywaters.

3. *Quintilla Sharp*, m'd John Harrington, son of Thomas.

Ch: [a] May Harrington.

V. REBECCA USSARY, m'd De Witt C. Lamar, son of Thos.

VI. HENDERSON USSARY, m'd Sidney Thompson, dr. of Richard.

VII. NANCY USSARY, m'd Jas. Bedwell.

VIII. JANE USSARY, m'd Thompson Maybury.

IX. ZIBA ANNIE USSARY (see), m'd April 18, 1860, Jas. B. Thompson. Ch:

1. *Lydia*, m'd Dec. 25, 1895, Ronnie Wood.

X. WM. R. USSARY, m'd Mary Lamar, dr. of Henry.

Feb. 17—A large and enthusiastic meeting of Good Templars at Waldron.

Feb. 18—Snow, sleet, and thaw, followed by cold weather. On the 24th, the Missouri was still closed. Much passing between Missouri and Kansas, on the ice.

WILLIAM CLAY.

Feb. 27—William Clay died. He was a brother of Johnson Clay (see), and born in 1800; m'd in 1825 Sarah Collett, dr. of Abram, and sister of Johnson Clay's wife. He was a Baptist and a man of unimpeachable integrity. Oh:

I. ELIZABETH CLAY, m'd Caswell B. Vaughn.

II. SUSAN (SOPHIA JANE) CLAY, m'd, in 1865, John Bruce, b. Dec. 13, 1842, in Montean Co., Mo., son of Meredith Bruce, b. in Virginia in 1808, and Mary J. Williamson, b. in 1824. Oh:

1. *Richard H. Bruce*, b. in 1867; m'd Dec. 25, 1892, Jettie Moore, dr. of Thos. M. (see), of Dearborn.

2. *Frank D. Bruce*, m'd Sept. 17, 1890, Elizabeth Owens, dr. of John T. (See.)

3. *Mary Lela Bruce*. 4. *Laura*.

5. *Marshall C.*, m'd Dec. 31, 1895, Carrie L. Dalrymple.

Mr. John Bruce was in the Confederate army, under Gen. Price, at Boonville, Lexington, Wilson Creek, Pea Ridge, etc.

III. JERRY CLAY, m'd July 21, 1867, Mary F. Burruss. Mr. Clay entered the Baptist ministry, and after preaching in northwest Missouri for many years, went, on account of declining health, to California. His cultured mind, genial disposition, and gentle spirit inspire love and confidence.

IV. HENRY C. CLAY, m'd March 21, 1860, S. J. Stafford. Ch:

1. *James Clay*, m'd Willetta Bywaters, dr. of John W.

V. JOHN D. CLAY, m'd Fannie Stagner. (See.)

VI. MARY A. CLAY.

VII. REBECCA CLAY, b. Jan. 26, 1845; m'd Nov. 8, 1866, B. F. Shouse, b. in Kentucky July 29, 1843; came in infancy with his father, B. P. Shouse, and settled near New Market. September 15, 1861, he enlisted in McKinnis' company of Winston's Confederate regiment, participated in the battles of Lexington, Pea Ridge, Corinth, Helena, Mansfield, etc. After four years' service, he surrendered at Shrevesport May 9, 1865. On his return, he was elected in November, 1884, a justice of the county court. After the expiration of his term, he went to Oklahoma. Oh:

1. *Ida May Shouse*, b. Oct. 13, 1867; m'd July 24, 1887, David Risk, son of Sidney. (See.) Ch: [^a] Frank Risk; [^b] Julian.

2. *Edwin Clay Shouse*, b. June 8, 1869.

3. *Mary*, b. June 1, 1872.

4. *Frankie P. Shouse*, b. May 19, 1874.

5. *Ora Lee*, b. Jan. 12, 1876.

6. *William Arnold Shouse*. 7. *Ben F.* (ii). 8. *Anna B.*

VIII. SARAH CLAY, m'd a Landrum.

IX. J. D. W. CLAY, m'd a Swearengen.

X. MARTHA W. CLAY, m'd a Pew.

MARCH.

ARCHIBALD T. LEAVEL.

March 1—Archibald T. Leavel died near New Market. He was born in Madison County, Ky., November 21, 1822; removed in 1827 to Lincoln County, Ky., and thence in 1852 to the vicinity of New Market. He married Elizabeth J. Logan. He was an intelligent farmer and excellent citizen. Ch:

I. JAMES T. LEAVEL, m'd June 26, 1873, Bettie M. Cook.

II. JOHN L. LEAVEL, b. in Lincoln Co., Ky., June 1, 1849; m'd Dec. 25, 1872, Nancy Ellen Dean, dr. of J. B. He is a farmer near New Market. Ch:

1. *William Leavel*. 2. *Ara*. 3. *Dean Leavel*.

III. DAVID C. LEAVEL, m'd Dec. 9, 1880, Susan Dean. (See.)

IV. LENA R. LEAVEL, m'd April 16, 1882, W. A. Wilson, son of French S. (see), b. June 15, 1848.

V. RICHARD L. LEAVEL.

VI. KATE LEAVEL, m'd in March, 1866, Sidney H. Dean. Ch:

1. *Clarence Dean*.

2. *Elizabeth J.*, m'd Oct. 10, 1887, John S. Williams.

(See.)

VII. ARCH. C. LEAVEL.

A little paper called the *Fairplay* is issued at Platte City, by Sims, Alred, and Hollingsworth. Only a few numbers appeared.

Milton Hackett having died, his administrator is G. W. Field. Bond, \$1,000.

THE HACKETT FAMILY.

Two brothers, sons of Jacob Hackett, came west from Madison County, Ky., and settled on the border of Buchanan County.

I. EMERY HACKETT,

Born in 1808; m'd Louisa Richardson, born in Madison County, Ky., in 1814, daughter of William. Ch:

I. JACOB HACKETT (ii), m'd Elizabeth Loar, b. in 1844; d. March 27, 1896; dr. of Peter Loar, of Buchanan County.

Children:

1. *Ann Hackett*, m'd John Foster; no children.

2. *Mollie Hackett*, m'd Jos. Deets, of Buchanan County.

3. *Julia Hackett*, m'd Anthony Bowles.

4. *Laura Hackett*, m'd a Cox.

II. JAMES HACKETT (i), b. April 25, 1843; m' 1st, Kate Hall, b. in Hardin County, Ky., April 24, 1845; d. April 27, 1882. Children:

1. *Lettie Hackett*, m'd Geo. Atkinson. 2. *John*.

3. *Jas. R. Hackett*.

James (i) m'd 2d, Eliza J. Foster.

III. EMERY HACKETT (ii), m'd Feb. 19, 1871, Mary E. Brown. Children:

1. *Martha F. Hackett*, m'd Frank Foster, died; m'd 2d, in July, 1896, John F. Meyers.
2. *Lora B. Hackett*, m'd W. Asbury Wilson, son of Levi.
3. *Albert Hackett*. 4. *Angeline*. 5. *Grover C*.

II. MILTON HACKETT

Married Permelia Richardson, sister of his brother Emery's wife.
Children:

- I. GRANVILLE HACKETT, went west.
- II. CONNOWAY HACKETT, died in the Southern army.

III. ANILDA, m'd a Stapp, and went to Illinois.

Milton was killed in the Southern army, and his widow is dead.

MUNICIPAL TOWNSHIPS.

The county court reduced the townships back to the original number, and to nearly the old boundaries, as follows: 1, Marshall; 2, Green; 3, Preston; 4, Weston; 5, Lee; 6, Carroll; 7, Pettis. Fair was subsequently taken from Lee.

WILLIAM G. RALSTON.

William G. Ralston having died, Jas. A. Ralston administered. Bond, \$600. His widow was Kate, who survived, and died April 17, 1878, aged 70. They lived near Edgerton Junction.
Children:

- I. ELIZABETH RALSTON, m'd May 19, 1842, R. F. Duncan. (See.)
- II. JOS. F. RALSTON, m'd March 8, 1860, Rebecca Edwards. Live in Kansas.
- III. NARCISSA, m'd Dec. 30, 1860, a Justus.
- IV. MARGARET RALSTON, b. in 1839; m'd Const. L. Gustin.
Children:
 1. *William Gustin*, b. Jan. 24, 1862. (See.)
 2. *A. M. Gustin*. (See.) 3. *Jas. A.* (See.)
- V. MARY SULTANA RALSTON, m'd J. F. Rupe. Ch:
 1. *Aggie*. 2. *Frank Rupe*. 3. *Hattie*. 4. *William*.
 5. *Waller*. 6. *Minnie Rupe*. 7. *Pearl*.
- VI. WILLIAM J. RALSTON, b. June 21, 1843; d. Jan. 2, 1892; m'd Mary Jackson, dr. of J. G. She d. March 14, 1875, and he m'd 2d, May 31, 1889, Mary A. Johnson, dr. of G. W., of Union Mills. Children by his first wife:
 1. *Emir R. Ralston*, b. Dec. 25, 1870; m'd Dec. 16, 1892, Millie M. Johnson, of Mississippi. Ch: [a] Lela Mabel Ralston.
 2. *Allen Ralston*, b. Feb. 13, 1872.

VII. SAMUEL RALSTON, m'd Feb. 2, 1871, Martha J. Standiford (Snell). Ch:

1. *Hattie Ralston*, m'd Sept. 28, 1892, Chris. Hamilton.
1. *Oscar Ralston*.

VIII. JAMES A. RALSTON (twin with Samuel), b. in 1854; d. in Feb., 1889.

THE P. & G. R. RAILROAD BONDS.

March 2—One Ririe refused to accept the compromise offered, for bonds held by him, and sued the county. As the bonds had been declared valid by the courts, it was agreed that the suit be dismissed, and the bonds paid in full.

GEO. W. CROBARGER.

March 3—Geo. W. Crobarger died three miles north of Platte City. He married, first, Elizabeth Cooper. Ch:

I. JOHN R. CROBARGER, went to Arkansas.

II. MARY CATHERINE CROBARGER, m'd April 10, 1876, Lewis Magers, of Weston. Ch:

1. *George Magers*. 2. *Maude*. 3. *Mark*. 4. *Roberta*.

III. GEO. W. CROBARGER (ii), b. May 5, 1843; m'd March 19, 1884, Armilda Anderson, dr. of Vincent. Ch:

1. *Minnie*. 2. *May Crobarger*. 3. *Katie*.

IV. ROBERT CROBARGER, b. in 1851.

George W. Crobarger married, second, Elizabeth Horr, née Remington. (See.)

March 12—The Legislature has granted Platte County but one judge of the county court. The *Advocate* contains a long call of James S. Owens to run for the position. He accepts and is elected.

An early rise of the Missouri submerges many hundred acres of Platte County lands.

WM. H. MASTERSON.

March 29—William H. Masterson died. He was born December 15, 1802, in Virginia; married Eliza McComas, daughter of Elisha McComas, a brother of Moses (i). He settled in Preston Township. Ch:

I. JOSEPH E. MASTERSON, m'd Oct. 2, 1872, Ellen Jones, dr. of Dr. Jones, of Edgerton. Ch:

1. *Jas. Masterson*. 2. *A girl*.

II. DAVID F. MASTERSON, m'd Nannie Collins, dr. of John. (See.)

III. ALVIN P. MASTERSON, b. April 16, 1845; m'd Nov. 3, 1864, Margaret Beery.

APRIL.

SAMUEL HODGES

April 1—Samuel Hodges having died, R. T. Hodges administered. Bond, \$1,000. He was born in Norfolk County, Va., in 1789; came to Fulton County, Ky., in 1810. In the War of 1812 he served in Capt. Hansbarger's company of minute men. He married in 1822 Nancy Rogers, née Cain, a sister of Robert Cain. (See.) He was tall, strong, and athletic; and his sons are stalwarts—three of them measuring 6 feet 6 inches in height. The family came to Platte in 1851, and settled one mile north of Linkville. His widow died January 31, 1883. She was born January 21, 1800, in Christian County, Ky. The Hodges are ardent Cumberland Presbyterians. Ch:

- I. CHARLES B. HODGES. He entered the ministry of the Cumberland Church, and after preaching many years in Platte, removed to Texas, and is now a zealous missionary of his Church.
- II. JAMES J. HODGES, b. Oct. 7, 1825; d. March 9, 1889; m'd Nov. 24, 1853, Melissa Magill, b. in 1825; d. Aug. 29, 1895; dr. of David. They live near Linkville. Their only child:
 1. *Nannie E.*, m'd John B. Moore. (See.)
- III. COLLINS B. HODGES, b. in Fulton Co., Ky., June 22, 1842; m'd Nov. 29, 1873, Sarah P. Harpole. Ch:
 1. *Millie V. Hodges*, b. March 29, 1876.
 2. *James S.*, b. Dec. 6, 1878.
 3. *Nancy Hodges*, b. July 31, 1881.
 4. *Wilson*, b. Aug. 12, 1884. 5. *Dewitt T. Hodges*.
- IV. JESSIE HODGES, single.
- V. NANCY HODGES, m'd Dec. 10, 1857, D. S. Slaughter, b. April 20, 1820 (his second wife). He m'd 1st, Nancy Clarke. (See.)
- VI. LETITIA HODGES, m'd Jan. 6, 1880, Wm. H. McMunagle, b. in Estill Co., Ky., July 29, 1852, son of Aaron B.; no children.
- VII. RUFUS T. HODGES, m'd Letiza Allison. (See.)

ANDREW HARSHA.

Andrew Harsha having died, William Harsha administered. Bond, \$1,000. Lived near Edgerton. Ch:

- I. MARGARET MYLES. II. WM. HARSHA.
- III. ELIZABETH. IV. SARAH.
- V. ANNA HARSHA, m'd Sept. 1, 1874, F. M. Denny, b. March 9, 1852. Ch:
 1. *Ernest Denny*. 2. *Lizzie*. 3. *Dallas*. 4. *Frank*.
 5. *Fred*.

April 6—GEO. W. GOODLANDER having died, Thos Quinn administered. Bond, \$1,500. He was a business man, and was sprightly and social, a good auctioneer, and, in 1847, was public

administrator of Platte County. He settled in the Bee Creek bottom, below the bridge on the road from Platte City to Weston. Children: 1, John K. Goodlander; 2, Mary C.; 3, George W.; 4, Robert H.; 5, Eugene.

ELECTION OF COUNTY JUDGE.

James S. Owens was the candidate of the "Soreheads," and Jas. W. Hardesty of the "Ring." The vote was: Owens, 1,865; Hardesty, 1,218.

License of dram-shops carried by a vote: For, 1,161; against, 1,110; majority for license, 51.

The vote for school commissioner stood: Jerry Clay, 478; J. C. Sutherland, 181.

Grasshoppers are hatching out, but the cold weather sets them back.

PARK COLLEGE.

April 12—This noble institution was inaugurated to-day. Col. Geo. S. Park gave his stone hotel in Parkville to Rev. John A. McAfee, as long as he would use it for educational purposes. Mr. McAfee was a native Missourian, a graduate of Westminster College, and a man of intelligence, zeal, energy, and enterprise. His devotion and faith were heroic, and his enthusiasm and perseverance were sublime. He was already at the head of a prosperous school at Highland, Kansas, but he resigned his position, and prevailed on a score of his favorite scholars to follow his forlorn fortunes. Without a day's provisions, without a dollar for the future, they trusted to prayer for God's providence and man's liberality. The foundations of Park College were to-day laid, and the 12th of May has since been celebrated as Founder's Day of Park College. Rev. A. B. Sherwood was the active agent of Col. Park in bringing about this glorious consummation.

The Watts-King-Reynolds embroglio is at its height. Watts claimed he had been elected judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas; W. A. King claimed the council had elected him city attorney; and J. T. Reynolds made an ineffectual effort, before the circuit court, to disbar King.

Snow.

April 20—The Missouri River is on a rampage; railroads washed away, bottoms overflowed, farms engulfed. The river returned within its banks the 30th. It attained 17 feet above low water.

Croquet is the favorite game. Hawley and Forman are the champions.

The grasshopper is a burden.

The Weston Furniture Factory is in full operation.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Revenue collected..	\$66,575.89
Warrants drawn..	23,312.18
Interest paid..	30,539.69

Balance..	\$2,724.02
Levy—State, 45 cents; county, 90 cents; assessment,	
\$4,608,605.	

Expenditures in Detail.

Bridge in Weston..	\$ 600.00
Poor..	3,306.00
Court-house..	239.00
Jail..	174.00
Stationery..	1,229.00
County Court (5 justices)..	456.00
County Clerk (Park)..	3,193.00
Assessors..	378.00
Prosecuting Attorney (Woodson)..	785.00
Treasurer (Darnall)..	1,122.00
Superintendent of Schools (Sutherland)..	40.00
Sheriff (Coffey)..	949.00
Circuit Clerk (Tufts)..	229.00
Printing..	484.00
Criminal costs..	1,478.00
Wood..	315.00
Sundry purposes..	1,579.94

\$16,556.94

Bonds and coupons paid..	6,755.24
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\$23,312.18

County Debt.

Funding bonds..	\$300,500.00
Interest since January 1..	10,016.66
63 P. & G. R. Railroad bonds..	6,300.00
Interest on same..	3,500.00
Warrants outstanding..	7,280.00

Debt in 1875..	\$327,596.66
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Debt in 1874..	349,724.84
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Reduction..	\$22,128.18
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May 1—The Constitutional Convention meet at Jefferson City. Norton and Allen are our delegates.

Prospects for corn and wheat are excellent; and for fruit, good; but the grasshopper is abroad.

The Good Templars of Platte City, Lodge No. 746, have a public installation of officers at the Baptist Church.

The superintendents of Platte City Sunday-schools are: W. V. Slone, of the Baptist school; W. M. Paxton, of the Presbyterian school; Alex Freeze, of the M. E. school; and Elder W. H. Williams, of the Christian school.

May 6—Ascension Day. The Knights of Belt Commandery make an excursion, by way of Farley, to J. E. Ireland's and James Wallace's.

May 9—D. R. Anthony shot at Leavenworth by W. W. Embry, and for a month his life hangs by a thread.

May 11—James F. Pitt removes to St. Joseph, and the bar passes complimentary resolutions.

F. M. Tufts removes to St. Joseph.

May 17—Jas. S. Owens takes his seat as sole judge of the county court.

Governor Hardin, by proclamation, sets apart the third day of June as a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer for the removal of the plague of grasshoppers.

Ed Ruthven starts a temperance saloon in Platte City.

JUNE.

June 1—Farmers are driving their stock to certain parts of Kansas for pasturage.

The Serenes, the Platte City baseball club, are beaten in every contest.

A convention of Good Templars at Second Creek.

Examination at Camden Point.

GRASSHOPPERS—HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

June 3—In compliance with Gov. Hardin's proclamation, the people of Platte, generally, met at the churches for prayer to God to avert the evil of grasshoppers. After the services, as the congregations came forth to the open air, they saw the heavens darkened with clouds of the devouring insects going north. No further damage was done. Though the West was visited by the plague of grasshoppers in 1854, 1855, 1861, 1866, 1869, 1874, and 1875, we have had no visitation of the pests since the day of prayer. For twenty years past, we have had no trouble from the devourers.

After the insects departed, men took new heart, corn was replanted, and gardens were renewed. A splendid season followed. Wheat stood in the fields stripped of every blade, and yet turned out ten to fifteen bushels per acre. The generous frosts kept off until November, and late crops ripened. The early planted corn was too hard and rough for the destroyers, so they

kept it clean by devouring the weeds and grasses. Pastures were rich and tender, until the late winter opened. Hogs needed no other feed while grasshoppers lasted.

AN INCIDENT—THE SWEDE AND GRASSHOPPERS.

In 1874 a Swede bought, for \$1,200, a tract of land four miles east of Platte City, and mortgaged it to me for \$400. When the grasshoppers came and cut down his crops, he came to me with a rueful countenance, and insisted on my taking a deed for his land, as he could not pay the debt. I comforted him and assured him all would be right. After a long and doleful conversation, I asked if his neighbors would meet at the church on June the 3d, to pray. He said they would. I gave him a pious lecture, and he promised to attend the meeting, and to pray himself. Two weeks after the meeting, he burst abruptly into my office and exclaimed: "Yes, the praying did it! I am all right now; my crop of wheat will turn out fifteen bushels, and I never had a better prospect for corn. The praying did it!" The Swede paid half my debt from his crops, that year, and stuck to it that "the praying did it." In a year or two he sold his farm for twice as much as it cost him.

ARGELIUS PANCAKE.

June 3—Argelius Pancake having died, his daughter, Virginia C. Pancake, administered. He married Martha May, in Boyle County, Ky., and came to Platte, settling near South Gale. His widow died in November, 1890. Ch:

- I. VIRGINIA C. PANCAKE, b. Nov. 8, 1863; m'd Feb. 24, 1884, H. C. Goen.
- II. WILLIAM A. PANCAKE, m'd Alice Corwin. Ch:
1. *Harry*. 2. *Sam*. 3. *Zelma*.
- III. RICHARD S. PANCAKE, d. single, in Nov., 1879.
- IV. PATSY PANCAKE, m'd Oct. 17, 1878, Geo. Peyton. Ch:
1. *Lula*. 2. *Lela*. 3. *Clifford*.
- V. ANDRONICA, m'd Ben Moore, son of Jeff. (See.)
- VI. MARY E. PANCAKE, m'd June 20, 1891, Chas. Kerr, son of William.
- VII. JOHN M. PANCAKE, d. in Dec., 1891.
- VIII. LUCY A., b. May 2, 1870.

June 7—A rise in the Platte River washes away the flume of the Platte City Mills.

Grasshoppers in vast clouds pass over, going northwest. They continued to pass at intervals for twenty days.

Wills and John Morin take the livery stable in Block 26, Platte City.

June 14—Commencement at Daughters' College. Graduates: Ophelia Bonnell, Bettie Murdock, Jemmie Lysle.

Farmers busy replanting corn, and preparing to sow turnips.

June 15—Three days of hot winds, with temperature from 90 degrees to 98 degrees. Plenteous rains and heated atmosphere force crops vigorously to maturity.

JULY.

July 3—County convention of Good Templars at Platte City.

T. W. Park, in a state of somnambulance, walks off the high porch of Daughters' College and receives lasting injuries.

The national day observed on Saturday at the fair grounds.

Buffalo grass, nettles, and young black-locusts follow the grasshoppers.

July 10—The rivers are rising from abundant rain. The Narrows between the Platte and Missouri rivers is only 20 feet wide.

July 19—Prof. John D. Brown is chosen principal of the Platte City Public School.

Temperature 104 degrees.

Apprehending famine, farmers put much ground in turnips, and we had a plethora. Turnips were given to all who would gather them.

Rev. J. W. Brown, of the Baptist Church, removes to Parkville.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—S. A. Gilbert is elected judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, by a vote of 235, against 189 for W. A. King. John Mundy is chosen marshal over J. B. Evans.

JAMES PLUMMER dies, and James Scott administers. Bond, \$1,500. Children: 1, Mary Plummer; 2, Robert; 3, Jennie; 4, Ben; 5, Jas. S. Plummer.

Aug. 9—Heavy rains; Platte River full; mail stopped.

Phil. Doppler appointed United States collector for the Sixth District.

JAMES FOX.

Aug. 14—James Fox died near Hampton. He was born in Virginia November 11, 1790; came to Platte in 1839, and settled four miles southeast of Platte City. He married December 29, 1812, Lucinda Eskridge, born August 14, 1797; died October 27, 1876. Their only child, William A. Fox, was born in Fauquier County, Va., May 13, 1814; he had a superior academic education, and wrote frequently for the papers. The family came to Howard County, Mo., in 1836, and to Platte in 1838. William A. married October 20, 1840, Sarah Cravens, born January 4, 1823, daughter of John Cravens, of Daviess County, Mo. She died December 25, 1858. Ch:

- I. ELIZA FOX, m'd Dec. 28, 1865, John Eskridge; 9 children.
 II. JOHN E. FOX, b. April 2, 1849; m'd Nov. 9, 1871, Virginia E. Phillips. Ch:
 1. *Sarah*. 2. *Mattie*. 3. *Howard*.
 4. *Walter*.
 III. JAMES V. FOX, b. Sept. 25, 1853; m'd in Sept., 1876, Mary Havens, of Daviess County, Mo. Ch:
 1. *Annie R.*, b. July 17, 1877.
 IV. GEO. D. FOX, b. June 24, 1858; m'd March 29, 1877, Ida Winn, of Daviess County, Mo. Ch:
 1. *Sarah M.* 2. *Laura*.
 3. *William H. Fox*. 4. *James Fox*.
 5. *Charles*. 6. *Mary E.*

William A. married, second, Rachel Vallandingham, widow of Austin (see). She died, childless, December 28, 1884.

William A. married, third, in May, 1890, Mrs. Mary E. Little. She survived him and went to Arkansas. Mr. Fox was an enthusiastic Methodist, a zealous Mason, and a spirited Southerner. He went South with Colonel John H. Winston, and, in his absence, his real estate was virtually confiscated for his debts. For a number of years he was a merchant in Platte City, and was a leading partisan in every controversy of church or state.

THE ESKRIDGES.

Mrs. James Fox was an Eskridge. Her mother was a Moxley, who was descended from the Lee family, of Virginia. Three of Mrs. Fox's brothers were killed in the Revolutionary War, on the patriot side; and two others fought throughout the bloody struggle.

Aug. 14—A frightful accident occurred on the C., R. I. & P. Railway, five miles south of Plattsburg, in which one was killed and thirty wounded.

Aug. 16—DR. JACOB LARRY, of Iatan, took strychnine and then blew his brains out with a pistol. He was born in South Carolina; came to Atchison, Kan., in 1856, graduated at Charleston Medical College in 1861, entered the Southern army, and served several years; in 1864 he married Miss L. A. Hudson, located at Iatan in 1866, and was fast rising in public favor. His wife survived him. Children: 1, Gladys; 2, Ernest; 3, Marsden; 4, Albert Larry.

Zach Roy, while drunk, lay down on the railroad track between Camden Point and Tracy, and, while asleep, was run over and killed by cars.

CORNELIUS COOPER

Aug. 18—Cornelius Cooper died three miles north of Platte City. He was born in Franklin County, Va., June 22, 1802, and came to Platte in 1844. His widow was Nancy, and children:

- I. ELIZA J. COOPER, m'd John Wilson.
- II. MARY E. COOPER, m'd Chas. Evans.
- III. JULIA A. COOPER, m'd William Montgomery.
- IV. NANCY COOPER, m'd July 2, 1865, Rev. J. J. Daniel.
- V. JOHN T. COOPER.

Aug. 20—Nancy Clements having died, her son, John R., administered.

THE CLEMENTS LINEAGE.

I. JOHN R. CLEMENTS (i), married Elizabeth Thompson, in Ireland, and emigrated to Virginia. Their son,

II. ROGER CLEMENTS, was born January 1, 1762, on the James River, Virginia; died July 31, 1835; married January 25, 1787, Hannah Hathaway, born February 11, 1768; died July 7, 1846. Their children were: 1, John; 2, Philip; 3, Elizabeth, married Aaron Masterson; 4, David; 5, Keturah, married John Hance; 6, James; 7, Zachariah; 8, William; 9, Gustavus; 10, Hannah, married Jos. Ambrose; 11, Lewis; 12, Polly, married David Cassity; 13, Permelia, married M. D. Scrivener; 14, Nancy, married James West; 15, Jonathan.

III. JONATHAN CLEMENTS, son of Roger, was born May 20, 1808; died by accidental drowning in 1850; married February 8, 1831, Nancy Williams. They lived in Montgomery County, Ky., until 1857, when the widow and children came West, and settled near Linkville. Ch:

I. JOHN R. CLEMENTS, b. June 9, 1834, in Montgomery Co., Ky.; came with his mother to Platte in 1857; entered the Union army under Col. Morgan, at the battle of Shiloh was taken prisoner, exchanged in 1863, reentered the army, and was with Sherman on his march to the sea; returned to Platte in 1865, and is now living on his splendid farm of 340 acres on Todd's Creek. He is a Republican, and a favorite with his party, as well as with his neighbors. He married March 9, 1859, Eliza J. Moore, b. May 16, 1839, dr. of James B. Ch:

1. *Jas. J. Clements*, b. Feb. 22, 1860; m'd Feb. 22, 1887. Lena Searcy, dr. of Henderson; 2 children.
2. *Benj. M. Clements*, b. April 5, 1862; m'd Feb. 16, 1886. Mollie Russell, dr. of Mrs. Anna Russell.
3. *William T. Clements*, b. Sept. 15, 1867.
4. *Walter Clements*, b. Dec. 13, 1869; m'd Susan Edwards. b. Feb. 3, 1868, dr. of James H.
5. *Madison Clements*, b. March 3, 1872.
6. *Simeon*, b. May 8, 1874.
7. *Andrew F. Clements*, b. Oct. 22, 1876.
8. *Claude*, b. May 28, 1880.
9. *Carrie J. Clements*, b. July 20, 1882.

II. MICHAEL CLEMENTS, a dwarf.

III. ELIZABETH A. CLEMENTS, m'd in 1854 Solomon D. Park,

b. in Estill Co., Ky., Oct. 12, 1833. They live near Linkville. Ch:

1. *Alice Park*, b. in 1855; m'd May 18, 1884, Jesse B. Miller, who died Aug. 11, 1891, leaving a widow and twins: [*a*] *Park*, and [*b*] *Jesse Miller*.
2. *Clay Park*.
3. *Milton*, m'd March 4, 1879, Maggie Pope, dr. of Jas. A.
4. *Jonathan Park*, m'd a Callahan. 5. *Lee Park*.
6. *Turner Park*.
7. *David Park*, m'd Jan. 17, 1897, Lela Grooms.
8. *James*.

IV. THOMAS CLEMENTS.

V. DAVID, and VI. GUS, b. Nov. 29, 1853, are dwarfs.

VII. JASPER CLEMENTS, killed at the battle of Camden Point, July 14, 1864.

Aug. 27—S. C. MORROW having died, W. W. Morrow administered. He married Susanna Ellis, dr. of Doctor Ellis. Ch: 1, W. W. Morrow, m'd March 20, 1878, Belle Harris; 2, Frank, M. Morrow; 3, Ruth J.; 4, Doctor; 5, Perry.

Aug. 29—Sunday-school meeting in Platte City.

Park College opens with 110 pupils, and a faculty consisting of John A. McAfee, president, and Professors Wilson, Merryweather, and Evans, assistants.

SEPTEMBER.

No fair held this year; reason—grasshoppers.

Sept. 2—Inauguration of the Atchison bridge; speakers, Burnes, Harvey, Ingalls, and Osborn.

Sept. 14—Ex-president Jefferson Davis at Kansas City.

Sept. 15—Sunday-school reunion at the Baptist church, of all the Platte City schools.

Sept. 24—A Good Templar convention at Hickory Grove. H. C. Nichols president, and H. J. Mayo secretary.

The Narrows fell in, and the mouth of the Platte is six miles higher up the Missouri. The old bed of the Platte, below the Narrows, becomes a slough, and gradually fills up.

Sept. 27—Kansas City depot burned.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 2—S. A. Gilbert resigns as judge of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, and the county court appoints W. H. Roney in his place.

Oct. 5—HENRY DE BARD, died at his home in Platte City. He was born in Clark County, Ky., November 24, 1801; married Harriet McFall, sister of the wives of Drs. Shrock and Long. She died March 30, 1884, aged 66. Mr. De Bard was a Mason, and acted as tyler of the lodge, chapter, and commandery at Platte City. He was an excellent cabinet-maker, but seldom worked at his trade. Ch: 1, David De Bard; 2, Martha; 3, Fannie, married May 9, 1895, John Oliver.

Oct. 11—D. C. Allen spoke at the court-house in favor of the new Constitution, which on the 30th instant is to be voted on.

Picnic at the fair grounds, in lieu of a fair.

Oct. 14—Rev. A. P. Foreman died at Plattsburg. He had been preaching for the Presbyterians at Platte City.

W. P. Chiles and D. D. Burnes (ii) enrolled as attorneys.

ELIJAH C. POWELL, died. He was born in Scott County, Ky., August 13, 1813, came to Platte in 1840, and settled near Farley. He possessed good judgment and education, and held the office of justice of the peace for several terms. He married April 15, 1850, Susan Moore, née Porter. Ch: 1, Lester Powell; 2, Sterling P. Powell; 3, Laura.

Judge S. A. Gilbert removes to Atchison, Kansas.

Elder W. H. Williams, of the Christian Church, receives into his communion, at South Gale, 37 members; at Smithville, 27; at Rush Creek, 13; and at Second Creek, 14; making, in all, 91 members.

Oct. 30—The new Constitution received in Platte: For, 1,198; against, 87.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 9—A slight earthquake. Jefferson's J. Park's house burned.

Nov. 10—The county court orders prisoners hired out, to pay their fines.

The furniture factory running day and night to fill orders.
Camden Point has established a public library.

Nov. 12—The first snow.

Nov. 19—Richard Ridgway Rees dies in Leavenworth.

THE REES FAMILY

Trace their lineage from Henry Rees, of Virginia. His son, Lewis Rees, married Sarah Ridgway, daughter of Richard. Lewis Rees and family removed from Winchester, Va., to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1810, and started the first glass works in that city. In 1818 the family removed to Old Franklin, Mo. Three children of Lewis Rees (i) came to Platte City, about 1850, and removed to Leavenworth, as soon as Kansas was opened for settlement. We will notice the three brothers in order of birth.

I. AMOS REES

Was born at Winchester, Va., December 2, 1800, and followed the fortunes of his father until his death. As a clerk for Colonel Chambers, he closed out a stock of goods at Old Franklin, and commenced, at the age of 18 years, reading law with Judge Todd. After three years, he was licensed by the Supreme Court of the State. He removed successively to Fayette, Lexington, and Liberty. At the latter place he married July 15, 1830, Judith C. Trigg, born January 21, 1809, and died in Leavenworth in 1894. She was a daughter of Gen. Stephen Trigg. He next removed to Camden, Ray County, and was one of the promoters of that town. But he became involved, and his property was sold at a great sacrifice. From thence, he removed, successively, to Richmond, Independence, and Platte City, reaching the latter place March 1, 1845. In partnership with Hon. John Wilson, he did a large business. He was a well-read lawyer, and a successful practitioner. An earnest Methodist, he carried his religion into his business. He was conscientious in all he did, was quick to detect and charge fraud, and his red head and quick temper manifested themselves in irritability. In 1855 he removed to Leavenworth, and, with Clark, laid off an addition to that city. Here he broke up again, and lost his sight, and his remaining years were spent in seclusion. He died December 29, 1885. His children: 1, Sarah, died in 1894; 2, Lewis; 3, Mary; 4, Edwin Rees.

II. LEWIS REES

Was for some years a merchant in Platte City. In 1854 he went to Leavenworth, and was the first postmaster of that place. He left children.

III. RICHARD R. REES

Was the smallest, but the most brilliant of the brothers. He was full of life, spirit, and energy. There was no better informed Mason in Missouri or Kansas. He wrote and published a small volume of wild, weird, and ancient mysteries of Egyptian lore. I tried to read it, but it was either above or below my comprehension. Osiris, Isis, Horus, Serapis, etc., were the leading characters. His Masonic learning and his familiarity with the ceremonies of the various degrees of the mystic craft gave him the highest positions in the order. He represented Leavenworth County in the Territorial Council of 1855. He was a prominent leader of the Pro-slavery party in Kansas; but his genial disposition and generous soul made him a favorite even with those who were opposed to him in politics. He was residing in Platte City when Kansas was thrown open for settlement, and was among the foremost to become a resident of the Territory. He filled the office of probate judge one term in Leavenworth. He died, as stated above, November 19, 1875.

John F. De Berry is shot by his brother-in-law, Henson, and severely wounded. Henson was indicted, and vigorously prosecuted, but finally acquitted.

Nov. 25—S. A. Gilbert is chief editor of the *St. Joseph Gazette*, and during the "Whisky Ring" trials, was the St. Louis correspondent of the paper. His letters at that time display wonderful ability as a newspaper correspondent.

A large gray eagle is killed by Collins B. Hodges, 7 miles east of Platte City. It had seized a goose and was making off with it. It measured 6½ feet from tip to tip.

Nov. 30—Temperature, 3° below zero. Late "grasshopper corn" is slightly injured.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 10—Ryland Russell, of Marshall Township, and Perry Walker, of Platte City, died.

LEWIS SHOUSE

Dec. 13—Lewis Shouse, of Green Township, died. He was born in Woodford County, Ky., in 1810; married Eliza Dawson, born in Kentucky in 1813; died in Platte January 2, 1894. Lewis and his brother, B. P. Shouse, came in 1843, and settled near New Market. Children of Lewis:

- I. JAMES S. SHOUSE, m'd April 25, 1878, Mrs. Mary Hill.
- II. WILLIAM SHOUSE, m'd March 2, 1872, Hattie Duty.
- III. GEORGE SHOUSE.
- IV. MAGGIE SHOUSE, m'd L. M. Graves. (See.)
- V. ALBERT P. SHOUSE, b. Oct. 1, 1854; m'd May 14, 1884, Ellen B. Moore.
- VI. ALICE SHOUSE, m'd Dec. 26, 1882, Chas. Evans.
- VII. LUCY SHOUSE, m'd a Beery. VIII. FANNIE SHOUSE.

THE TONTINE.

After the meeting of the Tontine in November, I published, anonymously, in the *Democrat*, a burlesque poem upon it, which had so much truth as to be severe. There was much inquiry for the author, and I told Mr. Kline, the editor, to give my name to any inquirer. Late at night, on the 13th, a drunken rabble waited on Kline, and my name was given. I got a general cursing, and Kline published the burlesque again to satisfy the call for it.

Dec. 17—J. Monroe Cockrill is appointed superintendent of Platte City M. E. Sunday-school.

Hamp. Cook makes a temperance lecture at Platte City.

A Good Templar convention at Platte City. Eight lodges were represented. The delegates from Platte City Lodge, No. 746, were: J. D. Brown, E. McD. Coffey, R. Edwards, William Forman, W. T. Jenkins, W. M. Paxton. Prohibition resolutions were passed.

Dec. 25—Christmas at Platte City. The Christian Church had a ship, and the other churches trees.

MARRIAGES IN 1875 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

January 7—Isaac M. Payne married Nannie Laswell.
January 21—Geo. B. Paxton married Mrs. Sarah Paxton.
February 4—John Lampton married Virginia Link.
March 20—John C. Ray married Mintie Roach.
June 8—Chris Abbott married L. E. Roach.
July 29—W. C. Butts married Mary J. Duncan.
August 22—Chas. C. Dale married Nancy A. Burgess.
November 10—Phil. Shackelford married Eliza Drais.
December 3—Robert E. Cain married Luella Anderson.

1876.**OFFICERS.**

Governor, C. H. Hardin; Congressman, B. J. Franklin; State Senator, J. R. Keller; Representative, Jas. Adkins; Prosecuting Attorney, S. C. Woodson; Circuit Judge, G. W. Dunn; Probate Judge, W. P. Ohiles; Circuit Clerk, R. L. Waller; County Judge, James S. Owens; County Clerk, T. W. Park; Sheriff, E. McD. Coffey; Treasurer, R. T. Darnall; Surveyor, W. V. Slone; Coroner, Geo. Jones; Public Administrator, W. F. Yocom; Superintendent of Schools, Jerry Clay.

Population of Platte County, 15,948.

MARKETS.

Gold, \$1.10; county warrants, 95 cents; county bonds, \$1.02; apples, \$1.00; butter, 25 cents; coffee, 25 cents; corn, 25 cents; flour, \$3.75; eggs, 9 cents; hams, 14 cents; hogs, 6½ cents; hemp, \$130; lard, \$14; potatoes, 45 cents; wheat, \$1.15; wood, \$2.50.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Forman, Herndon, Merryman, Norton, Paxton, Pitt, Wilson, Wells, Woodson.

Physicians—Guthrie, Johnson, McDonald, Smith, Spencer,

Merchants, etc.—Mrs. Beery (hotel), Brady, Clemings, A. J., T. H., & H. C. Colman, Fleshman, Gaylord, Hawkey, Jenkins, Kiefer, Krause, Kurtz (postmaster), Lutes, Meads, Morin Bros., Park, Recht, Ruthven, Smith, Swain & Mason, Wilkinson, Wills, Young, Zarn.

Lodges—Zerubbabel, No. 191, John Morin, W. M.; Nebraska Lodge, No. 12, H. Meads, N. G.; Good Templars, William Forman, W. C. T.

Schools—Daughters' College, F. G. Gaylord principal; public school, J. D. Brown principal.

Newspapers—The *Landmark*, Park & Nesbitt editors; the *Advocate*, H. S. Kline editor.

Preachers—W. H. Williams (Chris.), D. F. Bone (M. E. S.).

Banks—Cockrill & Co.; Farmers' Savings Association, Oldham cashier.

At Weston: Attorneys—Burnes, Coburn, Doniphan, Hitt, King, Reynolds, Roney.

Physicians—Bonifant, Peters, Price, Shortridge, Wilson.

Merchants, etc.—Allen, Blanjour (postmaster), Briggs, Brill, Deitz, Doppler, Duncan, Ellifrit, Ellinger, Evans, Frank, Holladay, How, Ilkenhans, Keller, Kurtz, Jacquemin, Hamm, Lewis, McConnell, Magers, Maitland, Mauch, Moore, Newhouse, Noble, Parr, Raileys, Ringo, Rohring, Siler, Weser, Yocom.

Weston Court of Common Pleas—Roney, judge; Yocom, clerk; Hood, marshal.

At Parkville: Ashby, Bueneman (postmaster), Busch, Campbell, Carmody, Dziubon, Kahm, Luthy, McDonald, Mitchell, Dr. Moore, Nash, Pack, Park, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld.

Lodge—Compass, No. 120, F. Kahm, W. M.

Park College—J. A. McAfee principal.

At Camden Point: Broadhurst (principal), Brock, Ewing (postmaster), Farris, Herndon, McGeorge, Morton, Wood.

At East Leavenworth: Banning, Weisse.

At Edgerton: Clemings, Handley, Jones, Moody.

At Farley: Carpenter (postmaster), Meyer, Bledsoe, Fouts, Oliver, Wood.

At Hampton: Funk.

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At New Market: Armstrong, Bryant, Moore, Singleton.

At Ridgely: Chrisman, Gustin, Hurst, Robinson.

At Shivelton: Woolston.

At Tracy: Clifford, Metzger & Hamm, Ryan.

At Waldron: Scott (postmaster), Waldron, Pettillo.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Leap-year party in Platte City.

Ten prisoners in jail.

Platte County Protective Association met at Platte City.

Jan. 7—Clinton Cockrill was thrown from his horse and so bruised that he was confined to his bed for several weeks.

Jan. 8—Samuel Doyle died in Preston Township. His father was

MICHAEL DOYLE,

Born in Lewis County, Ky., March 6, 1800; died March 14, 1884; married February 7, 1852, Sultana Bell. She was the last of his wives. He lived in the northern part of the county, and, before the war, was a large and independent farmer. He removed to southwest Missouri, and suffered severely on account of his Southern sympathies. He married four times, but Lydia Best was mother of all his children:

- I. ALLEN DOYLE, b. March 30, 1825; d. Aug. 28, 1896; lived near Barry. He m'd Mary Fannie Lightfoot. Ch:
1. *William (Bud)*, lives in Kansas.
 2. *John*, lives in Kansas.
 3. *Mary J. (Melvina)*, m'd Feb. 13, 1873, Thomas J. Lamar, son of Henry. He was b. Oct. 27, 1843, and resides on a farm near New Market. Ch: [*a*] Henry A. Lamar; [*b*] Jas. W. Lamar; [*c*] Daniel C.; [*d*] Mary; [*e*] Thos. J. (ii); [*f*] F. E. Lamar.
 4. *Edna Doyle*, m'd Chas. Whitlaw. Live in California.
 5. *Lydia Ann*, lives in Colorado.
 6. *Susan*, m'd Wm. Hornback.
 7. *Maggie Doyle*, m'd Feb. 24, 1886, William Wallace.
 8. *Perry Doyle*.
 9. *Clay L. Doyle*, m'd Nov. 29, 1894, Nellie M. Wilson, of Parkville.
 10. *Rosella*, m'd Wm. Stuteville. 11. *Howard*.
- II. SAMUEL DOYLE, d. Jan. 8, 1876; m'd Lydia Owens, dead, of Clay. She survived him but a few days. They lived near Smithville. Ch:
1. *John S. Doyle*, b. July 2, 1852; m'd Mollie Monk, b. Feb. 25, 1855. Ch: [*a*] Claudia Doyle, d. Feb. 21, 1896.
 2. *Michael Doyle*, b. in Feb., 1854; m'd Joanna Noonan. Children: [*a*] Jennie; [*b*] Laura Doyle; [*c*] John; [*d*] James. They live in East Atchison.
 3. *Willis Doyle*, lives in New Mexico. 4. *Dora*, dead.
 5. *Samuel*, is in New Mexico.
- III. MATTHEW DOYLE, m'd Frances Stillwagon; live in Wyandotte, Kansas.
- VI. WILLIAM DOYLE, died in Arkansas, leaving:
1. *Mike Doyle*, and others.

W. H. Downey died in Fancy Bottom; m'd Jan. 1, 1874, Angie Mitchell. She survived him. Ch: 1, Lewis E. Downey.

Jan. 14—Methodist quarterly meeting at Platte City. Dockery, Devlin, and Bone were the preachers present; 20 additions.

Jack, Perrin, Means, and Daniel have expended \$25,000 at Camden Point, for hogs, to be shipped to Chicago.

Jan. 19—Elder W. H. Williams, having been sent as a missionary of the Christian Church to Jamaica, writes back an interesting letter, which is published in the *Landmark*.

THOMAS HERNDON

Jan. 27—Thomas Herndon died at his home in Platte City. Andrew Kurtz administered, giving bond for \$2,000. He was born on Silver Creek, Madison County, Ky., January 17, 1821; m'd November 13, 1860, Addie M. Dunlap, dr. of Preston. She died July 4, 1870. Mr. Herndon was licensed as an attorney in Kentucky, and came in 1859 to Platte City. He was a kind-hearted

and genial gentleman, fond of his joke and his julep. He was the life of every circle he entered. We have already noticed his little pamphlet of poems. His verses were much read, and admired for quaintness of expression. He had little regard for the laws of rhetoric and his figures were mixed. He succeeded at the bar, and made money. I paid him the tribute of an elegy, from which I transcribe a stanza:

Thou noble, generous-hearted friend—
 Companion boon, and comrade dear,
 The mention of thy name will send
 Upon my face a smile and tear:
 A tear, because I grieve for thee;
 A smile—thy mirth in torrents ran:
 Thy dirge a madrigal should be;
 Thine epitaph, "A clever man."

Children:

I. ENNIE HERNDON, m'd July 9, 1890, Geo. W. Wyatt.

II. MATTIE.

Mrs. Howard, of St. Joseph, was a sister of Mr. Herndon, and her daughter, Mrs. Andrew Kurtz, was, therefore, his niece.

Jan. 30—The Methodist church of Waldron is complete.

The weather has been uncommonly mild and pleasant. The frogs are chirping in the ponds.

W. B. Watts has removed to Albany, Mo., and is issuing the *Albany Democrat*.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—Burglars make an ineffectual effort to rob Railey's Bank in Weston.

Feb. 2—Temperature, 2° above zero.

Feb. 4—Public installation of officers of Platte City Lodge of Good Templars: William Forman, W. C. T.; Jane Colman, W. V. T.; John Morin, W. R. S.; Geo. Sims, W. F. S.

An ice harvest.

James Adkins, as lecturer for the granges, makes their meetings interesting.

Feb. 5—W. R. Sloan's leg broken by a fall from a wagon, and amputated.

James Adkins reports to the Patrons of Husbandry that the investigations made by their order had restored to the county treasury \$2,710.

Feb. 14—A protracted meeting held by Rev. D. F. Bone, at Platte City, resulted in the addition to the M. E. Church of 40 members.

Mrs. Mary P. Hughes died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sallie Baird, in Kansas City. She was born in Paris, Ky., March 1, 1805; married E. P. Hughes, who died in 1850, leaving six handsome and accomplished daughters. Mrs. W. C. Hatton (see) was one of them, and Mrs. Sallie Baird another.

SAMUEL CARBAUGH

Feb. 21—Samuel Carbaugh died north of Parkville. He was a native of Virginia; married Sarah J. Rees. Ch:

I. SARAH C. CARBAUGH, m'd Jas. A. Naylor. (See.)

II. WILLIAM T. CARBAUGH, b. April 15, 1846; d. in April, 1893; m'd in 1870 Fannie R. Myers. Ch:

1. *Mary T.*, m'd Dec. 7, 1889, Colon Foster. Children:
[a] Winn E. Foster; [b] Calvin; [c] Ira Foster.

III. DANIEL C. CARBAUGH, m'd Jose Hendricks, dr. of Garret. Children:

1. *Eugene.* 2. *Missouri.*

3. *Minnie*, m'd Oct. 30, 1895, Celsus Shepard.

4. *Wilford.* 2. *Rhoda.*

IV. MARTHA CARBAUGH.

MARCH.

March 6—Twenty car-loads of fat cattle were shipped from Tracy to-day.

David R. Sloan withdraws from the grocery store of Sloan & Wills, in Platte City.

March 17—The *Advocate* hoists the name of Jas. W. Denver for President.

The *Advocate*, in honor of James Adkins, has the following, supposed to be spoken by the "Ring":

"We had a little poodle dog, who answered to the name of Jim;
But he was such a harmless cur, we had no fear of him.

But now he is a mastiff grand, and walks with stately tread,
And we, as pups, before him stand, or seek our little bed."

John Wood is highly complimented in the *Advocate* as a scholar and poet. He devotes two columns in a grateful reply.

The county court divides Lee Township, calling the north part Fair Township.

March 27—H. J. Mayo publishes, in the *Advocate*, a poem of much merit, entitled "The Good Templar." In Mr. Mayo we have a man of talent, heart, and soul, ruined by intemperance, becoming a devoted missionary for sobriety, that he might save others from his own fate.

March 31—L. Shepard returns to the Democratic fold, and announces himself a candidate for Congress, subject to the Democratic Convention.

APRIL.

April 1—Col. Maynard sells to F. M. Tufts his interest in the *St. Joseph Gazette*, and retires.

Platte City has collected, \$2,184; paid out, \$2,107.65, of which \$1,800 was paid on the Britton debt.

April 3—Judge Dunn adjourns circuit court over to June 19th, on account of his health.

Platte County is sued on the Green Township Strip bonds in the United States District Court. The bonds are pronounced valid; but, on appeal, they are decided void. E. H. Norton and W. P. Hall are paid a fee of \$5,000 for services as attorneys for the county.

R. T. Ellifrit removes his drug store from Weston to Platte City.

April 11—A fearful rain storm.

The Good Templars of Leavenworth visit the lodge at Platte City, and partake of a banquet.

April 13—Platte River overflows the low bottoms.

April 17—Allen McDowell, State Masonic lecturer, is instructing the county lodges.

April 26—The Odd Fellows have a parade and banquet at Platte City.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Revenue fund collected.. . . .	\$27,320.91
Interest fund collected.. . . .	40,188.59
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	\$67,509.50
Expended revenue.. . . .	\$26,788.19
Interest.. . . .	30,410.00
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	57,198.19
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Balance in treasury,.. . . .	\$10,311.31
Levy—County, 30 cents; sinking fund, 75 cents; State, 40 cents.	
<i>County Debt.</i>	
Funding bonds.. . . .	\$300,500.00
Interest on same.. . . .	10,016.66
P. & G. R. Railroad bonds and interest.. . . .	7,000.00
County warrants out.. . . .	3,150.47
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	\$320,667.13
Debt, May 1, 1875.. . . .	327,596.66
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Reduction.. . . .	\$ 6,929.53
Add cash in treasury.. . . .	10,311.31
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Net reduction.. . . .	\$17,240.84

Expenditures in Detail.

Bridges.. . . .	\$2,534.50
County Judge (Owens).. . . .	177.00
County Clerk (Park).. . . .	2,666.63
Circuit Clerk (Waller).. . . .	963.62
Prosecuting Attorney (Woodson).. . . .	814.75
County Treasurer (Darnall).. . . .	600.00
Assessors.. . . .	270.00
Sheriff (Coffey).. . . .	1,251.90
Coroner (Jones).. . . .	94.00
Poor.. . . .	4,589.46
Printing.. . . .	328.70
Stationery.. . . .	646.25
Elections.. . . .	163.75
Jurors and witnesses.. . . .	729.71
Other expenses.. . . .	1,340.09
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	\$17,170.36

May 1—Heavy and continuous rains.

JUDGE PRESTON DUNLAP.

Judge Preston Dunlap died in Preston Township. He was born in Rockbridge County, Va., August 2, 1802; married Jane Moore; came to Platte in 1838, and settled on a farm near Ridgely. He was elected, in 1838, county court justice, and he, with Judge Broadhurst, fixed upon us the P. & G. R. Railroad bonds. He was well informed, an interesting and impressive conversationalist, and a confirmed Presbyterian. After making the subscription of \$200,000 to the railroad, he purchased largely of land on the route of the road. But the road failed, the war came on, and he was ruined in fortune. Ch:

I. MARY F. DUNLAP, b. Jan. 2, 1830; d. May 30, 1889; m'd Sept. 22, 1850, James H. Tinsley, who d. Nov. 20, 1890. Mr. Tinsley was a good, honest, and upright man, but always in trouble. He was what the world calls a "crank." I attended to his business in Platte, and found him always anxious to do right. Ch:

1. *Mary Elizabeth (Puss)*, m'd John C. Fry. Children: [a] Frank; [b] Hallum.

II. MATTIE DUNLAP, m'd Dan Glover. Live in Texas. Ch: 1. *Thomas*.

III. VIRGINIA DUNLAP, m'd April 26, 1855, James A. Winn. Children:

1. *Emmet*, b. in 1856.

2. *Chas. Winn*, m'd Lizzie Waller, dr. of Byram.

3. *Dr. J. W. Winn*, b. Aug. 7, 1861. Resides in Platte City.

IV. ADDIE DUNLAP, m'd Thomas Herndon. (See.)

V. ALICE DUNLAP, m'd A. J. Crockett, son of Peter. Ch:

1. *Oscar Crockett*. 2. *Maggie*. 3. *Robert*.

May 3—The Good Templars of Weston give a concert in the court-house in Platte City.

May 5—A heavy wind and rain-storm overturns Floral Hall on the fair grounds, and unroofs the porch of Daughters' College.

H. Clay Cockrill, in an affray at Glasgow, Mo., kills James J. Anderson.

Constant rain; roads muddy; farmers discouraged.

May 10—The Centennial at Philadelphia opened.

The revival meetings commenced at the Baptist church in Platte City resulted in additions to the Baptist Church, 82; to the Methodist Episcopal Church, 12; to the Christian Church, 47; and to the Presbyterian Church, 2; total, 143.

May 19—Colonel James A. Price and J. J. Hitt are at war, in the *Weston Commercial*.

Many bridges are washed away, and Sugar Creek changes its course.

May 25—Ascension Day observed by the Knights of Belt Commandery, by an excursion to Judge J. S. Brasfield's. Sir Knight J. H. Chinn chosen E. C.

Judge H. L. Routt, of Liberty, becomes a zealous temperance advocate.

May 31—Dr. Jacob Ditzler commences a course of lectures on baptism, at Platte City. The *Landmark* publishes one of them.

JUNE.

June 1—Prof. J. A. McAfee, of Park College, issues the first number of the *Christian Worker*.

Edwards & Co. publish a prospectus for an Atlas of Platte County.

The walnut timber is fast disappearing from the forests of Platte. Much of it is taken to Europe.

Corn and wheat promising, apples abundant, and there are some peaches.

June 23—Part of the Kansas City bridge burned. Senator Vest spoke at Platte City.

June 27—Commencement at Daughters' College. Graduates: Anna Hale, Hattie Collins, Maggie Beery.

WILLIS CARTWRIGHT.

Willis Cartwright died at New Market. He was born in Camden County, N. C., March 8, 1808; married in 1837, Nancy Pinkston, born in Knoxville, Tenn., October 29, 1812; died January 7, 1882. Mr. Cartwright came to New Market in 1837, and sold

goods for many years in that village. His son-in-law, F. M. Tufts, was for some time his partner. He was highly esteemed for his integrity. Ch:

I. MARTHA J. CARTWRIGHT, possessed sprightliness and beauty. She m'd Aug. 9, 1857, Francis M. Tufts, b. in New Haven, Conn., Aug. 4, 1830. He came to Platte in 1853. After his marriage, he engaged in the mercantile business at New Market with his father-in-law. He was a Union man in the war, and his store was robbed by bushwhackers; but his damages were assessed, and a war tax levied on the substantial farmers of the vicinity, and paid. He became a Democrat, and was elected circuit clerk in 1866, and again in 1870. He was one of the "Ring," and one of the shrewdest operators in the county. At the end of his eight years of official service, he went to St. Joseph, and edited the *Gazette* for three years. He was city registrar in 1881, and auditor in 1883. While still in office, he was stricken with apoplexy, and died August 18, 1888. He was a man of shrewdness and address, of sprightliness, wit, and sagacity. Winning in his manners, and plausible in his speech, he delighted and charmed, rather than convinced. He was an expert performer in any role assigned him. As a Knight Templar, he was well skilled in Masonic lore and art. The family now reside in Denver, where Mrs. Tufts and her sons keep a grocery store. Ch:

1. *Jessie Tufts*, m'd Oct. 12, 1891, Chas. W. Norton. (See.)

2. *Edvard Tufts*. 3. *Harry Tufts*.

II. ISAAC PINKSTON CARTWRIGHT, b. in Platte, March 7, 1838; m'd Nov. 24, 1862, Eliza A. Hamilton, dr. of Chas. Mr. Cartwright was reared in his father's store, and became a good bookkeeper. He served some years as deputy circuit clerk, and in 1868 was selected as cashier of the Farmers' Savings Association. He was one of the founders of the Weston Savings Bank, which suspended. He went to Colorado. Ch:

1. *Laura Inez Cartwright*.

2. *Chas. W.* 3. *Robert E.*

4. *Meade G. Cartwright*. 5. *Frank O.*

III. ANN CARTWRIGHT, m'd Feb. 4, 1868, W. H. Hunt. (See.)

IV. GEORGE CARTWRIGHT, went to Junction City, Kan., started a bank, and was accidentally killed.

V. WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT.

JULY.

July 4—The day was observed at Weston, Parkville, and Farley. Speeches were made at the fair grounds by R. P. C. Wilson and Colonel Bassett. Morin's history of Platte, prepared for Edwards & Co.'s Atlas, was read.

Neely Lutes issued from the *Landmark* office a little news-

paper, called the *Centennial Gazette*, which died in the toils of the second number.

H. C. Colman starts a new tinshop in Platte City.

July 6—Benj. Brady having died, W. M. Kruser administers. Bond, \$3,000. Ch: 1, Angeline Calloway; 2, Maria Street; 3, Georgiana Brady; 4, Jose Bonnell; 5, Elizabeth Currier; 6, James Brady; 7, Benj. Brady; 8, Elvira Brady.

July 7—The temperance associations are said to have absorbed all others in the Fourth of July celebration. From 1876 the temperance work declined. The saloons entered into politics.

The *Landmark* contains Major Morin's history of Platte County, Neely Lutes' sketches, and a call on Colonel J. E. Pitt to run for the State Senate.

July 8—Democratic Nominating Convention at the courthouse, R. P. C. Wilson chairman. Delegates were appointed to the District Senatorial Convention, and instructed to vote for James Adkins.

Mote P. Moore caught from the old bed of Platte River, near Waldron, a catfish that weighed 152 pounds.

JOHN JOHNSON.

July 15—John Johnson died near Waldron. Richard Babcock administered. Bond, \$1,000. He married, first, Susan Nash, a sister of Cornelius. They lived near Waldron, and were excellent people. Ch:

- I. AMOS JOHNSON, m'd Ellen Kern, dr. of Jonathan. Ch:
 1. Willie.
- II. MARY JOHNSON, dead; m'd Meritt Hymer, dead; no children.
- III. THOMAS JOHNSON, m'd Sallie Moore, dr. of Turner. She died childless, and he married again.
- IV. W. B. JOHNSON, went to Kansas.
- V. JOHN H., m'd a Smith.
- VI. WILLIS JOHNSON, went to California.
- VII. CORDELIA, went to Canada.
- Mr. J. Johnson m'd 2d, Sarah Ann Haskell, dr. of Jacob. Ch:
- VIII. WALLER R. JOHNSON, m'd Dec. 2, 1887, Lizzie Walker, dr. of Wiley. Ch:
 1. Wiley Johnson.
- IX. ROSA JOHNSON, m'd Thomas Knight, nephew of F. M.
- X. ALONZO JOHNSON. XI. GRANT JOHNSON.
- Mrs. Sarah Ann Johnson survived her husband, and married, second, F. M. Knight, of Waldron.

July 17—Ben J. Franklin is nominated by the Democratic Convention at Kansas City, for Congress, on the 144th ballot.

The Iatan bridge is finished and paid for.

There is a splendid wheat crop. The Platte City water mills, under S. English, are running day and night.

July 25—The Democratic Senatorial Convention at Plattsburg nominated R. P. C. Wilson for State senator. Colonel J. E. Pitt bolts, and runs against Wilson, declaring his nomination unfair.

July 29—Ralph Williams, a negro, charged with attempted rape on a white woman, is taken by a mob from the Platte City jail, at night, and hung on an elm-tree, on the road to Weston, near Tracy. It was afterwards charged that the negro was innocent.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—Five young ladies drowned in Lake Contrary, on the borders of Platte and Buchanan.

LUTHER TEEGARDEN.

Aug. 5—Luther Teegarden died at Weston. Merit Moore administered. Bond, \$3,000. After farming on Bee Creek, at the crossing of the road from Platte City to Weston, he moved into Weston, and kept a small grocery store for several years. At the time of his death he had just taken charge of the Weston brewery. Ch:

I. LEWIS TEEGARDEN, removed to Clay.

- II. ELIZA JANE TEEGARDEN, b. in Bracken Co., Ky., April 11, 1834; m'd Dec. 5, 1851, John Morgan Harris, b. in Bedford Co., Va., April 3, 1827. His parents were John Harris and Sarah Vaughn, and his grandfather was James Harris, all of Virginia. John M. Harris is a genial and kind-hearted Christian gentleman. In 1833 he removed to Breckinridge Co., Ky., and thence to Platte, in 1851. Ch:
1. *Charles Harris*, b. Feb. 2, 1853; m'd Laura Heren.
 2. *Emma J. Harris*, b. in 1855; m'd March 15, 1883, Wm. Sloan.
 3. *Georgeann Harris*, b. in 1857; m'd in 1872, Merit Moore, b. Feb. 4, 1840; d. Oct. 2, 1888.
 4. *Lottie Harris*, b. in 1859 m'd April 11, 1882, Albert W. Allgair, son of M. S.
 5. *Mollie Harris*, b. in 1861; m'd Nov. 18, 1879, J. Emmet Perry.
 6. *Mittie Harris*, b. in 1862; m'd Edwin Howard. Howard died, and Mittie m'd 2d, Dec. 18, 1895, Wm. D. Burnes.
 7. *Willie*, b. in 1864. 8. *Edward Harris*. 9. *Luther*.
 10. *Harry*. 11. *Joseph*. 12. *Walter*.

Aug. 5—Miss Virginia Marshall is building a costly frame dwelling-house, at the east end of Main Street, Platte City.

Corn suffering from drouth.

Aug. 7—Prof. Bohart is elected principal of the Camden Point Orphan School, in place of Prof. Broadhurst.

MICHIE MAUPIN.

Aug. 18—Michie Maupin died near Camden Point. He was born in Madison County, Ky., February 27, 1799. He married, first, August 16, 1821, Elizabeth Gentry, born October 14, 1805, died November 23, 1851, daughter of David. They came to Platte in 1843. He married, second, November 24, 1852, Mrs. America Taylor. He possessed a meek and gentle spirit, a good natural mind, and irreproachable integrity. He brought money with him, and invested it in lands near Camden Point. During the war he was unfortunate, and lost a large part of his property. The Maupins are of French extraction. Their ancestor came to Virginia about 1700. The emigrant had a son, Thomas, who was an officer in the Revolutionary army, and he was father of Michie Maupin (i), and of the mother of A. J. Stagner. (See.) Michie Maupin came successively to Boone, Monroe, and Daviess counties in Missouri, and to Platte in 1840. Ch:

- I. DAVID G. MAUPIN, b. July 15, 1822; d. in Platte in Oct., 1852. He married, and left:
 1. *John*. 2. *Michie*. 3. *Susan*. 4. *Wallu Maupin*.
- II. JAMES H. MAUPIN, b. Feb. 27, 1825; m'd 1st, Elizabeth Smith, dr. of Thomas. Ch:
 1. *Verona*, m'd 1st, Chas. Stout. Verona m'd 2d, Jacob Jordan.
 2. *William*. 3. *Jas. T. Maupin*, b. Jan. 16, 1857. Jas. H. m'd 2d, Jan. 27, 1886, Estella Moxley; no children.
- III. THOMAS R. MAUPIN, b. in Boone County Mo., May 27, 1827; d. at Excelsior Springs, of dropsy, June 12, 1889. He m'd Aug. 27, 1851, Mary E. Meadows, who survives. Mr. Maupin was intelligent, wealthy, and enterprising. Ch:
 1. *Mary E. Maupin*, m'd Feb. 25, 1871, L. F. Owens. (See.)
 2. *Alice B. Maupin*, m'd John B. Wilson (see), son of M. B. Ch: [a] Fannie Wilson; [b] Jessie; [c] M. B. [d] Thos. R.
 3. *Micca Maupin*, m'd June 2, 1885, Warren S. Moore.
 4. *Emma F. Maupin*, m'd J. Story Duncan. (See.)
 5. *Maggie W. Maupin*, m'd Dec. 14, 1892, A. B. Owens. (See.)
 6. *Thomas R. Maupin* (ii), m'd March 16, 1889, Nannie Stanley, b. in Saline County in 1871; d. in Platte June 4, 1889.
 7. *Harry D. Maupin*.
- IV. ELIZABETH MAUPIN, b. Jan. 29, 1832; m'd Jos. E. Cox.
- V. PATRICK MAUPIN, b. Sept. 7, 1837; married twice, and lives in Texas.
- VI. MOLLIE F. MAUPIN, b. March 13, 1840; lives in Texas.

VII. MICHIE MAUPIN (ii), b. May 10, 1843; served in the Confederate army throughout the war, and was in many battles. He m'd 1st, March 23, 1869, Lu Stone, dr. of John T. She d. Nov. 25, 1874, leaving children:

1. *Eliza*. 2. *Sallie*.

Mr. Maupin m'd 2d, April 15, 1889, Maggie Gaines, née Wood. Ch:

3. *Eva Maupin*. 4. *Wood*.

VIII. NANNIE A. MAUPIN, b. April 5, 1851; dead.

Michie Maupin (i) had by his second wife:

IX. LUCY P. MAUPIN, m'd March 21, 1878, Mort. C. Park, son of Jeff. J.

Aug. 18—A good rain.

W. C. Wells and George Gabbert are called out for the Legislature.

Kline announces his withdrawal from the editorial chair of the *Advocate*, and W. M. Paxton issues the paper until Thurston is employed.

A storm at Edgerton does much damage.

A concert at Platte City for William Jewell College.

The storm unroofed E. R. George's house, and lightning set John Wilhite's wheat stacks afire and 800 bushels of wheat were consumed.

Aug. 19—Picnic at Hickory Grove. J. E. Pitt and H. Cook spoke.

Among those who visited the Centennial at Philadelphia were David Chesnut, J. W. Anderson, F. G. Cockrill and wife, T. P. Hardesty, W. F. Cockrill, R. P. Tribble and wife, W. M. Paxton and daughter, Mat, Anna, and Samuel Walker, H. C. Whitlock.

ABRAM LINVILLE.

Aug. 24—Abram Linville died. He married Nancy Tropp, who died in 1863. Both came from Tennessee. Ch:

I. JOHN T. LINVILLE. II. EVA, m'd Wm. Allen.

III. NANCY A., m'd a Bigham.

IV. P. H. LINVILLE, b. Aug. 6, 1843; m'd 1st, Feb. 6, 1863, Martha A. Bigham, who died March 24, 1873. Ch:

1. *Robert*. 2. *David T*. 3. *John W*.

4. *William J. Linville*. 5. *Martha A*.

P. H. Linville m'd 2d, in 1875, Frances Davis. Ch:

6. *Eva Linville*. 7. *Joseph*. 8. *Fannie*. 9. *Maggie*.

V. WILLIAM LINVILLE.

Aug. 28—Capt. W. A. Wash, now of Oregon, paid his old friends in Platte City a visit on his return from the Centennial.

JESSE ROACH.

Jesse Roach died in Marshall Township, and his son, Albert, administered. Bond, \$1,700. Ch:

- I. ALBERT ROACH.
- II. WILLIAM C., died in July, 1893, single.
- III. MINERVA ROACH, m'd W. D. Barnett. Ch:
 - 1. *S. T. Barnett.* 2. *Ella Barnett*, m'd Jos. Soper.
 - 3. *A. B. Barnett*, went to Kansas.
- IV. WILLIAM G. ROACH, lives in Andrew County.
- V. MATILDA ROACH, m'd Simpson Green, of Kansas.
- VI. ELIZA E. ROACH, m'd June 8, 1875, Christian Abbott, of Buchanan.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—Thomas C. Thurston takes editorial charge of the *Advocate*, and supports the "Soreheads" and Democracy.

THOMAS P. HARDESTY.

Sept. 4—Thomas P. Hardesty, of the vicinity of Linkville, after visiting the great Centennial exhibition in Philadelphia, goes to his old home in Virginia, and there dies. His remains are brought home and buried with Masonic ceremonies at Second Creek Church. Mr. Hardesty was an urbane gentleman and an esteemed citizen. He was born in Jefferson County, Va., February 21, 1821; married March 19, 1863, Mary E. Shanklin, who survived him, and married, second, February 5, 1879, Rev. T. B. Ricketts (Zeke). Ch:

- I. MATTIE V. HARDESTY, m'd Feb. 20, 1883, Jos. Callicotte, b. April 6, 1826. Ch:
 - 1. *Fannie.* 2. *Cliff.* 3. *George.*
- II. LUTIE O. HARDESTY.
- III. WILLIAM R., m'd Dec. 12, 1894, Fannie M. Slaughter.

Daughters' College opened with a large attendance. F. G. Gaylord president, and Mrs. Park and Miss Grimes assistants. The pupils, last session, were 102, of which 23 were boarders.

The Platte City Public School opened with Prof. J. D. Brown as principal, who is paid \$145 per month for self and assistants.

Sept. 5—The fair commenced and lasted 5 days. Attendance was good. The *Landmark* issued a daily. The Platte County Mechanical and Stock Association is incorporated under the general statutes. Receipts of the fair, \$2,674.10; leaving debt, \$61.00.

Sept. 8—The Democratic county convention rejected the proposal to have a county primary election.

Sept. 12—Thos. C. Thurston, now editor of the *Advocate*, replies to the *Landmark* vigorously, and brings personal charges against Nesbitt. Jas. Adkins, also, is in the fray.

Pebasco Thomas is appointed commissioner to let out the construction of an iron bridge over Bee Creek, not to cost over \$1,600.

Judge H. M. Vories, of the Supreme Court, having resigned

on account of failing health, Judge E. H. Norton is appointed to his place.

John Brady leaves the Green House, and Ed Ruthven takes it.

JAMES F. MOODY.

James F. Moody having died, his widow, Martha J. Moody, administers. Bond, \$1,000. He married December 19, 1849, Martha J. Burnett. Ch:

I. GEO. M. MOODY. II. MAHALA, m'd a Jones.

III. WILLIAM F.

IV. JOHN J. MOODY, m'd April 29, 1879, Mary Clay, and d. in Feb., 1882, leaving children:

1. *Mary J. Moody*, who m'd April 23, 1882, Daniel Sample.

V. LAURA E. MOODY.

VI. POLLY ANN MOODY, d. in Jan., 1883.

VII. ALBERT M. MOODY.

JOHN J. SETTLE.

Sept. 15—John J. Settle died. He was born in Virginia December 12, 1809, and married Achsah Miller, a sister of Jesse Miller. She was born in 1812, and died December 24, 1877. They came to Platte in 1856, and settled four miles north of Platte City. Settle's Station was subsequently located on his farm, and was named for him. He was a true Virginian in his sympathies, and when his old State left the Union, he was outspoken for secession, and was put under a heavy bond to keep quiet. As death slowly approached, he parcelled out his land to his children, and prepared for the summons. He was an Old-school Baptist, remarkably well versed in the Scriptures, and often spoke to his people in meeting. I esteemed him as a friend and brother. Ch:

I. ANN E. SETTLE, b. in Rappahannock Co., Va., Sept. 8, 1834; m'd April 3, 1862, John H. Styne, b. in Virginia March 28, 1826. He is a son of William H. Styne, b. Nov. 1, 1800, and Sarah Dolman. Mr. John H. Styne came to Platte City in 1857, and found his first home and employment with me. By honesty and industry, he has acquired wealth and the esteem of his neighbors. He resides on a splendid farm near Settle Station. Ch:

1. *Mary (Jennie) W. Styne*, b. Dec. 19, 1863; m'd Nov. 12, 1879, Thomas L. T. Jones. (See.)

2. *Sallie A. Styne*, b. Aug. 22, 1865; d. in Nov., 1894; m'd Dec. 3, 1885, Charles E. Miller.

3. *Maggie A. Styne*, b. July 12, 1868; m'd Nov. 16, 1892, Thos. J. Shouse. (See.)

4. *Katie L. Styne*, b. Dec. 3, 1870; d. in April, 1895; m'd Sept. 9, 1891, B. F. Shouse. (See.)

5. *Nannie J. Styne*, b. Jan. 9, 1876.

II. JOSEPH D. SETTLE, m'd Mary Brown, dr. of Adam. (See.)

III. JAMES W. SETTLE, killed at Wilson Creek Aug. 10, 1861.

IV. MARY ELIZA SETTLE, b. in 1847; m'd Sept. 10, 1867, Paul Shepard, b. in Howard Co., Mo., April 17, 1841; d. April 25, 1881. He was a son of Lycurgus Shepard, and a man of note. Ch:

1. *Sallie Shepard*, m'd Jan. 10, 1884, Ben F. Lawler.

2. *John J.*

Mary Eliza then m'd Dec. 23, 1884, Jas. H. Sloan. Ch:

3. *Frank Sloan*, b. Oct. 23, 1886.

V. SALLIE SETTLE, b. in 1847; d. July 1, 1884; m'd Dec. 12, 1866, Otho Offutt, b. in Fayette Co., Ky., April 11, 1835; came to Platte in 1843 with his father, Samuel R. (see), entered the Confederate army at the first call to arms, and served to the end. After his return, he settled six miles southeast of Platte City, where he still lives. Mr. Offutt m'd 2d, Sept. 14, 1887, Elizabeth Hughes.

VI. LUCY SETTLE, m'd March 23, 1871, Samuel B. Stuckey, b. in Berkley Co., Va., Nov. 28, 1846, son of Jacob A. Stuckey and Eva Ferrel, dr. of Ben. (See.) Ch:

1. *Jennie V. Stuckey*.

2. *Ada Stuckey*, m'd Dec. 22, 1893, Mat Shepard.

3. *John Stuckey*. 4. *Ross E.* 5. *Jesse*. 6. *George*.

They live near Waldron. Mr. Stuckey is a large producer of wheat.

VII. CHARLES H. SETTLE, m'd Nov. 11, 1875, Mary H. Miller, dr. of D. A. She died, leaving:

1. *Clemmie*. 2. *Lydia*.

He m'd 2d, Dec. 4, 1882, Lizzie Miller, dr. of Jas. L. Children:

3. *John Settle*. 4. *Jesse Settle*. 5. *Frank*.

VIII. JESSE P. SETTLE, b. July 3, 1853; m'd Nov. 10, 1875, Belle Harrington.

Sept. 18—Prof. John D. Brown is appointed superintendent of schools in place of Jerry Clay, resigned.

Sept. 23—F. H. OHLSCLAGER having died near Farley, Jas. Wallace administers. Bond, \$15,000. Children: 1, Isabella Ohlsclager, m'd a Schawkee; 2, Henry Ohlsclager; 3, Sophia; 4, Florence.

OCTOBER.

DR. WILLIS BLEDSOE.

Oct. 1—Dr. Willis Bledsoe died near Farley. He was an intelligent, genial, and chivalrous gentleman. He was a native of Boyle County, Ky., and received a diploma from the Medical Department of Transylvania University. Coming to Howard County, Mo., he married Nannie Burckhardt, a daughter of Nicholas, and niece of James R. In 1861 he entered the Confederate army, and served to the end under Generals Price and

Shelby. After engaging in the secret service of the United States at St. Louis, he settled in 1869 at Farley, where he practiced medicine until his death. Ch:

- I. MARY ALICE BLEDSOE, b. Aug. 3, 1853; d. July 30, 1893; m'd Aug. 26, 1872, Henry Wm. Waldron (see); no children.
- II. WALTER R. BLEDSOE, b. in Jackson Co., Mo., Sept. 15, 1860. He engaged in the drug business with his father, and after his death, removed from Farley to Hampton, and, with H. G. S. Meyer, opened a general store. He bought out Meyer, and continued the business in his own name until 1893. He m'd Sept. 25, 1879, Angie Moss, dr. of H. H. (See.)

Oct. 9—R. P. C. Wilson and J. E. Pitt, rival candidates of the Democratic party for State senator, and Ben J. Franklin, Democratic candidate for Congress, spoke at the court-house.

The Thurston-Nesbitt fiasco is at its height.

Dr. B. F. Spencer is building a costly residence on Lots 11 and 12, Block 30, in Platte City, and J. R. Swain is building on Lot 6 in the same block.

Oct. 15—PERRY LEWIS having died, Richard Babcock administers. Bond, \$800. His widow was Jane, and their children: 1, Geo. W. Lewis; 2, May; 3, Perry A. Lewis; 4, William; 5, Jerry.

OBADIAH TIMBERLAKE.

Oct. 19—Obadiah Timberlake died. He lived near Waldron. He was a son of Wesley Timberlake, and born in Platte in 1840. He married November 20, 1864, Mrs. Bettie Snedegar, dr. of Ignatius Naylor (i). She died May 2, 1882. Ch:

- I. JOHN TIMBERLAKE, b. Feb. 6, 1868; m'd Oct. 2, 1890, Ella Noland, b. Feb. 18, 1872, dr. of Matthias. (See.) Ch:
 - 1. Roy, b. Aug. 15, 1892.
- II. MARY MARGARET TIMBERLAKE, b. Sept. 4, 1835; d. Feb. 13, 1892; m'd Jan. 10, 1884, Thos. J. Payne. Ch:
 - 1. Jessie Payne. 2. Delbert.
- III. DILLARD TIMBERLAKE, b. Nov. 9, 1871; m'd Sept. 6, 1894, Flora Morris, dr. of Charles Morris who was killed Sept. 6, 1894, by Veatch.

An affray between R. T. Darnall and T. C. Thurston in which the latter receives some slight wounds.

Oct. 20—J. R. Swain takes the Sunday-school children on a nutting picnic in his woods pasture north of Platte City.

Clark Brown announces himself as a candidate for county treasurer.

Oct. 23—JOHN A. LYKINS having died, D. J. Thorp administers. Bond, \$2,5000. Children: 1, Arethusa Lykins; 2, Sarah;

3, Marcellus; 4, Cornelius; 5, Theodore; 6, Adelia, m'd Feb. 24, 1885, A. D. Newby; 7, Nevada.

Oct. 30—Judge H. M. Vories died at St. Joseph. In view of approaching death, he had resigned as a supreme judge of the State, and Judge Norton had been appointed to the place. He was born in Henry County, Ky., May 25, 1810, went to Danville, Ill., and engaged in mercantile pursuits, came to Platte City before the war, and spent several years with us. His genial disposition made him popular.

NOVEMBER.

ELECTION.

President—Tilden, 2,648; Hayes, 864.

State Senator—R. P. C. Wilson, 1,896; J. E. Pitt, 1,314.

Representative—W. C. Wells, 1,899; Geo. Gabbert, 1,470.

Sheriff—W. H. Hunt, 1,736; W. H. Calvert, 1,711.

County Judge—Jas. S. Owens, 1,936; J. R. Swain, 1,473.

Prosecuting Attorney—J. L. Carmack, 1,325; W. Forman, 953; J. T. Reynolds, 761; J. J. Hitt, 269.

Probate Judge—W. P. Chiles, 2,692; L. Shepard, 713.

Treasurer—E. C. Cockrill, 2,539; C. Brown, 375; Sloan, 469.

Public Administrator—W. F. Yocom, 2,950.

Surveyor—W. V. Slone, 3,160.

Coroner—Thos. Stewart, 1,388; Hoack, 603.

Vote for President—Tilden, State, 202,687; United States, 4,284,885. Hayes, State, 144,398; United States, 4,033,950. Cooper (Greenback), United States, 81,740. Smith (Prohibition), United States, 9,522.

The *Landmark* attacks Judge Owens viciously, and pitches into W. M. Paxton with a vengeance. Both parties take the abuse coolly.

Nov. 10—Dr. William Peters dies at Weston. He was a partner of Dr. Ben Bonifant, and married November 9, 1869, his sister, Carrie; no children.

R. T. Darnall shoots T. C. Thurston in the cheek just below the eye. The bullet passed into the mouth. Thurston was laid up for a few weeks. The affray occurred on Main Street in Platte City, in front of Green's saloon.

WILLOUGHBY GRANT having died, Jesse Miller administers. Bond, \$2,000. His widow was Delphia. His children: 1, Jack; 2, Taliaferro; 3, Mary.

Fruit is almost a failure.

Nov. 28—LEWIS SPENCER having died, Theo. Lenz administered. Bond, \$2,000. Ch: 1, Joseph; 2, Anna M.; 3, Lewis; 4, Louisa; 5, William A. Spencer.

Nov. 30—The Tontine met at Masonic Hall in Platte City. Present: Belt, Cartwright, S. A. Gilbert, Tufts, Hunt, Darnall, Johnston, Anderson, Park. The vacant chair is that of B. W. Gilbert, deceased.

Hog cholera fatal. J. E. Ireland lost 133 head of hogs.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—N. B. Anderson has returned after his protracted visit to Kentucky.

Dec. 2—DR. W. A. BROCK died near Camden Point. He was a rising young physician. He was born in Platte November 3, 1843; married September 3, 1868, Eudora Thomas, daughter of Elder W. H. Ch: 1, Lolla Brock; 2, Robert. Mrs. Eudora Brock married, second, Dr. J. M. D. France, of St. Joseph.

The colored Baptists are building a church on Block 23, Platte City. The house owned by A. Termier on Lot 11, Block 29, is going up; and W. H. Cook is building a residence on his farm near Tracy.

The *Landmark* and the *Leavenworth Times* are still at loggerheads.

Dec. 20—A large buck was killed near Farley.

Dec. 22—The *Advocate* prints a large edition of Paxton's "History of Platte County."

Rev. D. F. Bone appeals to the people of Platte City for aid to build a Methodist Episcopal parsonage.

Dec. 24—Waldron has built a Christian church.

Dec. 27—W. M. Paxton is unanimously elected an honorary member of Belt Commandery.

MARRIAGES IN 1876 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

January 2—James M. Fulton married Jose Ellis.

January 3—Jos. Burt married Ellen Ottinger.

April 5—Thos. E. Love married Catherine J. Webb.

November 13—H. W. Owens married M. J. Naylor.

December 10—Jasper Bradbury married Sarah Gear.

1877.

OFFICERS.

Governor, John S. Phelps; Congressman, B. J. Franklin; State Senator, R. P. C. Wilson; Representative, W. C. Wells; Prosecuting Attorney, J. L. Carmack; Circuit Judge, G. W. Dunn; Circuit Clerk, R. L. Waller; County Court Judge, J. S. Owens; Sheriff, W. H. Hunt; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; Treasurer, E. C. Cockrill; County Clerk, T. W. Park; Surveyor, W. V. Slone; Coroner, Thos. Stewart; Public Administrator, W. F. Yocom; Superintendent of Schools, John D. Brown.

Population of the county by State census, 15,948; population in 1870 by United States census, 17,352; loss, 1,404.

PRICES.

Gold, \$1.10; county warrants, 97 cents; county bonds, \$1.03; apples, 50 cents; butter, 18 cents; coffee, 25 cents; corn, 25 cents; eggs, 15 cents; flour, \$3.00; ham, 13 cents; potatoes, 45 cents; sugar, 12 cents; wheat, \$1.20; wood, \$2.75.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Anderson, Baker, Carmack, Forman, Merryman, Paxton, Norton, Pitt, Wells, Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Coffey, Guthrie, Johnson, McDonald, Smith, Spencer.

Merchants, etc.—Beery, Clemings, A. J., T. H., & H. C. Colman, Fleshman, Gaylord, Hawley, Jenkins, Kiefer, Krause, Kurtz (postmaster), Lutes, Meads, Morin Bros., Parsons, Reed, Smith, Swain & Mason, Wills, Young, Zarn.

Lodges—Melody Chapter, No. 21, N. B. Anderson, H. P.; Belt Commandery, W. O. Oldham, E. C.; Zerubbabel, No. 191, W. H. Hunt, W. M.; Nebraska Lodge, No. 12, C. Trager, N. G.

Newspapers—The *Landmark*, Park & Nesbitt editors; the *Advocate*, T. C. Thurston editor.

Schools—Public School, A. F. Smith principal; Daughters' College, F. G. Gaylord president.

Preachers—Crouch (Bap.), Bone (M. E.), Smith (Chris.), Penhallegon (Pres.).

Banks—Cockrill & Co.; Farmers' Savings Association, Oldham cashier.

At Weston: Attorneys—Coburn, Doniphan, Hitt, King, Reynolds.

Physicians—Bonifant, Price, Shortridge, Wilson.

Merchants, etc.—Blanjour, Briggs, Brill, Deitz, Doppler, Evans, Frank, Holladay, Hamm, Haug, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Lewis, McConnell, Magers, Maitland, Mauch, Moore, Newhouse, Noble, Parr, Price (postmaster), Rohring, Ringo, Siler, Weiser.

Court of Common Pleas—Roney, judge; Yocom, clerk; Foley, marshal.

Banks—Railey & Bro.; Savings, Cartwright cashier.

At Parkville: Ashby, Bueneman (postmaster), Busch, Campbell, Carmody, Dziubon, Kahm, Luthy, McDonald, Mitchell, Dr. Moore, Nash, Pack, Park, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld.

Park College—J. A. McAfee president.

At Camden Point: W. H. Bohart (Prin. O. S.), Herndon, Morton, Ewing (postmaster), Parrish, Wood, Tanner (W. M. of lodge).

At East Leavenworth: C. L. Banning.

At Edgerton: Clemings, Handley, Dr. Jones, Moody.

At Farley: Bledsoe, Meyer (postmaster), Holt, Oliver, Weisse. Fidelity Lodge, James Wallace, W. M.

At Hampton: Funk.

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At New Market: Armstrong, Bryant, Moore, Singleton.

At Ridgely: Chrisman, Gustin, Hurst, Robinson.

At Tracy: Jones, Metzger & Hamm, Ryan, Clifford.

At Waldron: Scott (postmaster), Holt, McCormick.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Joe Tribble left for the West.

E. C. Cockrill succeeds W. C. Wells as superintendent of the Christian Sunday-school in Platte City.

W. H. H. Dougherty elected master of the County Grange.

John L. Carmack removed into Platte City.

The back tax law went into effect, and henceforth taxes are collected by "due course of law."

Jan. 2—A donation party given by Mrs. M. A. Marshall to Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, of the Presbyterian Church.

F. M. McCormick is building a grain elevator at Waldron.

The question of repudiating the county debt is agitated. It is debated at Quinn's school-house, and decided both ways.

Jan. 8—A grand rally of the Democracy at the court-house; Jas. Adkins presiding.

A good ice crop.

Hog cholera prevalent.

Jan. 16—Donation party at Platte City to D. F. Bone.

The bridge over Bee Creek on the Weston and Platte City road complete.

JAMES ANDREWS having died, Nancy A. Andrew administered. Bond, \$6,000. Ch: 1, Mary F. Bailey; 2, W. T. Andrews; 3, Jas. M.; 4, Sarah E. Andrews; 5, Milton. Mrs. Nancy A. Andrews died two years later, and Josiah H. Bailey administered. The children then named were: 1, Mary; 2, Sarah E.; and 3, James M.—showing two deaths.

Jan. 20—The Odd Fellows at Farley have an oyster supper.

Jan. 22—The Good Templars of Platte City have an entertainment at their hall.

The weather has been cold; the Missouri is frozen.

Cockrill & English are now running the Platte City Water Mill.

Jan. 26—J. FRANK FORBIS dies at Helena, Mont. He was a native of Lincoln County, Ky., came to Platte with his brother, John W., about 1843, and opened in the prairie, east of Camden Point, a large and splendid farm, became involved in debt, sold out, and left in 1863. He was a man of intelligence, urbanity, truth, and honor.

Jan. 29—The county printing is awarded to the *Advocate*.

MRS. MAHALA D. SLOAN.

Jan. 31—Mrs. Mahala D. Sloan died two miles west of Platte City. Her maiden name was Houx, born in Boonville, Mo., May 17, 1823. She was a sister of Mrs. R. P. Clark. She married, first, September 15, 1846, Dr. H. B. Wallace, who died February 24, 1863. He was a physician of Platte City, who invested largely in St. Joseph, and was broken up by the war. Their children:

- I. HARRIET WALLACE, b. in 1842; d. May 9, 1881; m'd Sept. 9, 1859, John A. Biscoe, and settled in Camden Point. Ch:
 1. *William E. Biscoe*, m'd Feb. 15, 1893, Kate M. Prior.
 2. *Wallace Biscoe*, m'd June 29, 1893, Estella Cravens.
- II. LAURA WALLACE, d. Jan. 8, 1895; m'd April 18, 1866, Prof. W. C. McKinnis, who at one time had charge of the Platte City Female Academy, and raised a company for Winston's regiment. They went to Arkansas.
- III. WILLIAM WALLACE.
- IV. MOLLIE, m'd June 7, 1870, Hayden Leavel. (See.)
- V. HELEN WALLACE, m'd Jan. 4, 1860, Reuben W. Lasley, who died, and she m'd 2d, Al. Loveland. Mr. Lasley's first wife was Mary Ann Williams. (See.)

Topics—The question as to whether Hayes or Tilden had been elected President. Repudiation of the county debt, which was advocated by the *Landmark*. The Russo-Turkish War.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—Heavy rains; snow disappearing; Congress counts the electoral vote, but, leaving out Oregon and Florida (contested), neither Hayes nor Tilden has a majority. The election is therefore referred to a commission, that decides 8 to 7 for Hayes.

Public school entertainment at Platte City.

The Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, at Platte City, enjoys a revival, and 11 unite.

Feb. 4—Two grown sons of Benedict Johnson are drowned at Iatan, by the breaking up of the ice in the Missouri.

The Farmers' Savings Association purchase a lot on the northeast corner of Block 29, Platte City, for a banking house.

Feb. 11—JEREMIAH CRABB having died, J. M. Browning administers. His wife survived him, and died at St. Joseph, July 25, 1892, aged 78. S. A. Arnold and Thos. L. Gabbert married their daughters. (See.)

Feb. 14—While the ladies of the Methodist Episcopal Church were having an oyster supper at the court-house, to raise money for the parsonage, their hilarity was brought to a sudden end by an alarm of "fire." The residence part of the jail was aflame, but the damage amounted to only \$100.

L. Dearing & Son establish a house in Platte City for the sale of agricultural machinery. Roads are in a frightful condition. No bottom!

Feb. 17—JACOB SWOPE died in California. He was born in Lincoln County, Ky., January 1, 1802; married June 1, 1823, Harriet F. Waggenner, daughter of Thomas and Mary, of Christian County, Ky. They came to Platte in 1837, and settled near Ridgely. He was public administrator of Platte at an early day, and proved a good and faithful officer. He went to California in 1850.

Feb. 18—Incessant rain causes the Platte to overflow low bottoms.

Ed Ruthven retires, and John W. Brady takes the Green House in Platte City.

Feb. 20—Thos. H. Colman's store in Platte City robbed of \$130, while he was in it.

Feb. 24—E. C. Cockrill, having purchased T. G. Cockrill's dwelling in Platte City, makes a public sale on his farm, and removes into town. Hogs brought 8 cents and cattle 4 cents.

Fielding Burnes leaves his farm and comes to Platte City.

Feb. 27—WESLEY MARTIN dies. He was a distiller, and lived near Smithville. Two of his children were Mrs. Patterson and P. M. Martin.

The *Advocate* is removed to the frame building north of the banking house of Cockrill & Co.

Topics—The Electoral Commission. Was Tilden or Hayes elected? Repudiation of the county debt.

MARCH.

March 1—J. R. Swain purchases the Green House and puts it in complete order.

The county court orders the treasurer to pay par for county bonds to the extent of the sinking fund in his hands.

March 9—The Township Organization Law repealed and the old law reinstated.

March 12—The Weston Court of Common Pleas abolished by the Legislature, and the records ordered to be stored with the circuit clerk.

March 23—Dr. B. F. Spencer's new house in Platte City completed.

There are 144 cases docketed for the circuit court, of which 41 are criminal cases.

Subscriptions are made for stock in a national bank at Platte City. Gardening commences.

Oratorical contest at Platte City by students of William Jewell College.

Thomas W. Park, county clerk, dissatisfied with Judge Owens' course, makes arrangements to have J. H. Chinn succeed him, and resigns.

Colonel Geo. S. Park visits Platte City in the interest of Park College. He is selecting trustees, with a view to the incorporation of the college.

Grand jury: 1, Smith Adams; 2, J. N. Boydston; 3, R. W. Bywaters; 4, Jacob Hamm; 5, John Hall; 6, Jacob Harrington; 7, Thos. Henry; 8, J. A. McCormick; 9, Thos. Quinn; 10, William Wallace; 11, W. A. White; 12, Thos. Rose.

Petit jury: 1, A. R. Baker; 2, J. T. Bueneman; 3, Arnold Chance; 4, J. H. Childs; 5, Perry Collins; 6, C. L. Banning; 7, Ben. Ferrel; 8, E. R. George; 9, Ant. McDonald; 10, Jos. McDaniel; 11, Phil. Kirtley; 12, John Nash; 13, Samuel Potter; 14, Chas. Rice; 15, Jos. Simpson; 16, Thos. Thompson; 17, Scott Yates.

WARREN MITCHELL AND FAMILY.

Warren Mitchell married Bettie Stofer, in Montgomery County, Ky., and in March, 1877, came to Platte. They settled six miles east of Platte City. He visited Colorado, and there died. The widow still lives on the farm. Ch:

I. JOHN W. MITCHELL, m'd Dec. 16, 1884, Zue Harris, dr. of Norman. (See.) No children.

II. EDWARD, lives in Kentucky.

III. MARY S. MITCHELL, m'd June 16, 1887. W. L. Trimble, a merchant of Plattsburg, now of Liberty. Ch:

1. *Geo. D.*

Mary was one of my favorites, and she asked me to dedicate to her a poem on her marriage. I complied with her request, and read a poem of eight stanzas at her wedding. I will here ask room for only one:

Be proud of your husband—be loyal and true;
 Support him whenever he 's right;
 And when he is wrong, he will listen to you,
 And even obey with delight.
 Show rev'rence, affection, devotion, esteem,—
 Be cheerful, contented, and gay,—
 And youth will be cloudless and bright as a dream,
 And age be as vernal as May.

IV. RICHARD, b. Sept. 3, 1862; m'd Oct. 20, 1892, Vardie L. Cockrill, b. Feb. 3, 1873. Ch:

1. *Richard M*, b. Aug. 10, 1893.

Richard (i) is a hardware merchant in Platte City, and by diligence, sobriety, and truth is on the highway to fortune. His young wife is the pure and lovely daughter of my friend, J. M. Cockrell, deceased.

V. WARREN MITCHELL.

APRIL.

April 1—Trustees elected for Platte City: 1, W. F. Cockrill; 2, A. J. Colman; 3, A. T. Guthrie; 4, W. O. Oldham; 5, J. R. Swain; 6, W. C. Wells; 7, J. Zarn.

The financial report of the city showed: Receipts, \$1,937.52; expenditures, \$1,592.30, of which \$1,400 was paid on the Britton debt.

H. W. Magers was elected mayor of Weston, and J. A. Foley marshal.

The amount of State school money paid to Platte was \$4,543. Number of children, 5,109.

Daughters' College was publicly sold by the sheriff, under a decree of partition, and bought in by E. O. Waller at \$100.

From money raised by the Methodist Episcopal Church on subscription, the Minnear house and lot, in Block 42, Platte City, was bought for a parsonage. In a few years this was exchanged for the present parsonage on Lot 3, Block 28, Platte City.

April 16—J. C. Alderson buys the Oliver Steele farm for \$12,000.

April 18—George S. Cline, merchant at Settle, sells to Henry Turner his stand and stock of goods. Rain $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Platte River is overflowing. Tracy is booming.

DAVID NICOL.

April 25—David Nicol dies four miles southeast of Platte City. He was a son of Michael Nicol, of Virginia, and was born June 16, 1817. He was a man of sterling sense, but hard of hearing. He married May 12, 1842, Ellen Peyton, born March 23, 1819, and died May 10, 1894. They came to Platte in 1844. Ch:

I. ANN C. NICOL, m'd William A. Green. (See.)

- II. MARY A. NICOL, m'd Ben. L. May, dead. (See.)
 III. DAVID O. NICOL, b. Feb. 26, 1848; m'd May 20, 1884. Willie Murray, sister of R. T. They live at Bonner Springs, Kan.
 IV. GRACE NICOL, b. April 14, 1851; m'd March 9, 1871, Wm. L. Wood. Divorced, and she m'd in 1895, Colonel Gideon W. Thompson (see), b. Feb. 28, 1823.
 V. SALLIE E. NICOL, b. Jan. 12, 1865; m'd Oct. 9, 1879, Prof. John D. Brown, at one time principal of the Public School of Platte City. They now live in Kansas City.
 VI. HENRIETTA P. NICOL, b. Sept. 24, 1857. She is hard of hearing.
 VII. WALTER EDWIN NICOL, b. April 16, 1860; accidentally killed Feb. 6, 1880, by his team dragging him down the hill east of Platte City.

April 25—The *Landmark* comes out unequivocally for repudiation of the county debt.

Woodson & Wells are building brick business houses on Lot 6, Block 29, and Lot 6, Block 30.

The Russo-Turkish War puts up wheat at St. Louis at \$2.25.

April 30—A race track is laid off on the fair grounds.

After T. W. Park's resignation of the office of county clerk, he attacks Judge Jas. S. Owens still more viciously.

Topics—War in Europe. The *Advocate* has the county printing. Burning of the Southern Hotel of St. Louis. The *Landmark's* advocacy of repudiation. Park's resignation and Chinn's appointment as county clerk.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Receipts	\$51,703.09
Expenses, except interest	17,637.14

\$34,065.95

County Debt.

Funding bonds	\$300,500.00
Interest to May 1	10,016.66
P. & G. R. Railroad bonds	7,267.20
County warrants and interest	5,450.00

\$323,233.86

Less cash in treasury	17,241.43
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Actual debt	\$305,992.43
Debt May 1, 1876	310,355.82

Debt reduced \$4,363.39

Expenditures in Detail.

County Judge (Owens).....	\$ 115.00
Treasurer (Cockrill).....	675.00
Sheriff (Hunt).....	1,555.43
Circuit Clerk (Waller).....	874.56
County Clerk (Park).....	2,327.29
Prosecuting Attorney (Carmack).....	649.80
Assessors.....	409.75
Printing.....	110.90
Stationery.....	708.88
Bridges.....	2,707.25
Insane.....	1,241.68
Poor.....	2,208.54
Elections.....	327.59
Jurors and witnesses.....	2,265.61
Miscellaneous.....	1,459.95

\$17,637.14

County levy, \$1.10; taxes levied, \$47,852.31. Assessment for 1878, county, \$4,478,368; State \$614,716,338.

Treasurer's Account.

Cash, May 1, 1876.....	\$10,311.31
Collected since.....	51,703.09

\$62,014.40

Coupons paid.....	\$29,747.82
Warrants paid.....	14,692.65
P. & G. R. Railroad bonds.....	332.50
Cash in treasury.....	17,241.43

\$62,014.40*Expenditures and Debt Since 1872.*

Years.	Expenditures.	Debt.
1872.....	\$27,000.00.....	\$334,229.88
1873.....	31,000.00.....	338,816.37
1874.....	19,000.00.....	349,524.84
1875.....	17,000.00.....	327,596.66
1876.....	17,000.00.....	310,355.82
1877.....	17,000.00.....	305,992.43

May 5—The Comptroller of the Treasury authorizes the Farmers' National Bank of Platte City to transact business with J. E. Merryman as president, F. M. Johnson vice-president, and W. O. Oldham cashier.

May 10—Ascension Day. The Knights of Belt Commandery make an excursion to Jesse Miller's.

The county court appropriates \$700 for a bridge over Prairie Creek.

May 11—Thurston, in the *Advocate*, denounces T. W. Park.

JOSEPH W. LOAN.

May 14—Joseph W. Loan died three miles east of Platte City. He was born in Pennsylvania, July 28, 1793; removed to Kentucky; served in the War of 1812 under Harrison, and drew a pension for his services. An exemplary Methodist and an intelligent citizen, he was highly esteemed. He married July 20, 1818, Susan Potts, born in 1800, and died June 28, 1870. They lie in adjacent graves in the Marshall Cemetery at Platte City. Ch:

- I. BEN F. LOAN, b. in Hardinsburg, Ky., Oct. 4, 1819; d. in St. Joseph March 30, 1881; received an academic education, taught school, studied law, settled at St. Joseph, became distinguished as an advocate; served as a brigadier-general of Missouri militia during the war; was elected to Congress in 1862, as an Emancipationist, receiving 5,572 votes, against 4,504 for Bruce, was reelected in 1864 by 10,346 votes, against 1,774 for H. B. Branch, and again elected in 1866, as a Radical, by 10,942 votes against 3,980 for a Democrat. He had nerve, energy, and independence. He married Emeline E. Fowler, of St. Joseph; no children.
- II. JOHN LOAN, b. Jan. 10, 1822; d. in St. Louis Sept. 12, 1859.
- III. MARY LOAN, b. March 24, 1824; m'd W. R. Cain. (See.) Their children:
 1. *Robert Cain.* 2. *Sue*, m'd Rev. J. S. Smith (M. E.).
 3. *Charles Cain.* 4. *John.* 5. *Thomas.* 6. *Laura.*
- IV. JAMES LOAN, b. Jan. 21, 1829; d. July 2, 1855; m'd Fannie Ferrel, and died childless. His widow married Jan. 21, 1872, Geo. W. Belt, and died, leaving no children.
- V. ELIZABETH LOAN, b. Aug. 29, 1832; d. Jan. 10, 1896; m'd Nov. 1, 1866, John R. Swain. (See.)
- VI. RICHARD LOAN, b. Oct. 16, 1836; died by his own hand Jan. 15, 1892; m'd June 8, 1860, Anna M. Spear, who still lives at the old homestead. Ch:
 1. *Elizabeth.* 2. *James Loan.* 3. *Ben J.* 4. *John.*
 5. *Joseph.* 6. *Emmet.* 7. *Maude Loan.*
- VII. WILLIAM P. LOAN, b. Sept. 22, 1826; d. Sept. 29, 1884; never married. He was brilliant, taught school, accumulated quite an estate, and left it to his brothers and sisters.
- VIII. CHARLES LOAN, b. Feb. 12, 1843. He is a genial, hearty, and intelligent bachelor. Lives at the old homestead.
- IX. LAURA LOAN, b. Oct. 23, 1846; d. July 5, 1866; m'd June 28, 1866, Dr. Frank T. Grimes, of Liberty. The same paper that announced her marriage contained her obituary.

May 16—Heavy rains; farming is at a standstill. Platte River is out of its banks.

May 20—Daughters' College abruptly closed on account of the illness of President Gaylord.

After Platte River subsided, fish in great numbers were caught in the ponds and sloughs, where they were left by the receding waters.

Parkville has: 3 general stores; 1 shoe store; 1 grocery store; 1 hardware store; 2 hotels; 1 blacksmith shop.

May 28—Henry Basye takes the Virginia Hotel in Platte City, and refurbishes it.

Topics—Rains and overflows. The European war. Croquet. The new brick buildings of Woodson & Wells. The race track at the fair grounds. The Weston Furniture Factory in the hands of the sheriff.

JUNE.

June 6—Rain—nothing but rain, except mud.

NOBLE RICHARDSON died four miles south of Platte City. He was born in 1827; married Martha Wilson, daughter of James. They came to Platte in 1866. He possessed superior intelligence, and was highly esteemed by his neighbors. Children: 1, Jas. W.; 2, Grace Richardson; 3, Flora; 4, Kate. A sister of Mrs. Richardson is the wife of Jacob Wilson. Mrs. Richardson married, second, Martin Baldwin, and died without issue.

A small measuring-worm is devouring foliage and denuding trees and fields.

June 7—Commencement at Camden Point, W. H. Bohart president. Graduates: Maggie E. Anderson, Anna E. Bennett, Sallie E. Cook, Dora Campbell—all from abroad.

A bank has been opened at Parkville, and is doing well; J. B. Flannery cashier.

Preston Norton is dangerously ill.

Metzger & Hamm are building a grain elevator at Tracy, to be run in connection with their mill.

June 11—The M. E. church at Waldron dedicated.

Skinner's bridge is finished.

The back tax book is complete, and placed in the collector's hands. It shows \$20,701 delinquent.

JOHN FARRA is killed by lightning, while plowing near New Market. He was born in Woodford County, Ky., October 21, 1845; married in 1871 Mary F. Williams, daughter of W. W. (Bud). Ch: 1, Stella Farra; 2, William; 3, Lester F.

June 15—The Missouri River overflows low bottoms.

Good Templar convention at Platte City.

June 22—The members of the bar place Judge Dunn's portrait over the judicial bench in the court-house.

Dr. G. W. Smith sells his grocery store to W. T. Jenkins.

June 23—A heavy rain; railways washed out; Bee Creek higher than ever known.

June 25—Thos. H. Colman buys the Swain residence on Lot 6, Block 30, Platte City.

June 30—The Farmers' National Bank of Platte City takes the assets of the Farmers' Savings Association, and commences business with J. E. Merryman president, and W. O. Oldham cashier.

Topics—High waters. Incessant rain. The Immensikoffs, a facetious club of young men, in Platte City. The Russo-Turkish War.

JULY.

July 2—Circus at Platte City.

July 3—A storm injures wheat.

July 4—Observed in Wells' pasture by the Weston Good Templars.

The Leavenworth Odd Fellows visit Platte City. Patriotic meeting at Farley.

July 10—MICHAEL CARMODY died at Parkville. He was born in Limerick, Ireland, February 27, 1837, crossed to Canada in 1842, and came to St. Louis after the war, and thence came to Parkville, where he engaged in the mercantile and milling business. He married March 1, 1866, Elizabeth Whitney. Children: 1, Wm. H. Carmody; 2, Gracie E.; 3, Lottie L. Carmody; 4, Mary H.

July 15—Farley has 2 general stores, 1 drug store, 1 shoe shop, 1 blacksmith shop, and 1 wagon shop.

Wheat below the average; corn injured by the continuous rain.

Waldron has an elevator, and the mills have been improved.

Tracy has 23 residences, 2 stores, 1 blacksmith shop, 1 lumber yard, 1 steam flouring mill, 1 steam saw-mill. The citizens are applying for a public school and a post-office, that they may be independent of Platte City.

The *Landmark* has a number of pretended communications censuring Judge Owens, and advocating repudiation of the county debt.

The average of 30 crops of wheat threshed out was 12 bushels per acre.

July 30—The county court (Judge Owens) appoints E. C. Cockrill collector, and John S. Owens assessor. These appointments were made necessary by the repeal of the Township Law. Justices and constables are also appointed throughout the county.

R. C. ELLIFRIT.

July 31—R. C. Ellifrit died at Weston. He was born in Virginia in 1807; became a Presbyterian missionary to the Kickapoos in 1836, and the following year came, with the first settlers, and

located near Weston. He married Ann E. ———, who was born November 10, 1804, and died in Weston September 5, 1891. Their children:

- I. HORACE W. ELLIFRIT, m'd March 9, 1864, Laura Thurston.
- II. R. T. ELLIFRIT, m'd July 3, 1867, Rebecca Story, dr. of Capt. Geo. S. Story. Mr. Ellifrit kept a drug store in Weston, removed in April, 1876, to Platte City, and sold drugs until March, 1889, when he went to Higginsville, Mo., where he now resides. He is a man of some scientific attainments. Ch:
 1. *Ralph Ellifrit.* 2. *Cue.* 3. *Hume.* 4. *Webster.*

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—Dog tax of \$1 went into effect.

Aug. 8—Woodson & Wells' brick store-house on Lot 6, Block 29, is complete, and W. T. Jenkins removes his goods into it.

A. F. Smith is chosen principal of the public school at Platte City, and Anna Paxton assistant.

JAMES MARTIN having died, his widow, Rosetta, administrators. Bond, \$500. Ch: 1, Neely; 2, William Martin.

Aug. 9—Tournament at Camden Point. The prize taken by William Perrin, Jr.

Aug. 10—Peaches and watermelons few and inferior.

A. J. Colman adds 60 feet to the rear of his store-house on Lot 5, Block 30, Platte City.

Stephen Johnston and George Mason open a grocery house in Platte City.

W. G. COX.

W. G. Cox died near New Market. He was born in Owen County, Ky., in 1820. His first wife, a daughter of Henry Turner, died, leaving 1 child. He married, second, November 18, 1855, Sarah Ann Stone. He was a man of judgment, energy, and enterprise and accumulated wealth. His lands consisted of 1,400 acres of unsurpassed fertility. Children by his first wife:

- I. HARRY COX, b. in 1852; m'd Feb. 14, 1878, Katie S. Nelson (see), dr. of N. P.; 4 children.

By second wife:

- II. DAVID K. COX, m'd 1st, Dec. 9, 1880, Ella Roney, dr. of Judge W. H. Roney. She died, leaving:
 1. *D. D. Cox.*

David K. m'd 2d, March 25, 1889, Emma Whitton. Mr. Cox is one of the most intelligent and successful agriculturists in the county. He lives five miles north of Weston.

- III. JAMES W. COX, b. Feb. 5, 1861; m'd Sept. 3, 1884, Lizzie J. Noble, b. June 10, 1862, dr. of W. G., of Weston. She d. Dec. 31 1891. (See.)

IV. LIZZIE COX, m'd Boon Muir. Live in Kentucky.

V. EDWARD COX, m'd 1st, Myrtle Smith, of Plattsburg.

From her he parted, and m'd 2d, Miss Black, of Liberty.

They now live in St. Joseph; no children.

VII. MATTIE COX, m'd Edward Geyer; no children.

VII. MINNIE COX.

Aug. 11—C. B. Hawley had what he called a "Young America Concert," at the court-house, which was a success.

Aug. 13—Donation party to Elder A. F. Smith at Platte City.

Edwards & Co. are distributing their Atlas of Platte County to subscribers for \$10. The work was well done.

Aug. 27—PROF. JOHN F. DUNBAR died at Iatan. He was one of the most successful educators of the West. His widow, Mrs. Lou Dunbar, is now an accomplished and honored teacher at Weston.

FRED HOECK, aged 53, died at Weston.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 4—The fair commenced. Six thousand attended the fourth day. Total receipts, \$4,616.09, which paid expenses and netted \$1,000. The *Advocate* and the *Landmark* each issued dailies. F. M. McCormick was chosen president, and Asa L. Smith secretary.

Sept. 10—W. H. Calvert died in Marshall Township, aged 35. He was a son of Craven Calvert, an early settler and a merchant at Liberty. Wm. H. entered the Confederate army, and was wounded and taken prisoner at Pea Ridge. He served as deputy under Sheriff Coffey, and was beaten for that office in 1876 by W. H. Hunt.

Sept. 19—A. M. Woodson, C. J. Nesbitt, G. M. Dameron, and W. A. Wood are enrolled as attorneys.

Sept. 25—Peter Blanjour died at Weston, aged 68. He was a native of Germany, and for many years a merchant of Weston. He was mayor and postmaster of that city. His wife, Mary, born April 9, 1814, survived him.

The Farmers' National Bank of Platte City reports deposits \$37,107.12.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 3—Heavy frost—some ice. Apples abundant.

Oct. 7—President J. A. McAfee preached at Platte City.

Oct. 13—The *Advocate* contains Paxton's poem entitled "Repudiation," ridiculing the effort to repudiate the county debt.

The municipal tax of Platte City is \$1 on the \$100, and added to the county, State, and school tax, we pay 3 per cent.

Eight prisoners in jail.

Heavy rains.

Cockrill & Woodson erect hay scales in Tracy.

Oct. 27—John Ellis shot in the neck by Geo. Noland; cause, whisky.

Topics—Black, bold, bald, blank (speak these adjectives fast) repudiation. The Russo-Turkish War. Hog cholera. The *Landmark's* abuse of Judge Owens. The Immensikoffs.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 5—Burnes' Addition to Tracy is vacated. (See County Record M, p. 162.)

Peter Kline died, aged 45. His son, Peter, married December 12, 1894, Charity Olvis.

The bridge across Sugar Creek complete; cost, \$618.

Meeting of the stockholders of the *Advocate*. The following directors were chosen: Callicotte, Duncan, Guthrie, Waller & Woodson.

Nov. 9—Morin makes charges against D. R. Anthony, and Anthony replies in the *Times*. Morin, feeling sore over the castigation Anthony gives him, pitches into Paxton for his opposition to secession. Paxton replies by a poem, entitled "Old Jess." The laugh was turned on Morin, and he never troubled Paxton any more.

The old war spirit is rampant.

Nov. 22—At F. M. McCormick's sale, hogs brought 4 cents, corn 30 cents.

Nov. 24—Henry Gray's barn burned near Waldron. Loss, \$5,000.

Nov. 25—(Sunday) The Tontine meets at Masonic Hall.

Nicholas Timberlake died near Waldron.

THE TIMBERLAKE FAMILY.

The progenitor of our branch of the Timberlake family was a citizen of St. Louis in the first decade of this century. I have not been able to learn his Christian name. He died about 1817, and his widow, a second wife, removed to St. Charles, and resided there with her family until the Platte lands were opened for settlement. Early in 1837 she came, with her children and step-children, and all settled claims near Waldron. The widow died many years ago. Three of the sons interest the chronicler of Platte County:

I. JOHN H. TIMBERLAKE.

Born in St. Louis in 1809; died in Independence, Mo., in 1893. He came with his mother in 1837, and lived near Waldron until about

1859, when he sold out and removed to Jackson County. He was a man of thought, independence, and courage. He was the father of John R. Timberlake, that chivalrous and fearless officer of Clay County, known as "Sheriff Timberlake." But only two of his children interest us. He married Patsy Noland. Ch:

I. NICHOLAS TIMBERLAKE, m'd 1st, Caroline Pierce, who died, leaving:

1. *James Timberlake*, m'd Sept. 1, 1878, Nancy J. Burruss.
2. *John Timberlake*, m'd April 14, 1876, Frankie Kimsay.
3. *Eliza Timberlake*, b. Oct. 11, 1861; m'd 1st, Elijah Franklin Brink, son of Elijah, and born April 19, 1863. They had 1 child: [a] Clara Brink. Eliza m'd 2d, Feb. 11, 1883, Clement N. Dunagan, b. Dec. 2, 1852. Ch: [b] Arthur R. Dunagan, b. Sept. 1, 1884; [c] Roy E., b. July 17, 1887; [d] Herbert H., b. May 15, 1892. Mr. Dunagan is 6 feet 4½ inches high.
4. *Miranda Timberlake*, m'd Aug. 7, 1878, Ben Cole, b. July 15, 1828; d. March 13, 1897.

Nicholas Timberlake m'd 2d, Oct. 19, 1862, Lucinda Noland, and had:

5. *Martha Timberlake*, m'd Oct. 11, 1885, John D. Yates.
6. *Lena L. Timberlake*, m'd Nov. 29, 1894, Chas. Cordray.

II. MARY J. TIMBERLAKE, m'd Nov. 6, 1855, Dr. F. M. John son, the distinguished surgeon of Kansas City. (See.) She d. Jan. 12, 1867. She was gentle, amiable, and pure. Her characteristics were sweetness of disposition, cheerfulness, and patience. Ch:

1. *John Johnson*, who went west and married.
2. *Leverier Johnson*, m'd Oct. 17, 1877, Dr. T. L. Thomas (ii), who d. Nov. 25, 1884, while treasurer of Platte County, leaving a son: [a] Valdez. Dr. Thomas was a druggist in Platte City and highly esteemed. The widow is dignified, graceful, and attractive.
3. *Dora Johnson*, m'd in 1882 Allen Hall, who died, leaving a son: [a] Frank Hall.
4. *Laura Johnson*, m'd May 13, 1880, Mr. Flagg, of Kansas City. He died, leaving no child, and the three sisters are now handsome and intelligent widows. Dr. Johnson died in Kansas City Jan. 26, 1893. His second wife was Julia Tillery, now a widow in Kansas City.

II. WESLEY TIMBERLAKE

Was born in St. Louis March 7, 1814. He was the older of the two sons of the second wife. He came with his mother to the vicinity of Waldron in 1837, and died on the farm he had entered by preëmption February 5, 1893. He married Elizabeth Mason, sister of Albert W. She still lives. Ch:

- I. LUCINDA TIMBERLAKE, m'd Irving Anders. She died, childless, and he lives at Winthrop.
- II. WILLIAM JOSEPH TIMBERLAKE, m'd Mary Redman. They live in Kansas.
- III. OBADIAH TIMBERLAKE. (See.)
- IV. MELTHENA TIMBERLAKE, m'd Perry Pollard. They live in Benton County; no children.
- V. JAMES A. TIMBERLAKE, b. March 12, 1859; m'd March 1, 1878, Isabel Morris, dr. of John. She died Oct. 3, 1888, leaving:
 - 1. *Dethaula Timberlake.* 2. *John.* 3. *Walter.*
 - 4. *Laura.* 5. *Harry.* 6. *Bettie.* 7. *Jesse.*
- VI. MARTHA A. TIMBERLAKE.

III. HARVEY TIMBERLAKE

Was a son of the first wife. He died May 11, 1893, at Lansing, Kansas.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 2—ARCHIBALD WILLS died, aged 87. He was a soldier of the War of 1812. He married Nancy Hoffman, who died April 25, 1894. Children: 1, Eliza Ann, m'd Bolivar Rule (see); 2, Sallie J., m'd W. S. Kerr (see); 3, James, m'd Virginia Reeve; 4, Mary E., m'd William Pickett; 5, Amanda, m'd Ed Alexander.

Dec. 3—Metzger & Hamm erect a steam saw-mill on the turn-pike between Tracy and Platte City.

The *Advocate* is replevied out of T. O. Thurston's hands because he failed to comply with his contract. He remained in Platte City for some months longer, pursuing an erratic course. He was a man of some brilliance, and when sober, was a perfect gentleman. He was fearless, and often in danger from his indiscretion.

Dec. 11—F. M. Oldham is buying hemp at Platte City.

Prof. Gaylord lectured at Platte City on "The Future of the North American Continent, as Determined by Physical and Climatic Causes."

Many farmers are holding their wheat for more than \$1.15.

Platte City has a literary club with Dr. Edward McDonald, W. M. Paxton, and T. W. Park managers. They select from the literary men of Platte City and vicinity a speaker for each Monday evening. The lectures are largely attended, and the whole community is interested and instructed.

Dec. 21—T. C. Thurston, in the *Landmark*, explains his connection with the *Advocate*, and complains of being dispossessed.

Scarlet fever in Platte City.

Dec. 26—Judge Jas. S. Owens refused to license a dram-shop in Parkville because it is the site of a college.

MARRIAGES IN 1877 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTED.

June 12—Rev. A. F. Smith married Lizzie Grimes.
 July 29—James A. Owens married Margaret F. Martin.
 September 5—Eli Owens married Mary Middleton.
 October 9—John T. Hays married Mary Fisher.
 October 15—J. L. L. Lamar married Carrie Beck.
 November 21—Church Walker married Emma Banning.
 December 12—John D. Robinson married Mollie E. Oldham.
 December 30—W. H. Nash married Julia Mahony.

1878.

OFFICERS.

Governor, J. S. Phelps; Congressman, B. J. Franklin; State Senator, R. P. C. Wilson; Representative, W. O. Wells; County Judge, James S. Owens; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; Circuit Judge, G. W. Dunn; County Clerk, J. H. Chinn; Circuit Clerk, R. L. Waller; Sheriff, W. H. Hunt; Prosecuting Attorney, J. L. Carmack; Treasurer, J. F. Flannery; Collector, E. C. Cockrill; Assessor, J. T. Owens; Coroner, Thos. Stewart; Public Administrator, W. F. Yocom; Superintendent of Schools, W. A. Bowen; Surveyor, W. V. Slone.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Baker, Carmack, Forman, Merryman, Norton, Paxton, Pitt, Wells, Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Coffey, Guthrie, Johnson, McDonald, Smith, Spencer.

Merchants, etc.—Basye, Bond, Clements, Brady, Dearing & Son, A. J., T. H., & H. C. Colman, Ellifrit, Fleshman, Hawley, Jenkins, Johnston, Kiefer, Krause, Kurtz (postmaster), Lutes, Mattox, Mason & Johnston, Mason & Swain, Meads, Read, Recht, Sprague, Wills, Young, Zarn.

Lodges—Zerubbabel, No. 191, W. H. Hunt, W. M.; Commandery No. 9, W. O. Oldham, E. C.; Chapter No. 21, N. B. Anderson, H. P.; Nebraska, No. 12, J. F. Flannery, N. G.

Newspapers—The *Advocate*, I. M. Cockrill editor; the *Landmark*, Park & Nesbitt editors.

Schools—Daughters' College, F. G. Gaylord president; public school, A. F. Smith principal.

Preachers—W. A. Crouch (Bap.), A. F. Smith (Chris.), W. C. Campbell (M. E.), W. H. Penhallegon (Pres.).

The Fair—McCormick president, A. L. Smith secretary.

Banks—Cockrell & Co.; Farmers' National Bank, W. O. Oldham cashier.

At Weston: Attorneys—Coburn, Hitt, Hedges, King, and Reynolds.

Physicians—Barnett, Bonifant, Martin, Price, Shortridge, Wilson.

Merchants, etc.—Briggs, Brill, Deitz, Doppler, Evans, Frank, Holliday, Hamm, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Keller, Lewis, Magers (mayor), McConnell, Maitland, Mundy, Newhouse, Noble, Price (postmaster), Ringo, Rohring, Schenkner, Schmidt, Shindler, Siler, Steele.

Preacher—E. R. Hedgepeth (M. E.).

Banks—Railey & Bro.; Weston Savings, Cartwright cashier.

At Parkville: Ashby, Bueneman (postmaster), Busch, Campbell, Dziubon, Kahm, Luthy, McDonald, Mitchell, Moore, Nash, Pack, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld, Wood.

At Camden Point: Prof. W. H. Bohart (principal), Drs. Duncan, Herndon & Morton, Parrish, Ewing (postmaster), Tanner, Wood. Tanner, W. M. of lodge.

At East Leavenworth: C. L. Banning.

At Edgerton: Clemings, Handley, Jones, Worth.

At Farley: Meyer (postmaster), Holt, Oliver, Weisse. Lodge, Heath, W. M.

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At Hampton: Funk.

At New Market: J. L. Johnson (postmaster), Moore, Bryant, Rev. H. A. Davis, Dysart, Middleton, Moore, Leavel.

At Ridgely: Chrisman (postmaster), Gustin, Robinson.

At Tracy: Clifford, Chinn, Davis, Jones, Metzger & Hamm.

At Waldron: Holt, McCormick, Flynn, Pettillo, Scott (postmaster).

PRICES.

Gold, \$1.04; county warrants, 97 cents; county bonds, 95 cents; coffee, 22 cents; butter, 20 cents; corn, 30 cents; flour, \$3.00; eggs, 15 cents; ham, 13 cents; sugar, 12 cents; wheat, \$1.05; wood, \$3.00.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Bad roads.

A post-office is established at Settle's Station, and Henry Turner is postmaster.

Sunday-school superintendents at Platte City: J. M. Cockrell, of the M. E. school; J. R. Swain, of the Presbyterian school; E. C. Cockrill, of the Christian school; and W. V. Slone, of the Baptist school.

The acreage of wheat sowed is greater than any former year, and amounts to about 50,000 acres in the county.

Jan. 3—Abram Leopard died in the bottom near Farley.

Jan. 4—The stockholders of the *Advocate* turn it over to J. M. Cockrell, who becomes editor, and makes his salutatory as an unflinching Democrat.

Jan. 5—James Duncan dies four miles southeast of Platte City.

THE DUNCAN FAMILY.

James Duncan was the progenitor of the Duncans of Platte and Clay. He was a native of Virginia, and removed to Bourbon County, Ky. He came to Clay in 1826, and settled near Smithville. He had five sons: 1, Stephen; 2, Alex. B.; 3, William; 4, Matthew; 5, Joseph. Of these, only Matthew and Joseph interest us.

I. MATTHEW DUNCAN

Was born in Virginia in 1778; he married Elizabeth Breckenridge, daughter of Alexander. They came to Clay in 1826. Oh:

I. GEO. B. DUNCAN, b. in Bourbon County, Ky., Jan. 23, 1817, and now lives in Clinton County. We have already noticed Mr. Duncan, and have given his reminiscences of the early settlement of Platte. He m'd Jan. 1, 1846, Eliza J. Berryman, dr. of Charles. Ch:

1. *Nannie Duncan*, b. April 18, 1847; educated at Daughters' College; m'd Sept. 26, 1866, Frederick Krause, b. in Prussia, March 22, 1837. (See.)

2. *John H. Duncan*, b. Aug. 20, 1849. He attended Daughters' College, and the Bible School of Kentucky University, in 1868, and graduated with the second honors. In June, 1861, he was ordained an elder in the Christian Church. He preached one year at Platte City, and went to Kansas, and died at Fort Scott, May 29, 1887. He m'd April 26, 1877, Maggie A. Young, b. in Bath County, Ky., a dr. of Willis, and sister of Judge Upton Young and of Senator Waller Young. She still lives with several children.

Geo. B. Duncan m'd 2d, Mary E. Beckwith, and had:

3. *Horace B. Duncan*, m'd Kate Rymond.

4. *Myrtle Duncan*, m'd James B. Marr.

II. JOSEPH DUNCAN

Was the other son of James Duncan (i) I desire to notice. He married Polly Ann Brooks, of Clark County, Ky. Ch:

I. JAMES DUNCAN, was b. in Montgomery County, Ky., Nov. 15, 1816; m'd March 4, 1850, in Andrew County, Sarah Tracy. In 1851 he went to California overland, and returned in April, 1853; in 1865 he purchased a farm five miles east of Platte City, and here he died Jan. 15, 1878. Mrs. Duncan was b. July 29, 1823; d. Aug. 29, 1891. They were excellent people. Ch:

1. *Ben. Duncan*, b. Sept. 28, 1848; m'd Dec. 25, 1877, Eliza Whittock. (See.)
2. *Mollie A. Duncan*, b. Jan. 12, 1853; m'd May 3, 1873, Andrew J. Cox. Ch: [*a*] Bertie, m'd Feb. 15, 1890, A. F. Neff; [*b*] Jas. H. Cox; [*c*] Sallie Cox; [*d*] Wm. F.; [*e*] Maggie Cox.
3. *E. Jane Duncan*, b. April 14, 1855; m'd Dec. 23, 1874, James H. Wingo, b. Nov. 6, 1848. Ch: [*a*] Sarah L. Wingo, b. Oct. 17, 1876; [*b*] Mary Ann, b. Jan. 15, 1879; [*c*] Thomas H. Wingo, b. Oct. 13, 1880.
4. *Joseph Duncan*, m'd Nov. 2, 1880, Laura McMillan, dr. of David. Ch: [*a*] Lillie Duncan; [*b*] Joseph; [*c*] Winnie Duncan; [*d*] John.
5. *Susan Margaret Duncan*, b. April 27, 1857; m'd Sept. 4, 1878, E. Frank Wingo. Ch: [*a*] Helen, b. Oct. 31, 1879; [*b*] Arthur Wingo, b. March 12, 1881; [*c*] Mary J., b. May 4, 1886; [*d*] Winnie Wingo; [*e*] John Wingo.
6. *Thomas B. Duncan*, b. June 29, 1861; m'd Jan. 26, 1886, Bettie Ecton, dr. of Thomas B. Ch: [*a*] Jas. T.; [*b*] Ellen Hazle.
7. *Amanda Duncan*, b. July 29, 1863; m'd May 10, 1881, A. Sidney Winston. Ch: [*a*] Joseph; [*b*] Harry; [*c*] Bessie Winston; [*d*] John; [*e*] Cora; [*f*] Jack Winston.

II. JOSEPH DUNCAN (ii), m'd Amanda Clardy, dr. of G. C. (See.)

III. MARTHA JANE, m'd John M. Thatcher. (See.)

Mr. Joseph Duncan (i) had other children, with whom we are little concerned. Their names were: 1, Bessie; 2, Judy Ann; 3, Thomas D.; 4, Abijah; 5, Nancy.

THE BRECKENRIDGES.

Mrs. Matthew Duncan, as stated above, was Elizabeth Breckenridge. She was a daughter of Alexander Breckenridge (iii), who was a son of Alexander (ii), and she was a granddaughter of Alexander (i), the emigrant. Mrs. Duncan's brothers and sisters were:

- I. JAMES BRECKENRIDGE, went to Ohio.
- II. ALEXANDER BRECKENRIDGE (iv), m'd a Chambers, and was father of Elmore Breckenridge, of Platte. (See.)
- III. JOHN BRECKENRIDGE, lived in Bourbon County, Ky.; m'd Polly Duncan, a dr. of James (i), and sister of Matthew.
- IV. ROBERT BRECKENRIDGE, lived in Ohio.
- V. EDELINE (LINA), m'd a Duncan, and lived in Bourbon County, Ky.

Jan. 7—J. E. Merryman, president, and W. O. Oldham, cashier, of the Farmers' National Bank, resign, and R. W. Bywaters is chosen president, and R. T. Darnall cashier.

Park College is flourishing, and new buildings are proposed.

Jan. 10—JUDGE JAMES H. BIRCH died at Plattsburg. He was a son of Thos. E. Birch, and was born in Virginia, March 27, 1804. He was a tall, handsome, and urbane gentleman, cordial and condescending in his address, and discreet in his words and actions. As an editor, register of the Plattsburg land office, an earnest Union advocate, judge of the Supreme Court of the State, and candidate for Congress, he was well known and much admired by our people. But his political career was erratic, and he was often defeated in his aspirations. He never resided in our county, and we can only refer to him as a good, true, and intelligent Christian gentleman. He married twice: (first, a Halstead; and second, Mrs. Sarah A. Frost, née Carter. His children: 1, Olivia, m'd Rev. Wm. Rush, and was mother of Hon. Wm. M. Rush, of St. Joseph; 2, Chas. C. Birch, married a Young, and died childless; 3, Jas. H. Birch (ii), now of Plattsburg; 4, Sarah C. Birch, m'd F. C. Frost, who survived her, and now lives at Prairie Park, in Plattsburg. The widow of Judge Birch still lives at Prairie Park.

Jan. 10—John Higgins having died, Littleberry Higgins administered. Bond, \$800.

THE HIGGINS FAMILY.

Josiah Higgins came from Tennessee to Platte in 1837, and settled north of Parkville. He married Barbara Smelser, sister of Jacob. He was one of the justices of the peace appointed by the county court of Clay, when we were attached to that county. He died in August, 1841. Ch:

I. JOSIAH HIGGINS (ii), m'd Wilmouth Owens, dr. of Webster. (See.) Ch:

1. *Margaret Higgins*, m'd Jas. T. Riley. (See.)

2. *Ben. Higgins*, went to Illinois.

III. HARMON HIGGINS (i), m'd March 31, 1861, Rachel T. Baldwin, dr. of Martin. (See.) Ch:

1. *Lela Higgins*, m'd Feb. 18, 1882, Chas. H. Knighton, b. Sept. 20, 1858. Ch: [a] Harmon G. b. Dec. 3, 1882; [b] Eliza, b. Aug. 5, 1889.

Harmon (i) m'd 2d, Sept. 6, 1877, A. M. Witt.

IV. JACKSON HIGGINS, m'd Susan Gregg. (See.)

V. WILLIAM HIGGINS, went to California.

VI. SUSAN HIGGINS, m'd a Cooper.

VII. PHILEMON HIGGINS, b. in 1812; d. in 1887; m'd Mary Frances Witt, died in 1850, in California. Ch:

1. *Sarah F. Higgins*, m'd Wm. Noble.

2. *Josiah Higgins* (iii).

3. *Littleberry Higgins*, b. July 2, 1842; m'd July 24, 1867, Aurora Brink, dr. of Ab. Ch: [a] Walter W.; [b] Florence; [c] Arthur Higgins; [d] Ollie; [e] Jennie; [f] Harry; [g] Ree; [h] Essie; [i] Claude B. Higgins; [j] Beatrice.

4. *B. F. Higgins*, b. Feb. 4, 1844; m'd Oct. 25, 1865, Ellen Brink, b. June 7, 1848, dr. of Ab. H. Ch: [*a*] Abbie, b. Sept. 30, 1866; [*b*] Lura Higgins, b. in 1868, m'd Nov. 1, 1896, Jas. Dearing; [*c*] Stella, m'd Oct. 18, 1895, C. L. Brandenburg; [*d*] B. Floyd Higgins, b. in June, 1892.

5. *William W. Higgins*, m'd Anna Thorp, dr. of Joseph.

6. *Jacob Higgins*.

VIII. JACOB HIGGINS. IX. PEGGY HIGGINS, m'd a Ford.

X. JOHN HIGGINS, d. Dec. 2, 1877; m'd Malinda Witt, dr. of Littleberry, and sister of his brother Philemon's wife. Ch:

1. *Harmon G. Higgins* (iii).
2. *Elizabeth Higgins*, m'd Obed C. Noland. (See.)
3. *Barbara Higgins*, dead; m'd Oct. 13, 1870, David A. Sample, son of Isaac and brother of Velora. David A. m'd 2d, Feb. 3, 1876, Margaret Alexander.
4. *Littleberry Higgins* (iii), m'd America Noland, dr. of Obed. (See.)
5. *John T. Higgins*.
6. *Lucy Higgins*, m'd Jan. 1, 1869, John A. Sheild, d. Oct. 13, 1883. Ch: [*a*] Lucy; [*b*] Elvira; [*c*] Wm. W.; [*d*] Elizabeth. Mrs. Lucy Shields m'd 2d, Armstrong Shield, who died, and she m'd 3d, Geo. Jones; children by each.
7. *Wright W. Higgins*, m'd Oct. 21, 1875, Martha Morris.
8. *Ara Ella Higgins*, m'd June 3, 1883, W. Holcombe.
9. *Eliza Higgins*, m'd Chas. G. Johnson. Ch: [*a*] Ralph; [*b*] Emmet.

Jan. 12—Meeting at Barry to promote the building of a turnpike to Kansas City.

Jan. 14—Elder A. F. Smith opened the lecture course on "Our Country's Future."

Jan. 20—Revival at Parkville, and 20 added to the Presbyterian Church.

Jan. 21—T. W. Park made his famous lecture on "Babies."

W. J. Fulton buys an interest in the Parkville Bank.

An unfortunate controversy is progressing in the *Landmark* between W. A. Fox and Rev. D. F. Bone.

Jan. 28—William Forman lectures on the "Experiences of a Young Lawyer."

CATHERINE J. WEBB.

Catherine J. Webb having died, Hill & Stillwagon administer. Bond, \$800. Her maiden name was Webb, and she married March 9, 1841, William J. Webb. They lived two miles below Parkville, in the Missouri bottom. Ch:

- I. NANCY J. WEBB, b. in 1848; d. July 14, 1892; m'd Jan. 3, 1871, Josiah Stillwagon, son of Andrew, b. in Belmont Co., Ohio, Nov. 19, 1847. Ch:

1. *William A. Stillwagon.* 2. *Geo. T.* 3. *David.* 4. *Ida.*
5. *Hattie Stillwagon.* 6. *Nora.*

II. MARY C. WEBB, m'd Isaac W. Hill. III. WILLS WEBB.
IV. JOHN WEBB. V. JANE. VI. WILLIAM.
VII. JOSEPH. VIII. JAMES.

Jan. 30—Sunday-school Convention at Plattsburg, attended by Rev. W. C. Campbell, J. M. Cockrill, Jane Coleman, and W. M. Paxton.

Topics—The Platte City Lecture Course. T. W. Park's lecture on "Babies." Funding the county debt at 6 per cent. The granges. The Fox and Bone controversy. Approaching peace in Europe. The Immensikoffs. Croquet. Repudiation. T. C. Thurston.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—Smithville business men: 1, Giles Clardy (hardware); 2, J. D. De Berry (dry goods); 3, Erastus Smith (dry goods); 4, William Kerr (drugs); 5, Spratt & Brasfield (drug goods); 6, Jas. Adams.

Feb. 4—Rev. W. H. Penhallegon lectures on the "Personalities and Blunders of Great Men."

Twelve prisoners in jail.

Pope Pius IX. dies.

The probate court fixed its regular terms the first Mondays in January, April, July, and October.

Feb. 11—The county buys its funding bonds, bearing 10 per cent, at 93.98 cents on the dollar. This depreciation was the effect of the cry of repudiation.

A mild winter—thus far no ice.

Rev. W. C. Campbell lectured on the "Restitution of All Things."

Feb. 16—Democrats elect their Central Committee by township conventions.

Feb. 18—R. T. Ellifrit lectures on "Signals."

Feb. 20—Judge H. L. Routt, of Liberty, lectures at Platte City on "Temperance."

Feb. 25—W. M. Paxton lectures at Platte City on "The Russo-Turkish War."

Feb. 26—The Mites at Platte City voted a sprig of evergreen to Miss Lillie Campebl, as the fairest lady, and to W. H. Hunt, as the ugliest man.

Feb. 28—The Repudiators having invited the celebrated H. Clay Dean to Platte City, he spoke at the court-house, but opposed repudiation. W. M. Paxton made a burlesque song of it.

A protracted meeting at Ridgely added to the Christian

Church 30, to the Methodist Episcopal Church 20, and to the Baptist Church 10.

Feb. 30—The President vetoed the Silver Bill, causing much outcry.

MARCH.

March 4—W. M. Paxton, as trustee, sold the fair grounds to a newly formed company. The sale was demanded that the numberless old stockholders might not be permitted free entrance, and that a speed track might be established.

J. L. Carmack lectured on "The Resources of Missouri."

March 11—Thos. W. Park leases of Nesbitt his half of the *Landmark*, and becomes sole editor.

March 12—Temperance revival at Platte City. The Murphy movement organized. W. P. Chiles president, W. T. Jenkins secretary—more than 400 take the red ribbon. It spreads over the county.

March 18—Philip Lutes dies at Platte City.

THE LUTES FAMILY

Consisted of two brothers, Joseph and Philip, who came from Lincoln County, N. C., to Howard County, Mo., and thence to Platte in 1842.

I. JOSEPH LUTES

Was born in Lincoln County, N. C., September 14, 1803; died in Platte, three miles northeast of Platte City, August 16, 1880. He married Sarah Steele, born March 18, 1803; living. Ch:

I. CATHERINE C. LUTES, m'd Nov. 12, 1857, Elisha McComas, son of Burk. He was born in 1837. They live in Butler Co., Kansas. Ch:

1. *Joseph McComas*, m'd March 2, 1882, Mattie Cox, dr. of William. Ch: [*a*] Stella; [*b*] Fred.

2. *Burk McComas*, m'd Feb. 23, 1885, Myrtle Yates, dr. of William. Children: [*a*] Hope McComas; [*b*] Cole; [*c*] Boss.

3. *Walter McComas*, b. Sept. 4, 1864.

4. *Laura McComas*, m'd Luke Miller, son of William. Ch: [*a*] Zelma Miller; [*b*] Artie.

5. *Nannie*, lives with her father in Kansas.

6. *Sadie McComas*, m'd Thos. Smith. Live in Texas.

II. JOSEPH LUTES (ii), m'd Jan. 5, 1876, Alice M. Estes; went to Oregon.

III. E. P. LUTES, m'd March 1, 1860, Sophia E. Mayo, dr. of Jackson J. She died, leaving:

1. *Rebecca*. 2. *Sarah*.

Mr. E. P. Lutes m'd 2d, Jan. 22, 1871, Sue Herndon.

IV. ELIZABETH F. LUTES, m'd W. H. Kimsey. (See.)

V. AL. B. LUTES, m'd in Georgia, Catherine Jones. Ch:

1. *Mary E. Lutes*, b. Oct. 15, 1852; m'd Dec. 24, 1873, John L. Vermillion, b. Feb. 19, 1851. Ch: [^a] Joseph A., m'd Aug. 1, 1896, Lottie Young. [^b] Catherine; [^c] Myrtle; [^d] Lulie; [^e] Bertie; [^f] Harvey Vermillion.

A. B. Lutes m'd 2d, Catherine Moore. Ch:

2. *Nancy L. Lutes*, m'd Dec. 29, 1886, J. H. Coleman.

VI. DANIEL G. LUTES, m'd March 12, 1861, Nannie J. McDaniel (see), b. Nov. 6, 1842; d. Jan. 9, 1880. She was a lovely Christian, and led her family every night in their devotions; 10 children.

VII. NANNIE J. LUTES, m'd Oct. 13, 1861, Albert G. Swaney, son of Hugh. They live in Clay.

VIII. SARAH F. LUTES, m'd March 10, 1864, W. M. Henderson, b. in Virginia May 28, 1835; d. Oct. 2, 1891; son of John Henderson and Elvira McComas. Lived in Kansas; 5 children.

II. PHILIP LUTES

Born in Lincoln County, N. C., April 14, 1809. Came to Platte County in 1843; died in Platte City March 18, 1878; married October 17, 1833, Paulina A. Wills, born January 31, 1815, in Montgomery County, Ky.; died near Platte City January 25, 1892. Her parents were Thos. Wills and Martha Higgins. Both were ardent Methodists, and devotedly pious. In Platte City Mr. Lutes followed the cabinet-making business until his death. He was industrious, frugal, just, and true. Ch:

- I. NANNIE J. LUTES, m'd Jan. 2, 1889, Elliott J. Miller, b. May 15, 1829, in Rappahannock Co., Va. He was a son of John Miller, b. Jan. 9, 1785, and his wife, Jane Jackson, b. Feb. 9, 1797. He came to Platte in 1852, and settled 5 miles north of Platte City. He is a farmer, a Knight Templar, an intelligent and social gentleman. Though quite deaf, his genial disposition and happy temperament enable him to enjoy society and entertain friends. His first wife was M. E. F. Miller, dr. of Jesse and F. H. Miller. She was born Sept. 25, 1833, and died in Platte in 1887. No children by either wife.

II. CORNELIUS (NEELY) LUTES, b. June 10, 1845; m'd March 26, 1873, Fannie T. Foree, dr. of H. S. Foree, of Plattsburg. They sojourn sometimes in Platte City, and at other times in Kansas City. Ch:

1. *Venice Lutes*, m'd Nov. 8, 1893, S. M. Harlan.
2. *Henry*.

March 18—James Adkins lectured at Platte City on "Progress," and W. M. Paxton read a poem entitled "A Century Hence."

The grand jury were: 1, T. F. Warner (foreman); 2, Richard

Babcock; 3, W. H. H. Dougherty; 4, William Dziubon; 5, G. W. Field; 6, G. W. R. Chinn; 7, Israel Heath; 8, G. W. Johnson; 9, Alf. Kirkpatrick; 10, Wm. Patton; 11, W. S. Pullins; 12, Nathan Wilhite.

March 20—An early spring; peach-trees in bloom; wheat flourishing.

March 28—BEN WOOD died in Weston. Born in Mason County, Ky., Jan. 7, 1818; came west in 1839; engaged in the saddler's business, which he pursued up to the time of his death; was several times mayor of Weston; member of the first board of trustees of the town; an honored Mason; an ardent Presbyterian, and a social, kind-hearted gentleman. He married, first, April 12, 1842, Susan C. Jones. Their only child was Mrs. M. M. Platte. After Susan C. died, he married, second, Mrs. F. B. Marshall; no children.

The Murphy temperance red ribbon taken at Weston by 125.

March 25—Judge G. W. Dunn lectures at Platte City on "The Law."

March 28—The Kansas City bar call on Judge E. H. Norton to run for supreme judge of the State.

APRIL.

April 1—Henry Meads lectures at Platte City on "Westminster Hall."

Henry Magers elected mayor of Weston.

A. J. Comerford is lecturing over the county on "Temperance," and multitudes join the Murphyites.

The county is divided into two districts (Platte River the line) for the election of county judges.

Trustees elected for Platte City: Bond, Darnall, Jenkins, Mason, Meads, Wills, Zarn.

Judge Owens refuses a dram-shop license to F. P. Baker at Platte City, and in all cases where a remonstrance is filed. Yet Baker sells without license.

Democratic Central Committee organized by choosing Dr. Jos. M. Holt chairman, and T. W. Park secretary.

W. C. Baker is so low with rheumatism that he goes to Hot Springs, Arkansas. W. H. Roney takes his place as deputy circuit clerk.

N. J. Alexander's house burned.

Weston has received revenue, \$3,619.30; paid out, \$3,048.12.

T. C. Thurston is rampant. He challenges, through the *Landmark*, the whole *Advocate* crew.

April 8—The *St. Joseph Gazette* and the *Chronicle* consolidate, and S. A. Gilbert and M. B. Chapman become editors, and F. M. Tufts manager.

The Platte County Agricultural, Mechanical, and Stock Association formed, and 100 members, at \$25 each, take \$2,500 stock. F. M. McCormick was chosen president, and A. L. Smith secretary.

April 15—The new mail route from Platte City to Smithville by way of Hampton and Linkville.

Weston has expended on public schools, since September 1, 1876, the sum of \$4,226.39.

The *Landmark* is bitter on W. M. Paxton and J. S. Duncan for their opposition to the "Ring."

April 20—The State Supreme Court enjoins the county court from issuing county bonds for the \$60,000 voted for the railroad from Weston to New Market, on the grounds that two-thirds of all the voters did not vote for bonds.

Platte City has collected revenue, \$2,348.04; paid out, including \$1,300 on the Britton debt, \$1,890.21.

State school moneys paid to Platte County, \$4,391.33.

Jos. E. Merryman removes to St. Louis.

Temperance Alliance formed by the children of Platte City; W. C. Wells president.

April 22—N. B. Anderson lectures on "Persecution in the Netherlands."

J. Monroe Cockrill buys the Pitt farm, lying south of Platte City.

April 26—Dr. J. A. Campbell & Son open a drug store in Parkville.

Topics—Thurston's agonies. The *Landmark's* diatribes on Paxton, Duncan, and others. The European war ended. Temperance. Baker's open saloon, running without license. The pleasant opening spring.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Total receipts.	\$52,000.11	
Cash in treasury.	17,241.43	\$69,241.54
Ordinary expenses.	18,160.13	
Balance in treasury in 1878.	9,028.51	27,188.64

Applied to interest and debt. \$42,052.90

Expenditures in Detail.

Elections.	\$	1.00
School Commissioner (Bowen).		35.00
County Judge (Owens).		99.80
County Clerk (Chinn).		1,851.81
Circuit Clerk (Waller).		494.75

Prosecuting Attorney (Carmack).....	\$ 722.88
Assessor (Owens).....	324.83
Sheriff (Hunt).....	849.17
Printing.....	177.70
Treasurer.....	55.98
Collector (Cockrill).....	1,353.66
Stationery.....	512.28
Insane.....	1,682.91
Poor.....	1,864.99
Roads and bridges.....	5,579.96
Jurors and witnesses.....	1,793.57
Miscellaneous.....	759.84
Total.....	<u>\$18,160.13</u>

County Debt.

Funding bonds.....	\$288,600.00
Interest to May 1st.....	9,620.00
38 P. & G. R. Railroad bonds and interest.....	7,482.00
Warrants outstanding.....	5,121.43

\$310,823.43

Less cash in treasury.....	9,028.51
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Debt in 1878.....	\$301,794.92
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Debt in 1877.....	<u>305,992.43</u>
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Reduction of debt..... \$4,197.51

Assessment, \$4,745,645; county levy, \$1; producing, \$47,456.45.

Valuation of Property.

Horses, 6,715.....	\$220,452.00
Asses and jennies, 70.....	4,402.00
Mules, 2,805.....	133,290.00
Neat cattle, 14,763.....	186,908.00
Sheep, 6,951.....	9,325.00
Hogs, 47,144.....	102,877.00
Money and notes.....	659,003.00
Other property.....	<u>266,228.00</u>

May 1—A good rain, which was needed.*May 4*—May party at Daughters' College. Carrie Chiles elected Queen.

The Green Township Strip bonds decided void again by the Supreme Court of Missouri.

May 7—A terrific hail-storm near Farley.*May 12*—A heavy rain.

The fly is at work on the wheat.

May 14—Small-pox at Weston. Mrs. D. C. Kelly and a babe of Mrs. Gibbons died, and were buried by night.

May 17—Benton Gabbert, in the Advocate, calls for the formation of a Greenback Club June 1st. The meeting was held, and the club formed.

Rev. A. F. Smith succeeds W. H. Bohart as principal of the Camden Point Orphan School.

A. G. Smith is building a mill on Mission Creek, near Iatan.

A. G. Nugent opens a store in Platte City. He buys of J. E. Merryman his residence on Lots 7 and 8, Block 22, Platte City, and trades it to R. T. Darnall for stock in the Farmers' National Bank of Platte City, which soon fails, and Nugent loses heavily.

A bankrupt store opened in Platte City by Stephens & Moore.

May 24—Dr. Jas. A. Baldwin removes from Spring Hill, Kansas, and buys Dr. F. M. Johnson's residence in Block 36, Platte City.

May 29—The Plattsburg Methodist Episcopal South District Conference meets at Platte City; S. W. Atterberry presiding, with 14 preachers and 10 lay members in attendance.

May 30—Ascension Day. The Knights of Belt Commandery elect Jesse Miller E. C.

In the *Missouri Commercial* there are calls on T. F. Warner to run for county clerk, and on W. L. Stephens to run for the Legislature.

Topics—Small-pox in Weston. Flattering prospect for fruit. Harvest. The Greenback party. The void Green Township bonds.

JUNE.

June 1—Fatal tornado at Richmond, Mo.; several killed, and many injured; much destruction of property. Platte City held a meeting, and raised \$62.20 for relief.

Greenback party organized in Platte, and their principles promulgated.

Prof. J. D. Brown chosen principal of the public school of Platte City, in place of Elder A. F. Smith, who resigns to take the presidency of the Orphan School. Misses Colman and McCluer are assistants.

B. F. NEWHOUSE (i)

Dies at Weston. He was born in Indianapolis, Ind., January 22, 1819; married July 4, 1842, Elizabeth T. Gadberry; removed to Clinton County, Mo., in 1840, and thence to Weston in 1850. Mrs. Newhouse died May 22, 1852, and he married Mrs. Nancy Barcus, who still lives in St. Joseph. She had no children. By his first wife he had:

I. JOHN G. NEWHOUSE, b. in Clinton Co., Mo., April 11, 1844; m'd March 4, 1868, Lavinia E. Kenney, dr. of E. D. With his father, he engaged in the hardware and agricul-

tural implement business in Weston. He is still in the trade, and, by strict integrity, is prospering. Oh:

1. *Lula Newhouse*, m'd Nov. 12, 1888, L. B. Lake.

2. *William L. Newhouse*.

II. B. F. NEWHOUSE (ii), m'd Jan. 31, 1869, Julia Conner. They separated, and she is still living. He m'd 2d, Feb. 27, 1895, Rosa L. Morgan. They live in Weston.

June 3—The county court paid \$183 for a bridge over Styx River—cheap; but Charon's occupation's gone.

June 6—Commencement at the Orphan School. J. M. Sandusky makes an address. Principal W. H. Bohart closes his term, and Elder A. F. Smith succeeds. Graduates: Mollie Bainbridge, Viola Bradley, Lillie Handley, Effie Harper, Rachel Jackson, Susie McCreary, Alice Schofield, Mary Schrantz, Lizzie Webb, Ida Wood.

J. W. Coburn is called out for prosecuting attorney.

Rev. W. H. Penhallegon removes to Weston, but continues to preach at Platte City.

June 14—Harvest commences; grain good, but the yield small.

June 20—Commencement at Daughters' College. Elder J. B. McCleery makes the address. Graduates: Sallie Dillingham, Ella Handley, Lucy Haineline.

June 21—The *Advocate* has a call of 56 names on J. W. Anderson for representative.

June 22—A Democratic convention held at the court-house to appoint delegates to the State Convention.

The repudiation bubble has burst.

June 24—A grand Masonic display at Barry—laying the corner-stone of the hall of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 13.

June 26—Charles Staiber, a barber at Platte City, commits suicide by first cutting his throat, and then shooting himself in the head.

Col. John E. Pitt accepts a call to run for prosecuting attorney.

June 28—R. T. Darnall buys C. B. Hawley's stock of goods, and proceeds to sell at cost. W. C. Hatton salesman.

Topics—The utter failure of repudiation. Shall Platte City become a city of the fourth class? The calls for candidates.

JULY.

July 1—The Farmers' National Bank at Platte City declares a dividend of 10 per cent.

The Bank of Parkville reports deposits, \$7,648.38. The bank belongs to Jenkins and Flannery.

Benton Gabbert, Greenbacker, speaks at the court-house.

Cockrill & Co. report deposits, \$47,420.75.

The Missouri River is higher at St. Joseph than in 1844, but not so at Weston. At St. Joseph it is 17 1-3 feet above low water. At Kansas City it is 20 feet above. Much damage is done in the bottoms.

William Hudlin, aged 50, dies at Waldron.

July 4—The day observed at Farley. Col. John Doniphan made an oration at Weston. The Old Settlers reorganize by choosing Smith Calvert president. They were addressed by J. J. Hitt and Jesse Morin.

July 5—Dr. F. M. Johnson removes to Kansas City.

Judge S. A. Gilbert is appointed deputy insurance commissioner for the State.

Part of the county road from Beverly to the Missouri River bridge has been submerged by the Missouri River, and fears are entertained that the river will cut through the bottom, and leave the bridge to span a slough. The C., R. I. & P. Railway Company prevented further inroads of the river by rip-rapping.

New Market business men: Johnson & Moore (dry goods). H. L. Leavel (general merchandise), Bryant Bros. (general merchandise), Wm. Dysart, Dr. Moore, Dr. Middleton.

The county redeems \$4,500 of her funding bonds at 88 7-8 cents.

July 10—Mrs. Susan Merryman goes to St. Louis to join the family, all of whom are now in St. Louis.

E. H. Norton nominated by the Democratic State Convention for supreme judge.

July 11—Harry Beery, son of Noah W., aged 12, drowned in Platte River, below the falls.

July 14—Thermometer at 102 degrees.

Phil Rucker, while drunk, is run over by cars at Rialto, and killed.

Business men at Barry: Dan. Carpenter (postmaster and merchant), Wm. Downs (drugs), Drs. May and Reddish.

July 24—Democratic Congressional Convention at Liberty. H. L. Routt in the chair. Chandler, Cowan, Crip, Franklin, and Park are candidates. Our delegates were: R. T. Darnall, J. R. Handley, J. L. McCluer, F. M. McCormick, and B. L. May—all "Ring" men. After 220 ballots, John T. Crisp was pronounced the nominee. Great indignation was expressed in Platte, but the *Advocate* submitted for a time.

July 27—An effort is made, which is finally successful, to bring out Judge Sawyer, of Jackson County, as an independent candidate for Congress.

MARTIN M. BLAND.

Martin M. Bland died two miles above Weston. He was a son of Eli Bland and Sarah Anderson, and was born in Kentucky, December 5, 1816; married July 25, 1845, Mary Turner, daughter of Esq. William Turner, and born in Mayslick, Ky., July 7, 1825. Children:

- I. MARY BLAND, b. May 24, 1848; m'd in 1867, Jas. Baker; 4 children.
- II. ANNIE BLAND, m'd Jacob Benner. (See.)
- III. JOHN BLAND, b. Oct. 13, 1854; m'd Nov. 27, 1887, Sophronia Bozarth; children.
- IV. TILLIE BLAND, b. Nov. 13, 1858; m'd June 1, 1882, William Brown. Ch:
 1. *Bonifant C. Brown*, b. May 11, 1885.
 2. *Annie E. Brown*, b. Sept. 6, 1887.
- V. ELLEN J. BLAND, b. July 10, 1861; m'd in 1882 Jeff D. Turner, son of Lewis, and grandson of William.
- VI. ROBERT L. BLAND, b. June 1, 1870.

MAHALA P. BLAND

Was a sister of Martin M. Bland, and was born June 17, 1821; married August 19, 1839, in Tennessee, A. Kirkpatrick, born January 24, 1817, son of Samuel Kirkpatrick and Jane Steele. They came in 1841, and settled near Bean's Lake. Mr. Kirkpatrick is a man of energy and business qualifications. Though now nearly fourscore, he is still vigorous and active, and deeply concerned with the affairs of life. Ch:

- I. JAMES M. KIRKPATRICK, was killed in the war.
- II. WM. H. KIRKPATRICK, m'd Mary Rambo. Ch:
 1. *Ora* (a boy). 2. *Dora Kirkpatrick*. 3. *Mahala*.
- III. MANITIA ELLEN KIRKPATRICK, m'd Wm. M. Butler; no children.
- IV. MARY E. KIRKPATRICK, m'd Louis Nep. Stephens. (See.) Children:
 1. *Alf. Stephens*. 2. *Cora*. 3. *Nee* (boy). 4. *Harvey*.
 5. *Lucy*.
- V. LOU. KIRKPATRICK, m'd William Manley. Ch:
 1. *Martha*. 2. *Rose*. 3. *Gee* (boy). 4. *Minnie*.
- VI. ADA L. KIRKPATRICK, m'd Robert Kirkpatrick, son of Wallace. Ch:
 1. *Clara*. 2. *Maude*. 3. *Ettie*. 4. *Hattie*. 5. *Wallace*.
- VII. MARGARET (MINNIE) m'd A. M. Anderson, of DeKalb County. Ch:
 1. *Emmet Anderson*. 2. *Elmer* (boy).
- VIII. JOHN D. KIRKPATRICK.

July 29—Eclipse of the sun—seven-eighths obscured.

Topics—The good and heavy rains throughout July. Scarcity of winter apples. Average of wheat, 15 bushels to the acre. The nomination of Crisp. Will Sawyer run? The "Ring" are for Crisp, and "Soreheads" for Sawyer. The contest will be warm.

AUGUST.

Aug. 3—The Mastin Bank at Kansas City fails. It was one of the banks that State Treasurer Gates had made his depositories. The failure creates intense excitement, and is used against Crisp.

Aug. 5—J. T. Crisp speaks at the court-house to an excited throng.

Aug. 6—H. C. Bond resigns as station agent at Tracy, and J. S. Cope takes his place.

Aug. 7—Clark & Link's steam saw-mill on Smith's Fork blows up, and Clark is killed.

Aug. 8—The Weston Savings Bank, I. P. Cartwright, cashier, makes an assignment to J. M. Railey.

The channel of the Missouri River at Weston returns to the east side of the island; and boats land at the wharf.

Aug. 9—Jeff J. Park sells his farm, four miles east of Platte City, to Marion P. Collins and W. Chestnut, and moves to Kansas.

The booths on the fair grounds brought \$837.50.

DAVID STAPLES.

Aug. 11—David Staples shoots himself. He was a son of Abner Staples, of Mount Vernon County, Ohio, and his mother was Mary Oar, daughter of William. He was a soldier in the 16th Kansas in the war. He came to Platte in 1844, and settled near Parkville. He married, first, September 25, 1845, Elizabeth Fugate. She died, and he married, second, Amanda J. Ellis, daughter of John. Children of second wife:

- I. MARY ANN STAPLES, m'd Thomas Keller; 4 children; live at Medicine Lodge, Kan.
- II. ELIZABETH STAPLES, dead; m'd Anderson Cockrael. Ch:
 1. *Bertha Cockrael.* 2. *Lillie.*
- III. SARAH STAPLES, m'd June 23, 1865, Wm. E. Burruss, b. Oct. 5, 1846, son of Bluford Burruss and Nancy Tally. Children:
 1. *Jane Burruss*, m'd William Heavelow.
 2. *Melthena Burruss*, m'd Brutus Berry. (See.)
 3. *Ida.* 4. *Jesse Burruss.* 5. *Levi.* 6. *Albert.*
 7. *Marion.* 8. *Lizzie.* 9. *Harry.*
- IV. CHARLES H. STAPLES, b. May 14, 1856; m'd Dec. 26, 1875, Laura Beckley (see), from whom he was divorced. Ch:
 1. *Ida Staples*, m'd Wm. Holmes. 2. *Belle.* 3. *William.*
 4. *Mary.*
- V. RHODA STAPLES, m'd in 1891 Wm. Bowman, dead. She lives in Kansas City.
- VI. ABRAM L. STAPLES, m'd 1st, Feb. 10, 1882, Cassie Emmer son. She died, leaving:
 1. *Sadie.*

Mr. Staples then m'd 2d, in 1891, Belle McClary, dr. of James.

Aug. 16—Good rains put the ground in order for the plow.

Judge Sawyer accepts the call, and is announced as a candidate for Congress, against Crisp. Now the war commences. Cockrell, editor of the *Advocate*, hesitated which side to take; but the stockholders of the paper were unanimous for Sawyer, and appointed a committee to control the paper throughout the canvass. The *Landmark* and *Commercial* were for Crisp.

Aug. 18—Elder B. Waller is employed by the Christian Church to preach for them, at Platte City.

Aug. 23—Crisp speaks at Platte City; the 24th, at Parkville, and Sawyer at Weston.

ESQ. WILLIAM TURNER.

Aug. 24—William Turner died near Iatan. His parents were Lewis Turner and Sarah Martin. He was born near Richmond, Va., in 1797; removed to Mayslick, Ky., and married, in 1823, Margaret McAdow, daughter of John, who was mother of all his children. In October, 1840, he followed his wife's kindred, and settled among them, near Iatan. For many years he was an honored magistrate. His wife died in 1859, leaving:

- I. LEWIS TURNER, b. in Mason County, Ky., Aug. 25, 1824; m'd in 1850 Elizabeth Douglas; 9 children.
 - II. MARY TURNER, b. July 7, 1825; m'd M. M. Bland. (See.)
 - III. JOHN TURNER, b. in 1827; m'd Mary Wright.
 - IV. SARAH TURNER, b. in 1829; m'd 1st, in 1849, Whiteman Elliott, who died in 1851, and she m'd 2d, in 1853, James Douglas; 5 children.
 - V. HENRY C. TURNER, b. Nov. 3, 1831; m'd Feb. 24, 1870, Missouri T. Brown. He was a teamster in the Mexican War, went overland to California, labored in the mines for ten years, served under Lieutenant Wm. Marshall in his explorations of the Rocky Mountains, returned in 1869 to Leavenworth, opened a store at Settle's Station in 1877 and was the first postmaster there; and after two years he went upon a farm. He is a man of sense and experience, a Knight Templar, and an excellent citizen. Ch:
1. *James Turner.* 2. *Nellie.* 3. *William.*
 - VI. MARGARET TURNER, b. in 1833; m'd in 1857 James McDaniel; 1 child.
 - VII. WILLIAM TURNER, b. in 1836; m'd Mary Squires.
- Mrs. Margaret Turner died in 1859, and Esq. William Turner married, second, in 1869, Mary Staggs, who died, childless, in 1871. He married, third, in 1872, Lucinda Wymer (see), who survived him, married Isaac Hon (see), and died childless.

Aug. 27—Temperature 101 degrees, and politics hotter.

Colonel Crisp spoke at Camden Point.

Topics—Crisp and Sawyer, and the vast crowds that gather to hear them. Lavish use of money—men employed to shout and cheer. The Richmond tornado. Shall the Democrats have a primary? Bank failures. The danger that the Leavenworth bridge be left inland. Fruit abundant and cheap, except winter apples.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—The Fair—Admittance, 50 cents; receipts, \$4,241.94; expenses, \$3,764.09.

Sept. 6—The stores of Dr. Moore and S. H. Bryant robbed, in New Market. Sawyer speaks at Platte City.

Sept. 7—The Orphan School, A. F. Smith principal, open; with 60 scholars.

Dr. C. C. Kemper opens an office at Platte City.

Sawyer's appointments: Barry the 24th, Smithville the 25th, Parkville the 27th, and Waldron the 28th.

At the fair Charles De Wolf rode 25 miles in 1 hour and 17 minutes, using 16 horses. He displayed his dexterity and horsemanship by lassoing a buffalo.

Papers for Crisp in the District: *Kansas City Times*, *Weston Commercial*, *Dispatch*, *Harrisonville Times*, *Tribune*, *Landmark*. For Sawyer: *Kansas City Journal*, *Mail*, *Independence Sentinel*, *Courier*, *Platte County Advocate*.

JAMES WELCH.

Sept. 10—James Welch, aged 93, died in Marshall Township. He was a soldier of the War of 1812. Ch:

I. WILLIAM WELCH, died leaving:

1. *S. J.* 2. *Belton*. 3. *Delia*. 4. *W. H.* 5. *Effie*.
6. *Mary*.

II. PATSY HALL. III. GARRET WELCH.

IV. BETTIE MORRISON. V. JAMES. VI. JESSE.

VII. JOHN. VIII. MARY KURNS.

Sept. 16—Circuit court, Judge Dunn presiding. Attorneys from abroad: Jeff. Chandler, John Doniphan, Alex. Davis, J. E. Merryman, T. J. Porter, J. H. Shanklin, Thos. Thoroughman, B. R. Vineyard, Silas Woodson. The Corby will case, involving \$200,000, is set for trial. The jury compromised, sustaining the will, but declaring the codicil void.

DR. JOHN JACKSON

Sept. 17—Dr. John Jackson died at his home near Beverly. He was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1807; came to Platte in 1844, and practiced medicine in his neighborhood. He married Charlotte Burgess, who survived him. Ch:

I. GEO. A. JACKSON, b. Nov. 9, 1844; m'd Nov. 15, 1882, Harriet Patton. Ch:

1. *Gertie*.

II. FRED J. JACKSON, b. Nov. 1, 1850; m'd April 30, 1877, Minnie De May. Ch:

1. *Clemmie.*

Sept. 20—Dr. G. W. Field, of New Market, buys the Smith Adams farm, two miles east of Platte City, and moves upon it.

Sept. 23—The Farmers' National Bank of Platte City failed. Its nominal capital was \$50,000. Bank Examiner H. B. Cullum, took charge of the assets, and, after settling all debts, divided 18 per cent to stockholders. This bank and the Weston Savings Bank, the Mastin Bank, the Bank of the State of Missouri, and the Bank of St. Joseph (Burnes) were for Crisp, and some were the depositories or sureties of the State treasurer, Gates. All these banks, except the last, failed. They were the financial props of Crisp, and their embarrassment produced consternation. But the Burnes bank was sound, and James N. Burnes was the most brilliant financier the State has ever produced. The other sureties proceeded to put their property out of their hands, and to leave Treasurer Gates to his fate. But Col. Burnes rose superior to his disaster, bought up the assets of the defunct Bank of Missouri and of the Mastin Bank, and not only paid every dollar due the State and satisfied the treasurer's bond, but, it is said, made \$100,000 in the operation. But this was too late to save Crisp.

Sept. 30—The late rise in the Missouri washed in much land on the route from Beverly to the Missouri River bridge, and the Government and the Rock Island Railroad are rip-rapping the shore to prevent the river from breaking through the bottom east of the bridge.

Topics—The Congressional election. Crisp and Sawyer. Yellow fever at Vicksburg. Broken banks. Will Treasurer Gates be able to pay the State the public money? The heroism of J. N. Burnes.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—Appointments for public speaking every day. W. C. Wells, candidate for representative, publishes his appointments.

Oct. 11—Donation party to Rev. Chas. Babcock at Parkville.

Oct. 12—John M. Harris' house burned.

Rev. T. R. Valliant commenced preaching to the Episcopal Church at Weston. They give him a donation party on the 19th.

REV. JOSEPH DEVLIN.

Oct. 19—Rev. Joseph Devlin died. He was born in Sussex County, Del., in 1811. His father was a Catholic, and his mother an Episcopalian. After running a wool factory for some years, his father removed to Michigan in 1836. Here Joseph was, in 1837, licensed to preach by a Methodist Episcopal conference. He came to Missouri in 1840. His ministry was confined to north-

west Missouri, and no man was better known or more beloved. His faith was unwavering, and his earnestness bore abundant fruit. He was the spiritual father of thousands. His circuits, in part, were as follows: Platte City, 1854, 1870; Plattsburg, 1845, 1846, 1857, 1858, 1871, 1872; Cravensville, 1847-8; Richmond, 1849-50, 1859-60; Carrollton, 1851-2, 1866-7-8; Savannah, 1855-6; Millville, 1861-2; Springhill, 1864-5; Liberty, 1873-4; New Market, 1875-6; Haynesville, 1877-8.

In 1863 he was supernumerary. Platte City held memorial services in his honor, at which I read a poem written to his beloved name. His zeal was unbounded, his faith heroic, his labor untiring, and his reward glorious. His daughter, Ella M. (dead), married November 30, 1869, Rev. D. F. Bone.

NOVEMBER.

ELECTION.

Supreme Judge—E. H. Norton, 2,696.

Congressman—S. L. Sawyer, 1,818; I. T. Crisp, 1,497.

Representative—W. C. Wells, 1,094; P. Thomas, 987.

Circuit Clerk—R. L. Waller, 1,699; J. J. Blakley, 1,248.

County Clerk—T. F. Warner, 1,188; J. H. Chinn, 1,087.

Collector—E. C. Cockrill, 2,390; James Wallace, 1,132.

Sheriff—W. H. Hunt, 2,111; E. Dillingham, 1,469.

Treasurer—J. F. Flannery, 889; Jas. Adkins, 684; A. Kurtz, 656.

Prosecuting Attorney—Jas. Coburn, 1,196; J. E. Pitt, 1,216; J. L. Carmack, 1,153.

Coroner—Jos. Coons, 1,143; W. P. Brightwell, 931.

County Judge, J. S. Owens, 1,805; J. N. Boydston, 1,732.

County Judge (East District)—W. Chesnut, 1,033; B. Rule, 477.

County Judge (West District)—D. J. Thorp, 1,110; M. Harrington, 699.

Assessor—J. T. Owens, 1,264; D. Clements, 900.

The vote was against a poll tax for school purposes.

Sawyer's majority in the district, 810.

Nov. 5—Geo. Worth shot in a mêlée at Edgerton. He was a son of E. B. Worth, who erected a tombstone for his son, inscribed, "Murdered by J. W. Wade and Wm. Shafer." Wade and Shafer sued Worth for libel, and the suit caused intense excitement until settled by a compromise.

Nov. 10—James N. and Cal. F. Burnes buy the assets of the defunct National Bank of Missouri, paying \$336,497 for them. The Burneses were sureties on Treasurer Gates' bond, and to save themselves, the purchase was made.

Nov. 14—JOHN McCLOSKEY having died, Jesse Broadhead administered. He left one child, Lawrence McClosky.

J. L. Moore's house on Lot 7, Block 23, Platte City, is complete. Walnut timber is still leaving Platte.

Nov. 19—The \$50,000 of bonds issued by the city of Weston to the W. & A. Railroad are decided to be void.

The town of Platte City lays a rough stone pavement on the west side of the public square.

Nov. 23—Metzger & Hamm, millers at Tracy, assign their property to T. R. Darnall. Liabilities, \$27,000; some preferred debts paid, all other debts lost.

The *Landmark* disavows repudiation.

Nov. 30—The Tontine held their annual meeting at Masonic Hall, Platte City. Present: N. B. Anderson, S. A. Gilbert, W. H. Hunt, Thos. Jenkins, I. P. Cartwright, T. W. Park, F. M. Tufts. Absent: G. W. Belt and F. M. Johnson. B. W. Gilbert died.

James McKern's house burned in Platte City.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 2—The Patrons of Husbandry denounce Treasurer Darnall, and want to see his books.

Dec. 6—Snow 18 inches, which lasts into January.

Dec. 10—At the "big hunt" between the Blacks and the Reds, the former are victors by 163 points to 155. Kiefer prepares the supper.

Dec. 13—W. H. Metson, tenant of Chas. Clarke, while drunk, froze to death.

Dec. 20—Donation party to Rev. W. C. Campbell at Platte City.

L. Recht, jeweler at Platte City, has remodelled and improved his store and dwelling.

The Methodists have the only regular preaching in Platte City.

WILLIAM S. RULE

Dec. 22—William S. Rule died at his home near Linkville. He was born in Bourbon County, Ky., October 3, 1793. He married, first, Maria Bates, daughter of Warren. Ch:

I. BOLIVAR GARRET RULE, b. in Bourbon Co., Ky., Oct. 2, 1825; d. in Platte Nov. 28, 1888; m'd in Nov., 1844, Eliza M. Wills, dr. of Arch. and Nancy Wills. Bolivar was a man of sound judgment and integrity, was highly esteemed by his neighbors, and by them pressed for office. Ch:

1. *Nancy Rule*, m'd April 18, 1867, John A. Marshall. Ch: [*a*] James Marshall; [*b*] Garret; [*c*] Alex.; [*d*] Anna. They have removed to Crawford County, Kansas.

2. *James W. Rule*, b. Feb. 8, 1859; m'd Sept. 6, 1876, Fannie Justus, dr. of Elijah. Ch: [^a] Ann Rule, b. March 25, 1883; [^b] William Rule, b. March 9, 1885; [^c] Charles, b. Oct. 24, 1889.
 3. *Ann Maria Rule*, dead; m'd March 6, 1868, Geo. Venrick. They lived in Neosho Co., Kansas. Children.
 4. *Arch. R. Rule*.
 5. *Wallace L. Rule* (ii), b. Feb. 26, 1857; m'd Sept. 17, 1884, Ida Fox. Ch: [^a] Geo. Rule; [^b] Arch.; [^c] Lizzie; [^d] John B.
 6. *Zena Rule*, m'd Jos. Hudson.
 7. *America Rule*, m'd Dec. 3, 1873, H. D. Miller. Ch: [^a] Wallace; [^b] Garret Miller.
 8. *Lizzie Rule*, m'd Nov. 17, 1881, F. Strother Wilson. Ch: [^a] Norvel Wilson; [^b] Hattie; [^c] Lena.
 9. *Bolivar L. Rule*, m'd Feb. 11, 1890, Susan Yates.
- II. AMERICA RULE, m'd John P. Srite. (See.)
- III. WALLACE L. RULE (i), b. June 4, 1836; m'd Dec. 1, 1870, Lucy A. Spencer, b. Jan. 11, 1845, dr. of Hiram. He died in Dec., 1889, leaving:
1. *Lena Rule*, b. Jan. 22, 1872.
 2. *Wm. H. Rule*, b. Nov. 10, 1873.
 3. *Ernest M.*, b. July 8, 1876.
 4. *Wallace* (iii), b. April 25, 1881.
- IV. MOLLIE RULE, m'd Tony Hon. She died, leaving:
1. *Samuel*. 2. *Mollie Hon*. 3. *Willie*. 4. *Anna*.

Dec. 24—Christmas observed at Second Creek with a tree.

At Platte City all the schools met at the Christian church for a treat. W. M. Paxton wrote for the occasion "What's in Those Sacks?" which was recited by Floy Darnall.

Mrs. SUE MORGAN, née Ross, died in Texas. She was born in Platte in 1845, and educated by Prof. H. B. Todd. Her mother was a daughter of Arch. Stewart. (See.) She first married a Reneau, and then, December 12, 1876, Silas Dudley Morgan. Reneau left two children, one of whom died young.

Good sleighing.

Dec. 28—Platte County Teachers' Association formed at Platte City.

The *Advocate* contains the reply of Jas. Adkins to the charges and insinuations of the *Landmark*. Also an account of the trial, in Kentucky, of H. Clay Magee, for killing Metcalfe.

MARRIAGES IN 1878 NOT ELSEWHERE RECORDED.

February 1—Archie Dick married Lizzie M. Butt.

February 27—John Pepper married Ellie McMillan.

March 14—Charles F. Ginter married Misso McCall.

March 20—J. W. Dyer married Mary R. Anderson.

June 1—Joel A. Noland married Martha E. Brown.

July 19—Hartman Schneider married Mary Simmons.

October 9—S. B. Keller married Emma Boyd.

1879.

OFFICERS.

Governor, J. S. Phelps; Congressman, S. L. Sawyer; State Senator, R. P. C. Wilson; Representative, W. C. Wells; Prosecuting Attorney, J. E. Pitt; County Justices, Owens, Chesnut, Thorp; Circuit Judge, G. W. Dunn; County Clerk, T. F. Warner; Circuit Clerk, R. L. Waller; Collector, E. C. Cockrill; Sheriff, W. H. Hunt; Treasurer, Jas. F. Flannery; Assessor, John T. Owens; Coroner, Jos. Coons; Public Administrator, W. F. Yocom; Surveyor, W. V. Slone; Superintendent of Schools, W. A. Bowen.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Carmack, Forman, Norton, Paxton, Pitt, Wells, Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Coffey, Guthrie, Kemper, McDonald, Smith, Spencer.

Merchants, etc.—Basye, Clemings, A. J., T. H., & H. C. Colman, Ellifrit, English, Hatton, Jenkins, Kiefer, Krause, Kurtz (postmaster), Lutes, Mason & Flannery, Mattox, Meads, Morin, Nugent, Recht, Smith, Swain, Wills, Young, Zarn.

Lodges—Zerubbabel, No. 191, H. C. Bond, W. M.; Chapter No. 21, N. B. Anderson, H. P.; Belt Commandery, No. 9, Jesse Miller, E. C.; Nebraska, No. 12, F. Krause, N. G.

Newspapers—The *Advocate*, J. M. Cockrell editor; the *Landmark*, T. W. Park editor.

Daughters' College—F. G. Gaylord president; public school, J. D. Brown principal, Colman and McCluer assistants.

Preachers—W. C. Campbell (M. E.), G. W. Everett (Bap.), W. Matthews (Chris.), W. H. Penhallegon (Pres.).

Fair—McCormick president, Smith secretary.

Bank—Cockrill & Co.

At Weston: Attorneys—Coburn, Doniphan, Guthrie, Hitt.

Physicians—Bonifant, Martin, Price, Shortridge.

Merchants, etc.—Briggs, Doppler, Evans, Holliday, Hamm, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Keller, Magers, Mundy, Newhouse, Noble, Price (postmaster), Raileys, Rohring, Ringo, Schenkner, Schmidt, Shindler, Siler, Steele.

At Parkville: Ashby, Bueneman (postmaster), Campbell, Dziubon, Kahm, Luthy, McDonald, Mitchell, Moore, Nash, Pack, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld, Wood.

Preachers—C. Babcock (M. E.), J. A. McAfee (Pres.).

Bank—J. B. Flannery cashier.

At Camden Point: Prof. A. F. Smith (president), Duncan, Herndon, Morton, Ewing (postmaster), Parrish, Tanner, Wood. Masonic Lodge, Ewing, W. M.

At East Leavenworth: C. L. Banning.

At Edgerton: Doke, Handley, Jones, Shafer, Worth.
At Farley: Holt, Meyer (postmaster), Oliver, and Weisse.
 Fidelity Lodge, Alex. Ireland, W. M.
At Hampton: Funk, Bledsoe.
At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).
At Linkville: Thos. Slaughter (postmaster).
At New Market: Johnson (postmaster), Bryant, Dysart,
 Leavel, Middleton, Wilson.
At Ridgely: Chrisman (postmaster), Gustin, Robinson.
At Tracy: Chinn, Davis, Clements, Jones.
At Waldron: Hawkins, Holt, McCormick, Scott (postmaster),
 Waldrons, Flynn.

PRICES.

County bonds and warrants, 99 cents; Mexican dollars, 80 cents; butter, 15 cents; coffee, 20 cents; corn, 50 cents; eggs, 8 cents; flour, \$2.50; potatoes, 40 cents; salt, \$1.50; ham, 9 cents; wheat, 80 cents.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Files of the *Advocate* and *Landmark* are full, the *Commercial* two-thirds full, for the year.

Henry Wagle killed two otters in Platte River.

Fine sleighing—good ice.

Mason & Swain go out of business.

Deposits: Cockrill & Co., \$70,281; Parkville, \$7,617.48; Railey & Bro., \$66,738.45.

JOHN WOOD having died, J. T. Wood administers. Bond, \$500. Ch: 1, John T. Wood; 2, William; 3, Mary; 4, Barbara; 5, Nancy A. Wood; 6, Andrew; 7, Sarah.

Jan. 2—Temperature 2° below zero, and yet the collector's office is crowded with taxpayers.

The *Landmark* is at war with Col. J. E. Pitt over printing tickets for the late election.

James Coburn advertises his "Abstract of Titles" as complete.

Jan. 6—The new county court (Owens president, Chesnut and Thorp associates) organizes, after qualifying.

Jan. 10—Gen. Jeff. Williams died in Richmond, Ky. Born in Woodford County in 1801, removed to Madison County; married Cynthia Snoddy, who died November 13, 1866. They came to Platte in 1855, bought land two miles west of Platte City. He was the first president of the Platte County Agricultural and Mechanical Association, and at the beginning of the war returned to Kentucky. No children.

Exceedingly dry; wells and cisterns failing; hauling water from the rivers.

Jan. 16—The Burruss school-house burned.

Jan. 17—All outstanding county warrants ordered to be paid interest stopped.

Jan. 20—Henry Meads, coasting on Third Street, Platte City, sprained his ankle, and was made permanently lame.

Anderson & Carmack form a partnership as lawyers at Platte City.

JAMES W. CHRISTY.

Jan. 21—James W. Christy died at his home a mile south of Platte City. He was a son of John H. Christy and Hannah Whaley, and was born in Georgetown, Ky., March 10, 1800; married August 28, 1828, Elizabeth Nichols, born in Winchester, Ky., November 30, 1810; died in Platte June 15, 1884. After pursuing various business enterprises in Kentucky, Mr. Christy came, in 1842, to Platte, and settled on the farm where he died. Besides farming, Mr. Christy, for a number of years prior to and during the war, ran a light wagon for freight and passengers, three times a week, between Platte City and Leavenworth. But, in 1865, he became totally blind, and seldom left home, except to attend, every Sabbath, the stated meeting of the Christian Church, of which he was a devoted member. His unwavering faith, burning zeal, and exemplary deportment were read and honored by all. He was always found on the front seat at church. I could but admire his constancy, when, every Sabbath morn, he passed my door on horseback on his way to church. Though perfectly blind, his faith was true even in his horse. In his infirmity he was surrounded with friends. I knew him from the day he set foot in Platte, and admired and loved him for his virtues, and I still love his noble children. They do honor to his name. Ch:

I. WILLIAM T. CHRISTY, b. in Scott Co., Ky., Nov. 24, 1829; m'd Nov. 2, 1860, Ellen A. Mormon. They live in Clay.

II. MARY A. CHRISTY, b. March 10, 1833; d. Oct. 6, 1868; m'd Dec. 25, 1852, John H. Berryman. He died in Nov., 1866. Children:

1. *Bettie Berryman.*

2. *Sophronia*, m'd Oct. 19, 1886, Willie T. Moore, b. July 29, 1861, son of James L. (See.)

III. NANNIE H. CHRISTY, b. Jan. 7, 1835; m'd Dec. 2, 1855, E. O. Waller, b. Aug. 23, 1831, son of Hiram. (See.) Mr. Waller is one of the solid men of Platte. To intelligence he adds enterprise and industry, which have brought him wealth and influence. As a citizen, he is honored. He lives two miles east of Platte City, and is an elder in the Christian Church, to which he gives a zealous adherence and a liberal support. Mrs. Waller is a noble Christian woman. They have but one child:

1. *Richard L. Waller* (ii), m'd Nov. 24, 1891, the lovely Lou Tatman.

IV. LIZZIE F. CHRISTY, b. Nov. 11, 1839; d. June 30, 1864; m'd May 10, 1863, Fred Krause. (See.) No children.

V. LUANNA CHRISTY, b. June 17, 1848; m'd Dec. 15, 1875, Henry C. Mann. (See.) They live now two miles north of Platte City.

VI. SUE H. CHRISTY, b. Feb. 16, 1846; m'd March 16, 1870, Thomas Braxton George, b. in Virginia Aug. 4, 1841, son of Peyton George and Aletha Carson. He entered Stonewall Jackson's brigade, and was with him at the first Bull Run fight. He is a brother of E. R. George and Dudley George, and came to Platte after the war. He is a man of business qualifications, and a courteous old Virginia gentleman. The family live on the old Christy farm, a mile south of Platte City, and inherit and adorn the Christian faith of their ancestor. Oh:

1. *Miriam George.* 2. *Pearl Virginia.* 3. *Rufus W.*
4. *Cloude.*

Jan. 25—A long controversy has been raging between T. W. Park and W. M. Paxton, which exhausted itself, and peace is restored.

Jan. 29—The lunatic asylum at St. Joseph burned.

FEBRUARY.

THE MARTIN FAMILY.

Feb. 8—ANDREW THOMPSON, died. He was born in Virginia in 1806; married December 26, 1833, Nancy Coleman. After his death, she married, second, December 11, 1879, John T. Martin, whose lineage is as follows:

1. John and Priscilla Martin lived in Virginia. Their son,
2. Beniah Martin, was born December 10, 1742; died October 10, 1777; married Margaret Manning, born December 20, 1746. Their son,

3. Jephtha Martin, born in Virginia April 12, 1767; married September 6, 1792, Allie Williamson, born March 3, 1776. Their son,

4. John T. Martin, born in Berkeley County, Va., Feb. 16, 1807; came to Platte in 1837, and settled in Marshall Township; married July 5, 1832, Eliza Coleman, who died January 29, 1879. He married, second, December 11, 1879, Nancy Thompson, widow of Andrew, and sister of his first wife. No children by his second wife. Children by first wife:

- I. MARY E. MARTIN, m'd Brown.

- II. JEPHTHA J. MARTIN. III. WILLIAM.
- IV. JAMES A. MARTIN.

- V. NANCY M., m'd a Dunlap, and died.

- VI. JASPER MARTIN. VII. WINFIELD MARTIN.

- VIII. OLLIE MARTIN, m'd P. Loller, son of Levi.

Feb. 9—The court-house is insured at \$30,000 for 3 years, at \$600.

Feb. 12—Robert Edwards sells his house in Platte City to A. J. Colman, and goes to Nevada; but is not pleased, and returns.

Middleton Babcock opens a ledge of coal on his farm near Waldron, and the article is pronounced good, and it is thought to be worth working. Though there is much excitement, nothing comes of it.

Feb. 17—Mit Johnston, William Hartman, and Walker Sprague leave for Leadville.

H. C. Bond sells his dwelling on Lot 11, Block 22, Platte City, to Harvey Baker for \$825, and leaves for northeast Missouri.

Feb. 19—Leonard Metzger died at Platte City. He owned half the steam mills at Tracy, and broke up in 1878.

ISRAEL LINK.

Feb. 25—Israel Link died at Linkville. He was a son of Jacob Link and Elizabeth Greger. The family came from Maryland to Bourbon County, Ky., where Israel was born March 4, 1803, and married March 16, 1826, Elizabeth C. Hufford, of Scott County, Ky., who was born March 15, 1803. She died in Platte October 15, 1872. They came to Clay in 1840, and in 1842 settled on the farm on Second Creek, where he died. I was intimate with Mr. and Mrs. Link from the day they settled in Platte. I never had a better neighbor than Mr. Link, nor knew a more generous, upright, or honorable citizen. Ch:

I. DAVID JACOB LINK, b. in Bourbon Co., Ky., Feb. 28, 1827; d. on his farm, near Linkville, Aug. 5, 1892; m'd 1st, Nov. 23, 1847, Matilda E. Lampton, b. March 11, 1830; d. Aug. 24, 1875, dr. of Benj. Lampton. (See.) Mr. Link was a Christian gentleman of sincere piety and undoubted integrity. He entered the Confederate service at the first call and served to the end. He was possessed of superior intelligence, and his genial good nature made him an agreeable companion. A master Mason, he delighted in the work of the craft. In 1885 his health failed and he accepted the Federal office of Farmer and went west to instruct the Indians in agriculture. After a year's trial of western climate, he found his health still declining, and returned home to find a grave among his kindred. Ch:

1. *Elizabeth Link*, m'd Feb. 18, 1868, George Jameson. They live in California.
2. *Ben Link*, m'd Feb. 11, 1882, Lizzie V. Hufford, d. Sept. 8, 1894, dr. of Alfred. Ch: [a] Lillie.
3. *Lottie E. Link*, m'd Feb. 16, 1879, John Hartley.
4. *Eli L. Link*.

Mr. J. D. Link m'd 2d, Dec. 14, 1877, Mrs. Emma Richardson, widow of Dr. Alonzo M. Richardson, and dr. of Jesse Summers. (See.) She had no child by Mr. Link. Her daughter, Elizabeth Richardson, m'd Willard Baldwin.

(See.) Mrs. Emma Link still lives and brightens the homesteads of her kindred.

- II. SARAH E. LINK, b. March 7, 1833; m'd 1st, J. M. Kuykendall (see), and m'd 2d, P. N. Cumberland. (See.)
- III. ELI JACKSON LINK, b. in Bourbon Co., Ky., Sept. 25, 1829; m'd June 24, 1852, Elizabeth F. Spicer, dr. of Hiram. Mr. Link is an enterprising farmer and stock-raiser with a good farm near Linkville. He was among the first to take up arms for the South, and was wounded at the siege of Lexington. Ch:
 - 1. *Israel Link*, b. Dec. 30, 1853.
 - 2. *Isadore*, b. May 9, 1855.
 - 3. *Virginia A. Link*, b. Oct. 18, 1856.
 - 4. *Emmet*, b. Dec. 24, 1857.
 - 5. *John W. Link*, b. June 18, 1859; m'd Dec. 11, 1891, Nellie Coons.
 - 6. *Jeff.*, b. Feb. 18, 1860.
 - 7. *David A. Link*, b. May 19, 1869.
 - 8. *Mary Jane*, b. Sept. 29, 1871; m'd Feb. 19, 1889, Chas. Grover.

Feb. 25—PETER SENIOR having died, Thos. Quinn administered. Bond, \$2,000. He was a crabbed old bachelor, and left his estate, a fine quarter-section of land four miles north of Platte City, to a prodigal nephew, who got through with it in a year.

JAMES PEED.

James Peed was born in Fleming County, Ky., September 15, 1812, came to Platte in 1855, and died on his farm near Parkville March 14, 1879. He married, in Kentucky, November 7, 1849, Madaline A. Henderson. She yet lives. Mr. Peed was a worthy citizen, and much esteemed. Ch:

- I. CORNELIUS PEED, b. in Kentucky Oct. 9, 1850.
- II. JAMES A. PEED, b. May 4, 1854.
- III. ALICE V. PEED, b. June 14, 1858; m'd Oct. 5, 1881, John A. Baldwin. (See.)
- IV. LIZZIE M. PEED, b. Aug. 1, 1861.
- V. WILLIAM H. PEED, b. Jan. 25, 1867.
- VI. MATTIE L. PEED, b. March 15, 1872; m'd Aug. 21, 1895, Walter Higgins.

Feb. 26—An interesting meeting in Weston, under the preaching of Rev. W. C. Campbell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, resulted in 16 additions.

Feb. 28—JOHN W. MITCHELL having died, his widow, Pattie, administered. Bond, \$4,000. Ch: 1, Hattie B. Mitchell; 2, Mary B.; 3, Carrie L.; 4, Alex. R.; 5, Julia Mitchell.

Farmers commence plowing.

MARCH.

March 1—Sleet.

The Murphy temperance movement is progressing at Barry, under Carpenter, Dooley, Samuel, and Barnes.

Dr. G. W. Field sells out publicly at New Market, preparatory to his removal to Platte City.

*March 3—*The Patrons of Husbandry recommend the Stock Law.

John R. Swain, by authority of the county court, sets out maple-trees on Main Street in front of the public square at Platte City.

*March 7—*H. B. Cullum, bank examiner, sells the banking-house of the Farmers' National Bank of Platte City, on Lot 1, Block 29, to E. J. Miller, for \$4,500, and makes a dividend to stockholders of 5 per cent, but in the end stockholders realize 18 per cent on their stock. S. C. Woodson is selected as trustee to wind up the concern.

Scarlet fever in Platte City.

Dry—so that water is hauled.

JACKSON P. VERMILLION.

*March 10—*Jackson P. Vermillion dies at home, four miles east of Platte City. He was a son of John Vermillion and Mary Newman, and born in Bracken County, Ky., December 6, 1817; married October 15, 1841, Mrs. Serena Mefford, née Ankrom, born October 15, 1818, in West Virginia, and yet living at Edgerton. Mr. Vermillion was a farmer, and an intelligent and genial gentleman. He held the office of justice of the peace for several terms, and was highly esteemed. Ch:

- I. A. W. VERMILLION, b. March 21, 1843; m'd June 28, 1866, Emma Alvis. (See.)
- II. MARCUS L. VERMILLION, b. June 3, 1855.
- III. TAYLOR J. VERMILLION, b. Feb. 10, 1847; dead; married; 4 children.
- IV. CELESTIA ANN VERMILLION, b. Jan. 2, 1849; m'd Eli Young; 6 children.
- V. JOHN L. VERMILLION, b. Jan. 19, 1851; m'd Dec. 24, 1873, Mary S. Lutes, d. July 3, 1895; 2 children.
- VI. MARY ELLEN VERMILLION, b. March 12, 1853; dead.

Maj. Jesse Morin holds the position of clerk of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives of Missouri, at \$5 per day.

At the suggestion of Prosecuting Attorney Pitt, the county court supplies all of the justices of the peace with new dockets.

*March 16—*Regular term of circuit court, and Judge Dunn being sick, the bar elected Judge Silas Woodson to preside. The docket consists of 123 cases, of which 70 are appearances.

Grand jury: Probasco Thomas (foreman), W. H. De Armond, William Down, John S. Duncan, James A. Gittinger, James G. Morris, Abner Naylor, F. M. Oldham, D. T. Polk, W. J. Summers, James O. White, James Wallace.

Attorneys from abroad: J. Doniphan, Roland Hughes, Gov. W. P. Hall, Lowe, Shanklin, Sandusky, Simrall, Porter, Mossman, Stringfellow, Thoroughman, Vineyard, Vories.

The iron bridge over Platte River, near Farley, is complete. James Childs, son of James H. Childs, killed near Parkville, by falling under the wagon he was driving.

March 24—Samuel Hardwicke lectured at Platte City on "Old Times."

The exodus of negroes from the South to Kansas.

March 26—JAMES R. SHACKELFORD died near Ridgely. He was born in Boone County, Mo., March 15, 1833; m'd in 1857 Sallie Beery. She survived him with 1 child, N. C. Shackelford.

A. T. Jenkins & Co. become the proprietors of the Parkville Bank; J. B. Flannery cashier.

The *Landmark* is sold, nominally, to the foreman, W. C. Julian, but T. W. Park still controls.

APRIL.

April 1—W. A. Bowen is elected school commissioner.

The fair: F. M. McCormick is chosen president, and A. L. Smith secretary.

Platte City town board: Carmack, Colman, Guthrie, Morin, Smith, Spencer.

Lands are advancing—rent at \$4 per acre.

April 2—The House of Representatives of Missouri passes a law submitting the question of prohibition to the people, but the Senate does not act on it.

An effort to impeach Treasurer Gates failed.

WILLIAM S. KERR.

April 3—William S. Kerr is dead. His widow administers. Bond, \$1,700. They lived near Smith's Fork. He was a son of Moses Kerr, and married June 20, 1849, Sarah J. Wills, daughter of Arch. She still lives. Ch:

I. SARAH A. KERR, d. Dec. 2, 1877; m'd John Thatcher. Ch:
1. *Daniel Thatcher*.

II. LUCY KERR, m'd Geo. Barnard; no children.

III. CHARLES KERR, b. Jan. 2, 1868; m'd June 3, 1891, Mollie Pancake.

IV. WILLIAM S. KERR (ii), m'd Minnie Newby. Ch:

1. *Nannie Kerr*.

V. JAMES S. KERR, m'd Mollie Russell, dr. of Robert.
 VI. LULA KERR, m'd Pleasant Meadows.

April 5—William Ohlhausen takes charge of the Holladay mill at Weston.

THOMAS J. MORGAN KILLED.

Ben Fulcher, constable of Lee Township, in an affray killed Thos. J. Morgan. The coroner's jury charged murder on Fulcher, and made Israel Heath accessory. True bills were found against each, but on trial they were found not guilty.

The Teachers' Association met at the M. & P. church in Platte City, and were addressed by State Superintendent Shannon.

April 7—A glorious rain.

April 8—Prof. John D. Brown lectured at Platte City on "The Importance of Established Principles."

Atchison is made the termination of the Chicago mail route, and there is no agent between the Junction and Leavenworth.

A heavy frost—wheat injured, and peaches and small fruit killed, but few apples are left.

April 15—A. M. Woodson publishes, in the *Advocate*, a poem entitled "Creation's Morn."

April 28—A severe hail-storm at Farley.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Total receipts.	\$52,123.21
Warrants drawn.	19,654.61
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	\$32,468.60

Expenditures in Detail.

Assessor.	\$ 402.72
Bridges.	2,696.97
Bridge Commissioner and damages.	738.35
County Judge (Owens).	181.68
County Clerk.	2,240.73
County Treasurer.	250.00
Circuit Clerk.	92.40
County printing.	121.00
Criminal costs.	799.43
Court-house.	927.90
County Physician.	169.92
Elections.	134.65
Jurors and witnesses.	1,833.49
Insane.	945.64
Inquests.	189.98
Jail.	856.73

Prosecuting Attorney.. . . .	\$ 636.03
Poor.. . . .	2,288.61
Roads.. . . .	2,108.29
Sheriff.. . . .	655.10
Stationery.. . . .	470.33
School Commissioner.. . . .	40.60
Miscellaneous.. . . .	874.06

\$19,654.61

Total assessment, \$4,206,940.00; county levy, \$1.00; real estate, \$2,763,970.

Assessment of Personality.

Horses, 6,474.. . . .	\$201,686.00
Jacks and jennies, 68.. . . .	3,440.00
Mules, 2,725.. . . .	112,545.00
Cattle, 15,008.. . . .	171,624.00
Sheep, 7,672.. . . .	7,991.00
Hogs, 52,891.. . . .	84,314.00
Money and notes.. . . .	521,667.00
Other property.. . . .	261,309.00

\$1,364,576.00

County Debt.

Bonds, May 1, 1878.. . . .	\$289,800.00
Retired since.. . . .	4,500.00

\$285,300.00

Add other bonds, warrants, and interest and we have..	\$310,253.90
Less cash in treasury.. . . .	15,009.02

Actual debt, 1879.. . . .	\$295,244.88
Debt, 1878.. . . .	301,794.92

Debt reduced.. . . . \$6,550.04

May 2—REV. T. J. ROOT died suddenly at Parkville, of heart disease, aged 58. He was a teacher in Park College, and a man of learning.

Parkville bank deposits, \$11,576.10.

May Day at Daughters' College. Frankie Wells was Queen.

May 4—Colonel J. T. Crisp is stabbed by B. J. Franklin, in an altercation, at Kansas City. The wound is severe, but not dangerous.

May 6—Farmers are through planting corn.

Parkville is flourishing. Not a vacant house in town.

May 9—Depot at Camden Point burned.

May 10—Wylie Cooper died.

THE COOPER FAMILY

Are descended from John Cooper (i), who came, at an early day, to Hawkins County, Tenn. He was born April 5, 1768; married Mary Young, born November 10, 1771. Their children were 8 sons and 4 daughters; but we shall notice only those who came to Platte in 1838:

I. JOHN Y. COOPER

Was born in Tennessee, June 9, 1803. In 1835 he came to Morgan County, Mo., and married Isabel Masters, born August 3, 1813. In 1838 they came to Platte, and settled three miles north of Platte City, and here he died. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and was honored and revered. Ch:

I. JANE COOPER, b. Sept. 5, 1841; m'd March 2, 1869, Captain James Synnamon, son of James Synnamon and Margaret McNamara. He was b. in Philadelphia, Aug. 27, 1836. After learning the carpenter's trade, he came in 1857, to Platte. At the first call, he volunteered for the Confederacy; and after incurring untold dangers, was discharged upon the return of peace. He reached the rank of brevet major. He participated in scores of bloody battles, and his small frame is covered with scars. His adventures, his sufferings, his heroic deeds and hair-breadth escapes would make an interesting volume. After his return and marriage, he entered on a farm. In 1883 he was appointed assessor of Platte County, and four years later he was elected to the same office. In 1888 he was the nominee of the Democrats for sheriff, and elected by a vote of 2,609, to 1,141 for S. McComas. In 1890 his vote was 2,911, against 789 for W. H. H. Baker. At the close of his second term he retired to a farm five miles north of Platte City, where he is pursuing successfully the calling to which he was trained. Ch:

1. *John Synnamon*, b. Dec. 22, 1869.
2. *Maggie*, b. June 7, 1874.
3. *William O. Synnamon*, b. June 18, 1871.
4. *Lena*, b. April 9, 1878.
5. *Mary Synnamon*, b. July 7, 1882.

II. ORLENIE COOPER, b. Dec. 5, 1842; m'd Marion Miller. (See.)

III. OSCAR COOPER, b. May 1, 1838; killed at the siege of Vicksburg.

IV. JOHN COOPER, b. June 22, 1844.

V. HENRY, b. Feb. 15, 1846; m'd Oct. 10, 1869, C. J. Laswell.

II. HENRY COOPER

Died in September, 1845.

III. WYLIE COOPER

Was born August 4, 1809; married in November, 1839, Nancy A. Blakley, born in 1819, daughter of Thomas. They lived for many years on the road from Platte City to Weston. Children:

- I. THOMAS B. COOPER, b. Nov. 15, 1840; m'd Oct. 4, 1866, Julia M. Horr. (See.)
- II. MARY COOPER, b. July 20, 1842; m'd William Pulley. Ch:
1. *Jennie Pulley*. 2. *Jesse*. 3. *Lizzie*. 4. *Fannie*.
5. *Eddie*. 6. *Grundy*. 7. *Bruce Pulley*.
- III. MARTHA COOPER, b. Jan. 8, 1844; m'd John Hedges; no children.
- IV. ELIZA J. COOPER, m'd Oct. 10, 1869, Uriah Laswell. Ch:
1. *John Laswell*. 2. *Annie*. 3. *Uriah*, etc.
- V. JOHN W. COOPER, m'd Feb. 3, 1874, Laura V. Spratt, dr. of John A. Spratt. (See.) Ch:
1. *George B.* 2. *William*. 3. *Grace M.*
- VI. ANNA, m'd Andrew Crawford. Live in Kansas.
- VII. WILLIAM N. COOPER, b. June 7, 1858.
- VIII. ALICE COOPER, dead; m'd Dec. 16, 1883, Geo. Montgomery, son of William.

IV. ROBERT Y. COOPER

Died in February, 1854.

V. JANE COOPER

Married John Nelson. They live in Lafayette County, Mo.

May 10—The Missouri River is cutting away the bottom between the old and the present mouth of the Platte River.

May 17—A. T. Jenkins, of Kansas City, died. He was the principal owner of the Parkville Bank. He was born in Madison County, Ky., May 1, 1816.

JUNE.

June 3—The *Landmark* sold by the sheriff, under a chattel mortgage, with power of sale, on one undivided half interest, and N. B. Anderson becomes the purchaser for the beneficiaries, at \$450.

June 5—Commencement at Park College. Graduates: Susie L. Elrod, Helen E. Hough, Alma F. Morgan, Win. T. Scott.

From sickness in the family, Daughters' College had no regular Commencement; yet Miss Alcesta Recht was granted a diploma.

A calaboose for Platte City is suggested and discussed. All talk!

Platte River is full, and the Missouri is rising. Railroads are washed away in places.

Prospects for corn are fair, but not so for wheat.

Woodson & Wells are talking of opening a bank in Platte City.

June 11—Commencement at Camden Point. Graduates: Sal-

lie Graves, Nettie Keith, Camma Lampton, Lula Lampton, Lena Leavel, Maggie Meloan, Florence Strother, Emma Vallandingham, Etta Wood.

Miss Lena Darnall graduates at Lexington, Mo.

June 18—Fred Krause is burning brick at Platte City.

June 21—Park College incorporated.

DR. B. F. SPENCER.

June 23—Dr. B. F. Spencer is shot and killed by Wylie Stallard. Mrs. Stallard reported to her husband that while in Dr. Spencer's dental rooms, he chloroformed her and tried to violate her person. Mr. Stallard armed himself, and finding Dr. Spencer reading a newspaper near the store door now used by Allen Hullett, commenced shooting. Dr. Spencer ran back into and through the store, and Stallard followed, shooting as he ran. Dr. Spencer fell dead at the back door of the store without uttering a word. Stallard was tried and found not guilty.

Dr. B. F. Spencer was a native of Virginia. He first settled at Parkville. Thence he came to Platte City in 1875. He possessed professional skill, and was highly esteemed. He built the fine frame buildings on Lots 11 and 12, Block 30, Platte City, now owned by R. F. Mason. He married Annie E. Carter, daughter of Lewis R. She was born December 13, 1840.Ch:

I. BLANCHE SPENCER, b. Sept. 13, 1863.

II. LAWRENCE, b. in 1864.

III. ERNEST SPENCER, b. Dec. 2, 1869.

IV. ESTELLA, b. Sept. 9, 1876. They now live in Kansas City.

June 30—Heavy rains.

JULY.

July 1—The Exchange Bank of Platte City opened by Woodson & Wells.

Platte City Gun Club formed.

Deposits—Cockrill & Co., \$63,546.25; Railey & Brother, \$64,743.62.

July 4—The people of Platte County over 70 form an association, and elect Captain William Triplett president.

July 7—The Patrons of Husbandry meet at the courthouse and hear John Walker.

The county papers contain many original poems.

Immigration societies formed in northwestern Missouri.

July 11—T. W. Park becomes sole editor of the *Landmark*.

July 12—MRS. SARAH BAXTER died at Liberty, aged 67. She was a daughter of Captain George Wallis, and widow of John Baxter. She was mother of Mrs. T. W. Park and Mrs. Alice Bane,

Mrs. Angeline Wood was her sister, and the heroic Captain John Wallis her brother.

July 15—MRS. JEANNETTE BOWEN died at her home near De Kalb. She was the widow of John Bowen, and the mother of Wm. A. Bowen. Her maiden name was Newman, and she was born in Fairfax County, Va., October 30, 1808.

JAMES SUTTON.

July 16—James Sutton died in Fancy Bottom. He was born in Kentucky, February 18, 1824, and married there. Ch:

I. FANNIE SUTTON, b. Sept. 12, 1847; m'd John X. Smith. Children:

Victoria 1. *Maggie Smith*, m'd John Ginter, b. March 24, 1866. Ch: [a] Roy Ginter; [b] Bertha.

2. *Artie Smith*. 3. *Arch. Smith*.

Fannie and John X. were divorced, and she m'd 2d, Dec. 23, 1896, Thos. B. Rogers, b. in 1835; d. April 20, 1897.

II. MARGARET (MARY) SUTTON, b. March 14, 1851; m'd James Marshall.

III. CARO. SUTTON, b. Jan. 7, 1853; m'd Asbury Light.

IV. JAMES T. SUTTON, b. Jan. 31, 1858; m'd a Harris. *Minnie*

V. ELIZABETH SUTTON, b. Jan. 8, 1862; m'd March 2, 1880, Asa Lowe, who lived near Waldron, and removed west.

Sarah VI. NANNIE SUTTON, b. Feb. 18, 1860; m'd Geo. Garvin. Ch: 1. *Florence*.

VII. JEFF D. SUTTON, m'd a Garvin.

Mr. James Sutton married, second, in 1854, Margaret Hedges, née Ropp, widow of Ben Hedges (see), who died in 1860.

July 19—Yellow fever is malignant at Memphis.

James Blackwell died six miles south of Platte City, at the age of 75.

July 20—Dr. Jacob Ditzler commences a course of six lectures on "Baptism" at Platte City.

Prof. John D. Brown is elected principal, for a five-months term, of the public school at Platte City.

Heavy rains.

W. C. Bell at Platte City had two horses killed by lightning.

Elder W. H. Williams, having returned from Jamaica, gives a lecture at Platte City on that island.

July 22—Temperature 102 degrees.

July 25—Wheat shipped at Tracy: G. W. R. Chinn, 9,250 bushels; M. P. Collins, 1,373 bushels; Miller & Darnall, 1,059 bushels.

Picnic at Linkville.

July 26—Picnic and public speaking at Waldron.

Nugent & Houston buy out the Bankrupt Store at Platte City.

F. G. Cockrill and wife go to Colorado, for his health; but he returns unimproved, and dies soon afterward.

MRS. ELEANOR BUCHANAN.

July 27—Mrs. Eleanor Buchanan died north of Edgerton. Her maiden name was Ballinger. She married in 1831 John Buchanan, born in Bourbon County, Ky., August 9, 1808, and died February 16, 1881. They came to Clay in 1836, and thence to the northeast part of Platte in 1838. There he died, and was buried by his fellow-Masons. Ch:

- I. MARY BUCHANAN, living.
- II. SARAH BUCHANAN, m'd William L. Williams. Ch:
 - 1. *John.* 2. *Nellie.*
- III. MARGARET BUCHANAN, m'd Zach. T. Biggerstaff; no children. Live in Colorado.
- IV. GEO. P. BUCHANAN, m'd Amanda Johnson, dr. of Geo. W., of Union Mills. (See.)
- V. JOHN D. BUCHANAN, b. May 26, 1855; m'd Jan. 3, 1883, Helen Duncan, dr. of J. R. Ch:
 - 1. *Maggie.* 2. *Ann.*

July 30—Isaac C. Packer's fine brick house is complete.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—Population of Waldron, 180.

County warrants are at par.

Aug. 3—Dr. J. Ditzler lectured on "Baptism" at Edgerton.

Fred Krause is preparing to build a block of business houses on Main Street, Platte City, and residences on South Street.

Temperature 98 degrees.

ALICE KERR.

Aug. 6—Alice Kerr dies. She was the widow of James Kerr, who died in May, 1876. Ch:

- I. ELIZABETH J. KERR, b. June 5, 1830; living; m'd July 29, 1852, Pemb. McComas, b. Aug. 8, 1833. Ch:
 - 1. *Sarah McComas*, b. May 25, 1853; m'd Feb. 17, 1876, Isaac Missimer, b. Aug. 14, 1848. Ch: [*a*] *Aura J. Missimer.*
 - 2. *Nancy J. McComas*, b. June 19, 1856; m'd Feb. 25, 1874, Pleasant C. Newman, son of W. R. (See.)
 - 3. *Jos. M. McComas*, b. March 27, 1872.
Mr. P. McComas is a substantial farmer near Ridgely.
- II. MARY E. KERR, m'd Jas. Alex. St. John, d. in January, 1880. (See.)
- III. PERMELIA KERR, m'd Ab. Byrd.
- IV. ANDREW, dead; m'd Nancy Moore, living.
- V. MARGARET KERR, m'd Philip Stice;

VI. JAMES KERR, m'd Clarissa Cockrael, dr. of Jas.

Aug. 6—S. C. Woodson takes a contract to build an iron bridge over Wells' Branch, near Weston, for \$510.

Teachers' Association at Platte City.

Jas. A. Price, of Weston, opens dental rooms in Platte City. Wheat is selling at 82 cents.

Aug. 15—Colonel J. E. Pitt, prosecuting attorney, in an open letter, complains of discourtesy on the part of the county court in employing counsel, when he is the legal adviser of the county.

A "Pinafore" troupe formed at Platte City by W. J. Jenkins and others.

Aug. 20—Elder McKeever closed a meeting at Second Creek, with 40 additions to the Christian Church.

THOMAS G. TURNER.

Aug. 22—Thomas G. Turner died at Weston. He was born in Kentucky March 5, 1808; married Mary A. Fugate, née Redman. Children:

- I. NANCY TURNER, dead; m'd March 24, 1864, Jos. Anderson, b. in Fleming Co., Ky., May 10, 1845; a Union soldier and pensioner.
- II. MARGARET A. TURNER, dead; m'd April 13, 1882, Eli Gabbert, b. in 1815; d. Jan. 2, 1883, leaving her the Exchange Hotel, Weston. She m'd 2d, Wm. Dye. (See.)
- III. MARY TURNER, b. May 10, 1859; m'd Oct. 9, 1881, John L. Hartman. (See.)

MRS. SALLIE HARRIS.

Aug. 25—Mrs. Sallie Harris, née Floyd, wife of John C. Harris, who was born in Estill County, Ky., March 1, 1807, and died January 7, 1897. He married November 11, 1830, Sallie Floyd, of Madison County, Ky., dr. of Aaron. They came to Jackson County, Mo., and thence to Platte, settling north of New Market. Children:

- I. AARON F. HARRIS. II. JEFFERSON. III. SARAH.
- IV. THOS. B. HARRIS, m'd July 14, 1881, Nannie B. Nower.
- V. JENNIE HARRIS, m'd S. Routh, of Kansas.
- VI. ANN, m'd a Mann.
- VII. CAMPBELL HARRIS. VIII. NORA. IX. ROBERT.

Mrs. Sallie F. Harris, died August 25, 1879, and Mr. John C. Harris married, second, June 6, 1880, Mrs. Kate Bashford, née Steele. No children, but she has two by Bashford.

SOLOMON SPEARS.

Aug. 31—Solomon Spears died at his home, four miles north of Platte City. He was born in Jefferson County, Ky., July 9, 1818. He married Elizabeth Keller, who survived him some years. Ch:

- I. ANNA M. SPEARS, is now the widow of Richard Loan. (See.)
 II. GEORGE SPEARS. (See.)
 III. DORA SPEARS, b. Sept. 14, 1849; m'd in Aug., 1870, James Crawford. Ch:
 1. *Frank*, b. in 1871. 2. *Myrtle*, b. in 1873.

ROBERT PIERCE.

Robert Pierce died near Waldron. He was born in Green County, Tenn., May 25, 1795. He served in the War of 1812. He married Mary Campbell, and came to Platte with the earliest settlers. Ch:

- I. CAROLINE PIERCE, m'd Nic. Timberlake. (See.)
 II. LOUISA PIERCE, m'd March 25, 1855, Ben Posten; 4 children. They live in Andrew County.
 III. ELIZABETH PIERCE, m'd Micajah Brown. Both died, and their children scattered.
 IV. SUSAN PIERCE, b. Jan. 8, 1829; living; m'd in 1859 Wash. H. Brown. (See.)
 V. JAMES PIERCE, b. in Clay Oct. 29, 1833; died Dec. 24, 1883; m'd March 18, 1857, Mary A. Harrington, dr. of Elisha. (See.) In 1852 he went overland to California. He was a Mason, and highly esteemed. Ch:
 1. *Lucetta Pierce*, m'd H. Z. Wolf. Ch: [*a*] Marion Wolf.
 2. *Leanna Pierce*, m'd Geo. Truman. Ch: [*a*] Emma; [*b*] Charles; [*c*] May Truman; [*d*] Ollie; [*e*] Octo.
 3. *Jacob A. Pierce*, b. Nov. 4, 1864.
 4. *Levara*, m'd Geo. Barnes. 5. *Nettie*. 6. *Lizzie*.
 7. *Robert*. 8. *Lockhart Pierce*.
 VI. FRANK PIERCE, d. Dec. 10, 1891; m'd Cleora Baldwin (living), dr. of Martin. Ch:
 1. *Willard R. Pierce*. 2. *Weston* (iii). 3. *Jesse M*.
 4. *Lela R*. 5. *May Pierce*. 6. *Solomon*. 7. *William J*.
 8. *L. B. Pierce*.
 VII. MARTHA PIERCE, dead; m'd March 25, 1858, Jacob Harrington, b. Feb. 20, 1839, son of Elijah. He lives near Waldron, and is a man of intelligence, honor, and influence. Children:
 1. *Luther Harrington*, m'd July 3, 1881, Mary E. Denton. Children: [*a*] Mattie Harrington; [*b*] Gaylord; [*c*] Walter (ii).
 2. *Sterling P. Harrington*. 3. *Walter* (i).
 4. *J. Wheeler Harrington*, m'd Feb. 2, 1890, Mattie Morris, dr. of Chas. Ch: [*a*] Jacob A.
 5. *Laura Harrington*. 6. *Marcella*. 7. *Susie*.
 8. *Robert*. 9. *William W*.
 VIII. WESTON A. PIERCE (i), b. in Clay Feb. 19, 1828; m'd July 5, 1854, Fannie M. Baldwin, b. Dec. 4, 1839, dr. of Martin. They live in Waldron. Ch:

1. *Clarissa Pierce*, b. Feb. 6, 1858; m'd Oct. 15, 1882, John Kemphefner; no children.
2. *Florence Pierce*, m'd W. T. Babcock. (See.)
3. *Mary Pierce*. 4. *John F.* 5. *Martin*. 6. *Cleora*.
7. *Geo. W.* 8. *William Pierce*. 9. *Henry*. 10. *Thomas*.

IX. NANCY PIERCE, m'd Alex. Carter. Live in Buchanan.

The attempt to get a dram-shop license at Edgerton was defeated by the presentation of a remonstrance.

William K. Faulconer owned the road-bed of the P. & G. R. Railroad, and had expended much time and money to enlarge and preserve his rights. He now incorporates the road, under the name of the K. C. & N. W. Railroad Company. But all of Mr. Faulconer's schemes failed, and he died a disappointed and impoverished man.

TEMPERANCE IN CLINTON COUNTY.

The question of adopting local option in Clinton County has been agitated for some time, and the feeling between the parties is intense. The following paragraph from the *Landmark* expresses the disgust of the liquor party:

"The temperance fanatics of Clinton County have done the county incalculable injury at home and abroad. They have gotten up such a disgraceful quarrel, and so much of bitterness and strife, that the reputation of the county is seriously impaired, and far and wide it is spoken of derisively. The best thing the solid, substantial people of Clinton County could do would be to put their heels down on these *howling fanatics*, and crush them."

But the people of Clinton put their heels on the saloons, and crushed them out by Local Option.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 6—THOMAS H. COLMAN died at his home in Platte City. He was a son of Henry Colman (i) (see), and born August 19, 1835; married June 10, 1875, Sallie E. Oldham. Her father, Wm. George Oldham, was born March 16, 1818; married February 25, 1841, Rebecca Ellen Ewing, born October 22, 1823. She died June 16, 1882. T. H. Colman was an enterprising merchant in Platte City, and a zealous Mason. His widow kept hotel in Platte City, and her father gave his assistance. She has two children: 1, William G. Colman (ii), born August 1, 1876; 2, Nellie May Colman, b. Dec. 7, 1878. Sallie E. married, second, October 21, 1896, G. K. Ubben, and removed to St. Joseph.

Sept. 9—Entrance to the fair reduced to 25 cents. The Old People had their meeting, and W. M. Paxton, by request, read them a poem.

Sept. 19—Geo. Dameron is appointed principal of the public

school of Platte City, with Misses Jane Colman and Myra McCluer assistants.

Too dry to sow wheat.

Sept. 21—William Dziubon died at Parkville.

Prof. McKeever is assistant at Daughters' College.

Sept. 25—Ben Perry has threshed out 25,862 bushels of wheat.

AN EPISODE IN CIRCUIT COURT.

Little Mamie P. Tebbs, in open court, presents to Judge Dunn a bouquet of flowers, and a poem in honor of Judge Dunn, written by her grandfather, W. M. Paxton. Judge Dunn replied by reading one of his own poems. The proceedings and the poems are of record.

James L. McCluer buys the interest of C. J. Nesbitt in the *Landmark*, and Park and McCluer are proprietors and editors.

JONATHAN OWSLEY BRYANT.

Jonathan Owsley Bryant died at New Market on the very day he had predicted. He was born in Garrard County, Ky., January 15, 1798; married July 16, 1818, Martha Kessinger, born September 30, 1800; died August 10, 1877. Jonathan's father was John Bryant, born January 1, 1760, in Virginia, and his mother was Mary Owsley (ii), born June 24, 1768. She was a daughter of Thomas and Mary Owsley (i), English emigrants. Mrs. Mary Bryant was a sister of Gov. Owsley, of Kentucky. The family settled at New Market in April, 1857. Ch:

I. LEWIS H. BRYANT, b. Jan. 29, 1822; d. Aug. 3, 1885; m'd July 8, 1847, Jemima M. Roberts. Ch:

1. *Jerome Bryant*, b. April 11, 1848; m'd Nov. 12, 1885, Florence Berry. He is one of the leading men of New Market. Ch: [a] Wm. V. Bryant, b. Nov. 8, 1886; [b] Carrie B., b. July 27, 1888; [c] Roberta C. Bryant, b. Nov. 15, 1891.

2. *James C. Bryant*, b. Nov. 27, 1849; m'd in Feb., 1883, Minnie Robertson. Ch: [a] James R. Bryant, b. June 16, 1890.

3. *Hiram E. Bryant*, b. Aug. 5, 1851; d. June 26, 1888.

4. *Pattie Bryant*, b. March 12, 1853; m'd Sept. 20, 1873, B. F. Gregg. Ch: [a] Mary May Gregg, b. July 23, 1876; [b] John, b. in April, 1878; [c] Jeff. J. Gregg, b. in Oct., 1882; [d] Ben L. Gregg, b. in 1891.

5. *Dr. John W. Bryant*, b. Jan. 1, 1855.

6. *Reuben T. Bryant* (twin with John W.), m'd May 6, 1887, Hattie Gillespie. Ch: [a] Lewis, b. Nov. 3, 1888, and others.

7. *Eliza C. Bryant*, b. Sept. 6, 1856; m'd in July, 1883, C. L. Hutchison. She died, childless, May 20, 1884.

8. *Bessie Bryant*, b. May 24, 1857; m'd Nov. 20, 1877, A. J. Jones. Ch: [a] Judson W. Jones, b. in 1882. Mr.

Jones died, and Bessie m'd 2d, Dec. 25, 1890, W. S. Kelsey.

9. *Sallie G. Bryant*, b. March 20, 1863.

10. *Samuel J.*

11. *Kendrick L. Bryant* (twin with Samuel), b. Feb. 24, 1865.

12. *Geo. L. Bryant*, b. April 21, 1867.

13. *Robert S.*, b. May 21, 1870.

II. *MARY J. BRYANT*, b. Jan. 22, 1830; m'd March 22, 1849, Chris. T. Leavel, brother of Arch T. (i). Ch:

1. *Hayden T. Leavel*, b. Jan. 8, 1850; m'd June 7, 1870, Mollie Wallace, dr. of Dr. H. B. Ch: [a] Chris. B. Leavel, b. March 12, 1871; [b] Mary May Leavel, b. Nov. 5, 1873.

III. *DR. WILLIAM H. BRYANT*, b. April 2, 1832; m'd April 8, 1856, Mary E. Butcher. They live in Savannah, Mo.

IV. *GEO. S. BRYANT*, b. Sept. 24, 1835; m'd Oct. 16, 1862, Sallie J. Hamilton. No issue.

V. *SIMEON HAYDEN BRYANT*, b. Feb. 20, 1839; m'd 1st, May 16, 1865, Susan W. Meyers. Ch:

1. *Eugene*, m'd Oct. 6, 1891, Sallie Stone.

2. *Estella Bryant*. 3. *Simeon* (ii). 4. *John*.

5. *Geo. Bryant*, m'd Sept. 30, 1896, Laura Singleton.

Mrs. Susan W. Bryant was accidentally burned to death June 23, 1875, and Mr. Bryant m'd 2d, Z. Catherine Bryant. Children:

6. *Sallie*. 7. *Jessie*. 8. *Susie*. 9. *Charley*. 10. *Mollie*.

In 1876 Mr. Bryant became a grocer and druggist in New Market. Mr. Bryant, in an altercation with one William Grundon, killed him in New Market, and is now serving a term of ten years in the penitentiary for murder.

VI. *ISAAC K. BRYANT*, b. Sept. 30, 1841, entered the Southern army, and died in the service in 1863.

Sept. 28—President Hayes is at Leavenworth.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 2—*JOHN S. MAITLAND* dies at Pawnee, Nebraska, whither he removed last spring. He lived some years in Weston, and was highly esteemed as a noble and generous citizen, and a zealous Christian.

Oct. 5—A lot of convicts attempt to break out of the Platte City jail by wresting off the lock, but are detected.

MRS. AMANDA E. MOORE.

Mrs. Amanda E. Moore, wife of James L., dies at Platte City. Her maiden name was Dearing. She was born August 10, 1829; married March 10, 1856, James L. Moore, born January 10, 1824. Children:

I. *ALBERT H. MOORE*, b. June 16, 1859; d. March 22, 1891.

- II. WILLIE L. MOORE, b. July 29, 1861; m'd Oct. 19, 1886, Sophronia Berryman. (See.)
- III. JAMES H. MOORE, b. Feb. 2, 1865; m'd Dec. 21, 1882, Corinne Norris. Mr. James L. Moore m'd 2d, May 28, 1882, Esther (Sabea) E. Potter, dr. of Samuel, b. Jan. 17, 1847. They live in Platte City, and are excellent Christian people.

Oct. 10—Rev. T. R. Valliant becomes business manager of the *Landmark*.

D. T. Thomas, brother of Elder W. H. Thomas, buys the Daf-fron farm in Preston Township, for \$25 per acre.

Dr. H. B. Maxwell locates in Weston.

The Waldron mills are running day and night. The Waldrons have bought 15,000 bushels of wheat. F. M. McCormick has bought 13,000 for shipment, at \$1 per bushel.

The fly is injuring the lately sown crop.

Rev. W. C. Campbell removes to Neosho, Mo. Rev. R. W. Howerton is his successor for the Platte City Circuit.

Lands are advancing.

Oct. 15—Corn reaches \$1 per bushel in Chicago, but immediately falls.

Prof. Smith, of the Weston Public School, resigns, and G. D. Yokom is appointed principal in his stead.

A splendid rain.

C. Thorp, at Weston, is buying apples for shipment at 50 cents per bushel.

H. Weighman, of Weston, is repairing and repainting the roof and outside woodwork of the court-house at Platte City.

Oct. 25—Circus at Platte City.

W. C. Wells, having bought the Merryman house on Lots 7 and 8, Block 22, Platte City, removes into it.

Chinn and Davis are each building a large frame residence in Tracy.

The Phoenix flouring steam mills at Tracy are occasionally run by R. T. Darnall, assignee.

Jerry Clifford removes from Tracy to Winthrop.

Oct. 27—Mrs. James Palmer, living near Iatan, fell in a well and was killed.

F. G. Cockrill (see), having returned from Colorado, dies at his home near Tracy.

Topics—The sudden rise in corn, at Chicago. Advance in land. General prosperity. The open war between the "Ring" and "Soreheads" is subsiding. The county debt slowly reduced. County warrants at par. The fly is in the wheat.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 1—W. T. Jenkins & Co. remove to their house on Lot 11, Block 25. Geo. Mason & Co. remove into the store-room lately occupied by Col. Nugent, who leaves. A. R. Jack becomes cashier of the Exchange Bank of Wells & Co.

Nov. 7—One span of the St. Joseph bridge falls, precipitating 17 car-loads of stock to sudden death.

A good and general rain.

Nov. 10—Corn down from \$1 to 20 cents. One thousand barrels of apples, costing 50 cents per bushel, are shipped from Tracy.

Nov. 16—Mrs. Williams is lecturing on "Temperance" over the county, and hundreds are taking the Murphy pledge.

Nov. 24—In an affray at Parkville, John Wright shot and severely wounded Thomas and Robert Thorp, and escaped.

Business at Parkville: Captain Luthy and W. J. Fulton build residences. The Catholics lay the foundation of a church. Bueneman is buying wheat. L. A. Link is shipping hogs.

Nov. 27—Thanksgiving supper at Platte City, given by the Christian Workers' Missionary Society. This becomes an annual feast.

Of the Tontine, Belt, Gilbert, and Tufts are here, with the resident members.

Wm. Moore has threshed 45,500 bushels of wheat.

WILLIAM SLOAN.

William Sloan, a pensioner of the War of 1812, dies. He was born in Taswell County, Va., March 5, 1793; moved to Wayne County, Ky.; served under General Harrison, and was at the battle of the Thames; married February 28, 1823, Celia B. Tate, born July 29, 1799, and died August 12, 1886; came West in 1838, and settled five miles east of Platte City. He was a sturdy farmer and an excellent citizen. Ch:

- I. JANE SLOAN, m'd James G. Lewis. (See.)
- II. BRECKEN, dead; m'd Elvira Lewis, dr. of Jesse. After his death, Mrs. Sloan married Wm. Finley. They live near Atchison.
- III. LIZZIE SLOAN, b. April 9, 1831; m'd B. F. Tate; no children.
- IV. MARY SLOAN, b. June 6, 1833; m'd March 27, 1866, Hugh McEown; no children. They live in Kansas City.
- V. GENETTA SLOAN, b. May 8, 1835; m'd Jan. 24, 18—, John Bothwell. Ch:
 1. *Mary Bothwell.*
 2. *Sarah M.*, m'd Dec. 16, 1893, John C. Hodges.
- VI. RACHEL SLOAN, b. Oct. 28, 1839; m'd Nov. 9, 1871, Jo. A.

Allison, b. Sept. 10, 18—, and died Sept. 21, 1872; no children.

VII. LYDIA SLOAN, b. Feb. 17, 1844; m'd Feb. 16, 1876, Jacob S. Lewis. Ch:

1. *Joseph Lewis*, b. Aug. 7, 1877.
2. *Hugh W. Lewis*, b. Feb. 8, 1879.
3. *John A. Lewis*, b. April 28, 1887.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 2—Nine car-loads of hogs shipped from Tracy by Link & McComas.

Dec. 4—The first snow.

Dec. 8—Lecture course organized for the coming winter.

Elder A. C. McKeever lectures on "Science, Literature, and Art."

The furniture factory at Weston has started up again, and is running day and night.

Shipments from Tracy: By Pope & Bruce, 13 cars of produce; by McComas, 25 cars; by Link, Chinn & Davis, 3,500 bushels of apples and 79 cars of wheat.

A. J. Jaques is mining coal near Farley.

Kurtz & Bro. move their stock of books, stationery, etc., to the southeast corner of Main and Second Streets, Platte City.

JOHN LIGGETT.

Dec. 13—John Liggett died near Ridgely. He was born in Wythe County, Va., November 11, 1808. He was a son of Thomas Liggett. He married January 24, 1828, Nancy Simpson, born July 1, 1810; came to Clay with his father, and in 1837, when Platte was open for settlement, came to the Forks of Platte (Preston Township). He was then the father of five children. He entered land by preëmption, and followed farming until his death. In intelligence and enterprise he stood among the foremost of the settlers. Ch:

I. EMERANDA LIGGETT, b. April 9, 1829; d. in 1858; m'd Wm. T. Wallace. Ch:

1. *James*. 2. *Nancy*. 3. *John*. 4. *Mary*.
5. *Jane Wallace*. 6. *Martha*.

II. ENOCH LIGGETT, b. Jan. 6, 1831; died, single, June 1, 1852.

III. ELIZABETH LIGGETT, b. May 16, 1833; d. in 1875; m'd John Evans. Ch:

1. *Allen Evans*. 2. *Martha*, m'd a Crowther.
3. *Elizabeth Evans*, m'd a Miller, of Kansas.
4. *John Evans*. 5. *Samuel*. All non-resident.

IV. W. P. LIGGETT, b. April 20, 1835; m'd Margaret Jennings, dr. of Moses. Ch:

1. *James Liggett*, m'd a Logsdon. 2. *Enoch*.
3. *George Liggett*, m'd Feb. 23, 1882, Iola Jennings.

- V. JAMES S. LIGGETT, b. Feb. 20, 1837; m'd May 22, 1862, Mary E. Williams, dr. of Isaiah T. Williams; 15 living children in Kansas.
- VI. MARY LIGGETT, b. Feb. 11, 1839; m'd Geo. Roberts. Ch:
1. *John*, m'd an Osborn.
- VII. DAVID LIGGETT, m'd Elizabeth Standiford. (See.)
- VIII. MELISSA LIGGETT, b. Dec. 13, 1843; m'd Nic. C. Porter. Children:
1. *Harvey Porter*, m'd Elizabeth Denny.
2. *Joseph*, m'd Jennie Ingram.
3. *W. H. Porter*. 4. *George*. 5. *Theo*. 6. *Robert*.
- IX. GEO. W. LIGGETT, b. Feb. 20, 1845; died, single, in 1864.
- X. JOHN D. LIGGETT, b. Dec. 22, 1848; m'd Feb. 22, 1868. Laura Masoner, dead. Ch:
1. *Thos. Liggett*.
- XI. JOSEPH LIGGETT, b. May 23, 1851; m'd Jan. 10, 1876, Permelia J. Jones. Ch:
1. *Cora*. 2. *Ruby*. 3. *Larkie*.
- XII. ALFRED LIGGETT, b. July 20, 1853; m'd Feb. 25, 1873. Martha Newman, dr. of David D.

Dec. 15—W. M. Paxton lectured at Platte City on "Africa."

Dec. 19—George Burgess shot and killed his cousin, Caples Burgess, at Camden Point. He was indicted for murder, and, on trial, found guilty of homicide, and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

The law now requires the docket of probate settlements to be published.

This is the famine year in Ireland.

Hog cholera fatal about Parkville.

Prices at Roberts' sale near Edgerton: Horses, \$75 and \$100; cows, \$20 and \$25; sheep, \$3.50; hogs, 6 cents; corn, 25 cents.

Literary entertainment at Camden Point by the Mary Allen Society.

Dec. 22—Dr. C. C. Kemper lectures at Platte City on "Success."

Sixty-two hunters made 5,555 points in killing rabbits and quails, and had a feast at Kiefer's.

Dec. 24—Temperature 20 degrees below zero.

Dec. 25—The Baptists at Platte City have a Christmas tree, and the other schools have candy treats.

Dec. 29—W. H. Roney lectured at Platte City on "Home Instructions."

W. J. Willoughby died at New Market.

MARRIAGES IN 1879 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTED.

January 2—W. E. Dean married Price M. King.
 March 6—J. W. Sharp married Mary M. Ferguson.
 March 27—J. W. Carrington married Ellen Black.
 April 20—Geo. F. McAdow married Martha L. Sevier.
 May 8—W. M. Burruss married Mattie B. Jones.
 June 2—M. F. Butcher married Sarah E. Pullins.
 June 22—Bud Bruce married Fannie Vaughn.
 June 24—Merit Snider married Ella Fitzgerald.
 August 9—Joshua Noland married Jennie Noland.
 October 1—James B. Hodges married Mary Wilson.
 November 2—James R. Ball married Lucy J. Sturgiss.
 November 19—James Murdock married Mary Manley.

1880.**OFFICERS.**

Governor, J. S. Phelps; Congressman, S. L. Sawyer; State Senator, R. P. C. Wilson; Representative, W. C. Wells; Circuit Judge, G. W. Dunn; Probate Judge W. P. Chiles; County Justices, Owens, Chesnut, and Thorp; County Clerk, T. F. Warner; Prosecuting Attorney, J. E. Pitt; Sheriff, W. H. Hunt; Circuit Clerk, R. L. Waller; Collector, E. C. Cockrill; Treasurer, Jas. F. Flannery; Assessor, J. T. Owens; Coroner, Joseph Coons; Surveyor, W. V. Slone; Public Administrator, W. F. Yocom; Superintendent of Schools, W. A. Bowen.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Carmack, Forman, Norton, Paxton, Pitt, Wells, Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Coffey, Guthrie, McDonald, Smith.

Merchants, etc.—Basye, Clemings, Chinn, Colman, Dearing, Ellifrit, English, Hatton, Jenkins, Kiefer, Krause, Kurtz (postmaster), Lutes, Mason, Mayo, Morin, Recht, Rohring, Smith, Sprague, Swain, Thomas, Wills, Young, Zarn.

Preachers—McKeever (Chris.), Everett (Bap.), Howerton (M. E.), Valliant (Epis.), Penhallegon (Pres.).

Schools—Daughters' College, F. G. Gaylord president; Public Schools, Dameron principal.

Fair—F. M. McCormick president, A. L. Smith secretary.

Banks—Exchange Bank of Wells & Co.

Sunday-school Superintendents—Cockrill, Swain, Slone, Ohlshausen.

Newspapers—*Advocate*, J. M. Cockrell editor; *Landmark*, Park & McCluer editors.

Lodges—Nebraska, No. 12, Jo. A. Bane, N. G.

At Weston: Attorneys—Coburn, Guthrie.

Physicians—Bonifant, Martin, Maxwell, Wilson, Shortridge.

Merchants, etc.—Baker, Bowman, Carpenter, Briggs, Doppler, Evans, Frank, Holladay, Hartman, Hamm, Hedges, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Keller, Kennedy, Kurtz, Magers, McConnell, Mauch, Moore, Mundy, Newhouse, Noll, Noble, Ohlshausen, Parr, Price (postmaster), Raileys, Ringo, Schenkner, Schindler, Schmidt, Siler, White.

Newspapers—*Commercial*, Howard & Co. publishers.

Bank—Railey & Bro.

At Parkville: Ashby, Brightwell, Bueneman (postmaster), Campbell, Coffey, Holt, Kahm, Laughlin, McDonald, Mitchell, Moore, Nash, Pack & Dale, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld.

Bank—J. B. Flannery, cashier.

School—Park College, J. A. McAfee, president.

Preachers—Babcock, Keithly.

At Camden Point: Duncan, Ewing (postmaster), Farris, Herndon, McCall, Moore, Purdy & Stallard, Stone, Tanner, Wood.

At East Leavenworth: Banning.

At Edgerton: Beery, Doke, Handley, Horn, Hopkins, Johnson, Jones, Justus, De Armond, Moody, Morrison, Shafer, Smith, Manning, Wade, Worth.

At Farley: Brasfield, Holt, Meyer (postmaster), Oliver, Spratt, Weisse.

At Hampton: Bledsoe (postmaster).

At Iatan: A. G. Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: T. J. Slaughter (postmaster).

At New Market: Bryant (postmaster), Gregg, Johnson, Leavel, Lowe, Martin, Middleton, Simpson.

At Ridgely: Chrisman (postmaster), Fitzgerald, Cockrael, Robinson.

At Settle: Blakley (postmaster).

At Tracy: Baker, Chinn, Davis, Esmond, Ryan.

At Waldron: Baker, Hawkins, Heath, McComas, Pettillo, Simpson (postmaster), Sutherland, Waldrons.

UNITED STATES CENSUS OF 1880.

Population of United States.	50,155,783
Population of Missouri.	2,168,380
Population of Platte County.	17,366
Population of Fair Township, with Tracy.	1,275
Population of Green Township.	2,425
Population of Camden Point.	142
Population of Lee Township.	1,117
Population of Marshall Township.	1,910
Population of May Township.	899
Population of Pettis Township.	1,872
Population of Parkville.	482
Population of Preston Township.	1,463

Population of Edgerton.. . . .	145
Population of Waldron Township.. . . .	840
Population of Weston Township.. . . .	827
Population of Weston City.. . . .	1,329
Population of Carroll Township.. . . .	2,112
Population of Platte City.. . . .	670
Population of New Market.. . . .	156
Population of Ridgely.. . . .	84
Voters in Platte County.. . . .	4,351

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Leap-year party at Masonic Hall, at Platte City, with "mum" social. Admittance, 25 cents; for the benefit of the Christian Missionary Society.

Cold; ice, sleighing, coasting, and skating good.

Railey's deposits, \$83,777.71.

GRAHAM TURNER.

Jan. 3—Graham Turner died at his home, four miles southwest of Platte City. He was born in Fleming County, Ky., February 18, 1812. His father was Lewis Turner, born in Virginia, October 1, 1774, and his mother was Sally Davis, born in Virginia, February 15, 1776, a daughter of William Davis. When a youth, Graham came to Calloway County, Mo., and here, May 4, 1836, married Cytha Ann Muir. She was born in Henry County, Ky., October 19, 1819. In 1839 they came to Platte, and settled on the farm where the children were born and where the old people died. Mrs. Turner died, and Mr. Turner married, second, March 29, 1856, Mrs. Lucinda Basket, sister of his first wife. He left 320 acres of land for his heirs. He was a noble-hearted, generous man, and one of my intimate friends. A few years before his death, while chopping kindling-wood, a splinter struck out one of his eyes. Children:

I. JAMES G. TURNER, b. Sept. 16, 1839, in Calloway County, Mo.; m'd Dec. 23, 1863, in Paris, Tex., Mary E. Downing, dr. of A. J. She was born in Indiana, Feb. 17, 1844. James is a carpenter and farmer, residing seven miles east of Platte City, and is a man of business qualifications. Ch:

1. *Emma A. Turner*, b. Dec. 26, 1864; m'd March 27, 1884, A. P. Fulcher, b. Sept. 24, 1858. He is an enterprising merchant, and now has stores at Platte City and Woodruff. He is intelligent, genial, and social. Mrs. Fulcher, by her large, soft eyes and smiling face, is an attractive woman. Their only child is called Beulah.

II. GEORGE M. TURNER, b. Aug. 17, 1847; m'd March 4, 1869, Fannie Ramey, who died, leaving one child; and Mr. Turner m'd 2d, Mrs. Nancy Johnson.

III. WILLIAM B. TURNER, b. March 8, 1851.

The foregoing were children of Mr. Graham Turner's first wife. The following are children of his second wife:

IV. OYTHA ANN TURNER, b. Jan. 24, 1857; m'd Aug. 23, 1877, Wallace Jackson (ii), son of Wallace (i) and his wife, Nancy Malott. Ch:

1. *Ada.* 2. *Arthur.* 3. *Perry.*

Mr. Jackson died, and Cytha Ann m'd 2d, John Norris.

V. ELIZABETH ELLA TURNER, b. Dec. 8, 1859; m'd Dec. 27, 1877, A. R. De Masters, son of Elias De Masters and Nancy Tribble. Ch:

1. *Maude.* 2. *Ruby.* 3. *Andrew.* 4. *Graham De Masters.* 5. *Ross.*

VI. IDA P. TURNER, b. Feb. 15, 1862; m'd Jan. 19, 1893, Roscoe Schlater.

Jan. 4—Elder A. C. McKeever is employed by the Christian Church at Platte City to preach for them.

Jan. 5—W. T. Jenkins lectured at Platte City on "The Objects and Aims of the Home Lecture Course."

Jan. 6—A convention of teachers at Platte City to select the school-books for the county.

Jan. 7—Thos. C. Thurston shot and killed W. W. Embry at Leavenworth.

Jan. 8—The usual Democratic meeting at the court-house; Jacob Harrington presiding.

Jan. 10—MRS. MARY STIGERS died at St. Joseph. Her maiden name was Snell. She was born in Virginia July 28, 1791. In 1815 she married Conrad Stigers, who died in 1855. One of their children was Mrs. Dorcas Mason, wife of R. F.

King Comus in Platte City.

Mrs. Georgia McGee died at Weston. She was the wife of William McGee, and daughter of James Stultz. Her mother was Mary Ann Wells, sister of John B.

Jan. 17—JAMES H. FOSTER having died, G. F. Foster administers. Bond, \$1,500. Ch: 1, Ann Keffanger; 2, John T.; 3, William R. Foster; 4, Henry G.; 5, Geo. F.; 6, Jas. F.; 7, Mary F. Norris; 8, Sarah E. Stockton; 9, Eliza F.; 10, Emma C. Foster; 11, Chas. W.; 12, Lucinda M.; 13, Laura A. Foster.

Jan. 19—Revival at Weston, under the preaching of J. W. Keithly; 60 additions.

Jan. 20—R. T. Brightwell has shipped from Parkville, since harvest, 75,000 bushels of wheat.

Jan. 24—Lucy Dawson, wife of James Dawson, died. She was born in Hickman County, Virginia, in 1798; moved to Woodford County, Ky., and thence to Platte in 1844.

Wool is coming into Weston in considerable quantities, and selling at 31 cents.

Isaac Hon's (ii) house burned.

Scarlet fever fatal at Camden Point.

MARTIN COCKRIEL.

Martin Cockriel died at Edgerton. He was born May 25, 1842; married in 1860 Paradise Stice, who died in June, 1885. Ch:

I. ADELINE F. COCKRIEL, m'd a Feagan, and died, leaving:

1. *James R. Feagan.*

II. CHARLES B.

III. LEWIS W., m'd Clara —, who died Oct. 17, 1896.

IV. JAMES M. COCKRIEL, m'd Feb. 12, 1891, Hattie Gwin, dr. of Elisha, b. Aug. 24, 1873.

V. IDA E. VI. LUCY M.

William and John Morin are building a brick stable on Lot 11, Block 26, Platte City.

Jan. 26—William Forman lectured at Platte City on "Robert Burns."

Jan. 29—Young Edward Nicol killed, on the hill east of Platte City, by a runaway team.

R. T. Darnall left for Colorado.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—Prof. Gaylord is laying sidewalk from Platte City to the college.

Feb. 3—John Norton lectures at Platte City on "The Diversities of Man."

Feb. 4—Old Folks' Concert at Platte City in the Christian church. The performers represent the age of Queen Anne.

Feb. 9—Refunding the county debt. John M. Railey is appointed commissioner to exchange the new 6 per cent bonds for the old 10 per cent.

Prof. F. G. Gaylord lectured on "An Open Polar Sea."

Dr. Maxwell builds on Raileys' corner, Weston.

Farley is lively with a debating club and frequent temperance lectures.

J. W. McMillan raised an average of 85 bushels of corn on a field of 25 acres.

Feb. 15—Mrs. Williams makes a temperance lecture at Platte City, and 200 take the Murphy pledge.

Feb. 17—John Rothwell died at Weston. He was born in Atchison County, Kansas, September 14, 1855.

Feb. 18—Jarvis Johnson, formerly of Farley, now of Kansas City, as a debt of gratitude, makes a deed of gift to Robert F.

Mason, of Platte City, for a large tract of land worth \$18,000. The real consideration was the encouragement and assistance given by Mason to Johnson when the latter was a youth struggling against poverty and adversity. The lands lay in Vernon County, Mo., and were exchanged by Mason for D. A. Miller's large farm on Bee Creek, which Mason sold, and came to Platte City.

Allen McDowell, lecturer for the Grand Lodge of Masons, for Missouri, is visiting and instructing the lodges of Platte County.

JOHN DAVIS.

Feb. 26—John Davis dies at his home, three miles north of Platte City. He was born in Alabama January 1, 1812; removed to Tennessee, and thence came to Platte in February, 1838. He was a substantial farmer, and a worthy citizen. He married a Fulton. Ch:

I. JOHN CALVIN DAVIS, m'd April 17, 1866, Ann E. Corbin. (See.)

II. HATTIE M. DAVIS, m'd Jan. 15, 1866, G. W. R. Chinn, b. in Bourbon Co., Ky., March 19, 1843. He was a son of L. F. Chinn and Lucy H. Jackson, dr. of Joseph. By way of Illinois and of Knox Co., Mo., Mr. Chinn came to Platte. After serving the "lost cause," Mr. Chinn went west, and returned to Tracy in 1875, where he built several fine houses, and engaged largely in the ice trade. He is a man of enterprise, full of ardor in his pursuits, and versatile in his genius. But the Oklahoma fever took him to that territory, and there we will leave him until another epidemic breaks out. Ch:

1. *John L. Chinn.*

2. *Hattie L.*, m'd Feb. 12, 1889, W. T. Marcus.

3. *Geo. W. Chinn.* 4. *James H.* 5. *Lillie M.*

6. *Ollie Chinn.*

III. WM. WESLEY DAVIS, m'd July 27, 1875, Melissa Corbin. (See.)

WILLIAM MOORE.

Feb. 28—William Moore died on his farm near Waldron. He was a son of John Moore and Elizabeth Noland, and born in Estill County, Ky., June 8, 1812; came with his parents to Howard County Mo., in 1817, and to Clay in 1824, and thence, in 1826, to Jackson. July 4, 1839, he married Elizabeth Wilson, born in Estill County, Ky., in 1812. They came to Platte in 1840, and settled on the land where he died. He was an industrious farmer and a pleasant gentleman. Ch:

I. GEORGE W. MOORE, b. May 14, 1849; d. Nov. 19, 1891; m'd Dec. 11, 1870, Viranda J. Carpenter, dr. of Zenith. (See.) He was a prosperous farmer near Waldron. Ch:

1. *William L. Moore*, b. Nov. 30, 1871; m'd Clara L. Lowe, b. May 1, 1875, dr. of Asa. (See.) Ch: [^a] Edna W., b. Oct. 5, 1893.
2. *Edward H. Moore*, b. Feb. 28, 1873; m'd in March, 1897, Lizzie Cooper.
3. *Anna B.*
4. *Lizzie B.* (twin with Anna B.), b. Nov. 30, 1875.
5. *Maud V. Moore.* 6. *Arthur G.*

II. SUSAN E. MOORE, m'd Ben F. Ellis. (See.)

MARCH.

March 1—Stephen English buys Rixey's mill on Bee Creek, and Aug Wheeland takes charge of the Platte City Water Mills.

The *Plattsmouth*, a small steamer, comes up to Platte City, and lies here several days. Capt. Davis proposes to make regular trips.

March 2—Dr. Ed. McDonald lectures publicly on "Woman."

A temperance union is formed at Platte City, with Robert Edwards as president, and Roney, Hulett, Powell, and others as members.

March 10—JAMES KENNEDY died near Prairie Point. He was born in Ireland in 1833. His widow was Mary, and children: 1, Kate; 2, John; 3, Margaret Kennedy; 4, Thomas; 5, Mary B.; 6, William; 7, Anthony; 8, Ann W.

March 11—Ben Chinn's house burned.

T. W. Park, William Forman, and Geo. Mason are badly bruised by upsetting their buggy, at night, on their return from Weston. They were duly sober, having eaten nothing stronger than oysters; and, besides, two of them were asleep.

"Zeke" (Rickets) commences writing short moral essays for the *Landmark*, and continues his contributions several years.

Samuel T. Mason and wife return from Ohio to Weston, having made trips both ways in a one-horse buggy. His age is 74.

March 13—Thomas H. Clay's house above Edgerton burned.

Mrs. Caroline Robker died near Farley; born in Hanover, Germany, in 1838; married R. Robker in 1838.

GEORGE HATTON (i).

March 17—Geo. Hatton (i) died at his home four miles south of Platte City. He was born in Virginia April 30, 1798; removed to Greenup County, Ky., thence to Indiana, and finally to Platte in 1849. His father was William Hatton, who served throughout the Revolutionary War as a common soldier. He married, in Henry County, Ind., Isabella M. Johnston, born December 21,

1799, daughter of James, and sister of Capt. R. D. Johnston. She died about 1863, and he married August 4, 1864, Lucinda Gaines. (See.) His children were by his first wife. Ch:

- I. BENJ. F. HATTON, b. March 4, 1825; m'd Dec. 29, 1852, Martha E. Ashby, dr. of David. Ch:
 1. *Sarah J. Hatton*, m'd Nov. 24, 1878, Oscar Joiner (his second wife). Ch: [^a] Ben F. Joiner; [^b] Floyd. Oscar's first wife was Janie Gresham, whom he married Oct. 14, 1869.
- II. ZERELDA HATTON, b. Jan. 18, 1827; m'd Feb. 17, 1853, Edwin Gaines, b. Sept. 26, 1828. (See.)
- III. JAMES J. HATTON, went to California.
- IV. W. CICERO HATTON, b. Jan. 12, 1834, in Indiana; m'd Jan. 18, 1859, Lucy S. Hughes, dr. of Enoch and Mary, b. Sept. 21, 1840, in Columbia, Mo. Mr. Hatton has held various offices of constable, city marshal, justice of the peace, deputy sheriff, etc. He has been merchant, farmer, clerk, carpenter, etc. He now lives in Platte City. His wife is a milliner. They are highly respected and beloved. Ch:
 1. *Clemmie Hatton*, b. April 25, 1860; m'd July 25, 1878, Henry Brown.
 2. *Davis J. Hatton*, b. Oct. 1, 1866, a painter in Platte City.
 3. *Mary J. Hatton*, b. March 4, 1870.
 4. *Albert S.*, b. July 11, 1877.
 5. *Bessie Hatton*, b. July 25, 1880.
- V. GEO. HARVEY HATTON, an experienced school teacher; m'd Nov. 22, 1867, Sophia Coons, dr. of Joe. (See.) Ch:
 1. *Carrie H.*, m'd July 19, 1886, Sub. B. Moreland.
 2. *John C. Hatton*, m'd Kate Grissom.
 3. *Robert*.
 4. *James*.
 5. *George Hatton*.
 6. *Eva*.
 7. *Eula*.
 8. *Pearl*.

JAMES M. BRADY.

March 18—James M. Brady died at Platte City. He was born July 15, 1818, in Lancaster, Ky. His parents were John Brady and Sarah Waylor, of Ireland. He was a good cabinet-maker and a man of untiring industry. He was reticent and was never seen loafing. He was to be found at his shop by day and at home at night. He came to Jackson County, Mo., in 1830, and there married May 11, 1852, Emma Alders, daughter of John B. She was born in England February 24, 1825. She was his second wife, his first, Mary Ford, having died without issue. The family came to Platte City April 19, 1855. Ch:

- I. ANNA BRADY, b. March 26, 1853; m'd Feb. 25, 1880, Albert Duncan, from whom she separated. She still lives in Platte City, sewing for a support for herself and children. Children:
 1. *Landon Duncan*.
 2. *May*.

- II. MARY E. BRADY, m'd 1st, Amos Marshall (see); m'd 2d, Dr. J. F. De Berry. (See.)
- III. SAMUEL DOTY BRADY, merchant, postal agent, banker, etc., m'd Nov. 29, 1893, Fannie Oatman.
- IV. LIZZIE BRADY, m'd July 15, 1891, Geo. A. Chanslor, of Los Angeles, Cal.
- V. ALICE BRADY, m'd Oct. 3, 1893, Geo. Simmons, of Missouri City.

Mrs. Emma Brady still lives with her children at Missouri City, and is a handsome and dignified old lady.

ELIEZER WILHITE.

March 19—Eliezer Wilhite died. He was born March 27, 1800; m'd 1st, Nancy Connell. For many years he was a miller in Weston, and finally lost all he had. Ch:

- I. EMILY WILHITE, b. Aug. 21, 1821; d. June 2, 1891; m'd April 30, 1839, Maj. J. W. Hardesty. (See.)
- II. MARY WILHITE, m'd Jesse Connell.
- III. JOHN H. WILHITE,, m'd Eliza J. Farra. (See.)
- IV. NANCY WILHITE, m'd Richard Butt, dead. Lived in Kansas.

Eliezer married, second, Addie Connell, sister of his first wife. Ch:

- V. ELIJAH S. WILHITE, b. Feb. 21, 1827; m'd Sophronia Shugart, who died childless. Mr. Wilhite laid off Wilhite's addition to Weston. He is well educated and possesses superior business qualifications, as do all the Wilhite family. He is now engaged in the real estate business at Kansas City. He m'd 2d, Louisa Ann Givens.
- VI. SARAH WILHITE, m'd Andrew H. Overbeck. (See.)
- VII. PRESLEY WILHITE, died at Kansas City Aug. 1, 1880; m'd Mary Price.
- VIII. WILLIAM C. WILHITE, m'd Nov. 28, 1866, Elvira J. Skillman (see), b. Jan. 4, 1844. They live in Hunstville, Mo.; 4 children.

IX. JESSE WILHITE.

- X. BETTIE, b. April 25, 1843; d. Dec. 9, 1896; m'd Sept. 25, 1865, B. F. Murdock. (See.)
- XI. ALVIN WILHITE, m'd a Harrington.
- XII. CATHERINE WILHITE, m'd Aug. 24, 1852, J. C. Gist. Ch:

1. Maud.

Eliezer married, third, in 1847, Mary L. Gosney, b. in Clark County, Ky., Sept. 20, 1817; no children. She died July 12, 1896, at Kearney, Clay County, Mo., aged 78.

March 20—D. C. Allen, of Clay, and J. T. Crisp, of Jackson, are canvassing the district for a Democratic nomination for Congress.

March 21—Thomas Cook died in Marshall Township.

THE COOK FAMILY.

Samuel Cook, a native of Ireland, came to Virginia, and in 1841 the family came west, and settled in Marshall Township. They are esteemed excellent citizens and successful farmers. Children:

I. THOMAS D. COOK, was born in Berkeley Co., Va., and there m'd Susan Light, who died May 6, 1880. They came in 1841. Ch:

1. *Hamilton (Hamp) Cook*, b. in Berkeley Co., Va., Sept. 1, 1835; m'd Nov. 30, 1854, Rachel Anno. Mr. Cook was the apostle of temperance in northwest Missouri. As lecturer for the Good Templars, he canvassed the State. His education is limited, but his zeal and earnestness reach the hearts of his hearers. Ch: [a] Alfred T. Cook, m'd Carrie Weisman; [b] Emma Cook, m'd 1st, Dec. 20, 1880, Wm. M. Ferrel, b. Oct. 20, 1858; died Oct. 17, 1881. Emma m'd 2d, Jas. Nower. [c] Mollie Cook.
2. *Wesley B. Cook*, m'd Dec. 18, 1866, Maggie Dyer, dr. of G. W. Ch: [a] George Cook.

II. JOHN H. COOK, m'd 1st, Bettie Ann Ross. Ch:

1. *July Ann Cook*, m'd Warren Woodson, of Kansas.
2. *Robert Cook*, m'd a Spencer. 3. *Elizabeth Cook*.
John Cook m'd 2d, Catherine Robbins, dr. of Levi.

III. MARTHA COOK, lived in Virginia.

IV. MARY COOK, m'd Henry Keller. Lived in Leavenworth.

V. LUCINDA COOK, m'd Feb. 4, 1843, Thomas J. Dye (second wife), b. Jan. 10, 1817, son of Robert H. Dye and Sarah Wells. Ch:

1. *Chas. T. Dye*, b. Jan. 4, 1856; m'd Dec. 15, 1881, Ada L. Moseby, of Clay.

Thos. J. Dye m'd 1st, in 1837, Mary Howard, and had one child, Sarah Elizaebth, b. Aug. 27, 1840; m'd in 1856, Geo. Kyle. (See.)

VI. WM. H. COOK, b. Jan. 6, 1831; d. March 7, 1896; m'd in Nov., 1857, Miranda J. Lollar, dr. of Levi, b. in North Carolina Jan. 29, 1807, and his wife, Sue Pettillo, b. in May, 1807; dead. Wm. H. Cook's children:

1. *Georgia A. Cook*, b. Jan. 16, 1862; m'd Dec. 24, 1885, Joel C. Murdock.
2. *Moetta Cook*, m'd Joe B. Burdette.
3. *Kate Cook*, m'd Feb. 3, 1892, H. Clay Lober.
4. *Ella Cook*, d. in 1895; m'd Feb. 21, 1894, James Brown.
5. *Emma Cook*, m'd Dec. 24, 1888, Thos. H. Perry, son of Ben E. Ch: [a] Ben Perry; [b] Jane.
6. *Minnie Cook*. 7. *May*. 8. *Willie* (girl).

March 22—D. C. Allen lectured at Platte City on "Ancient and Modern Literature."

The election to ascertain whether the county debt should be refunded at 6 per cent instead of 10 per cent resulted: For refunding, 704; against, 297.

APRIL.

April 1—Jas. A. Price elected mayor of Weston, E. D. Canfield marshal, and J. F. Kenney, R. H. Mundy, M. Bowman, P. Bless, Saddler Butler councilmen.

Trustees elected for Platte City: Carmack, Colman, Guthrie, Morin, Warner, Wells, Wills.

School board for Platte City: Cockrill, Colman, Cook, Jenkins, and Wells.

William Chesnut is chosen president, and A. L. Smith secretary of the Fair Association.

Weston expended the past year for schools, \$1,946.48.

SYLVESTER BLANKENSHIP.

March 13—Sylvester Blankenship died. He was a wealthy and influential citizen of Preston Township, and in intelligence far above the common farmer. He married, first, July 14, 1844, Ann D. Edson. Ch:

I. VERDIMERE BLANKENSHIP, m'd Dec. 24, 1871, Priscilla J. Kimsey. Ch:

1. *Thos. E.*, m'd Nov. 8, 1894, Jennie Wade.

II. LEON BLANKENSHIP, m'd Feb. 16, 1873, Jose Endicott, b. in 1857; d. Nov. 22, 1891, dr. of Doc. Endicott, son of William.

Sylvester married, second, October 17, 1847, Mrs. Margaret Brown, who died October 12, 1881, aged 59. Ch:

III. JULIA A. BLANKENSHIP, m'd Dec. 27, 1880, H. C. Griffith.

IV. SALLIE J. BLANKENSHIP, m'd a Gilbert.

V. MARY A. BLANKENSHIP. VI. WILLIAM H.

VII. AMANDA.

VIII. EMELINE, m'd Dec. 15, 1885, And. J. Beery.

IX. ADA BLANKENSHIP, m'd Oct. 11, 1884, Jones L. Laswell.

April 19—VINCENT H. MAXEY having died, John W. Jack administers. Bond, \$3,500. His widow, Ellen, died in November, 1887. Ch: 1, John W., married December 23, 1872, Sue W. Thomas; 2, Martha E. Maxey, m'd a Wood; 3, Mary, m'd a Billette; 4, Richard C. Maxey; 5, G. C. Maxey; 6, Albert M. Maxey; 7, Myrtle Maxey, m'd Oct. 27, 1890, Samuel T. Bradley, son of Wm.

Democratic meeting at the court-house to select delegates to the State convention at Moberly.

April 22—Ed Williams' house burned.

MAY.
COUNTY FINANCES.

Total receipts.. . . .	\$57,112.07
Paid out on warrants.. . . .	18,904.66
Applied to debt and interest.. . . .	\$38,207.41

Expenditures in Detail.

Assessor.. . . .	\$ 428.99
Bridges.. . . .	3,060.40
Roads, etc.. . . .	454.23
County Judges.. . . .	334.56
County Clerk.. . . .	1,764.53
County Treasurer.. . . .	670.12
Circuit Clerk.. . . .	174.35
County Collector.. . . .	1,307.91
Printing.. . . .	44.48
Criminal costs.. . . .	578.93
Court-house.. . . .	368.81
County Physician.. . . .	82.50
Elections.. . . .	286.65
Jurors and witnesses.. . . .	1,881.70
Insane.. . . .	1,404.35
Inquests.. . . .	118.49
Jail.. . . .	306.40
Prosecuting Attorney.. . . .	500.00
Poor-house and paupers.. . . .	2,341.10
Roads and overseers.. . . .	2,006.11
School commissioner.. . . .	35.00
Sheriff.. . . .	182.46
Stationery.. . . .	327.47
Miscellaneous.. . . .	245.12
	<hr/> \$18,904.66

Assessment for 1880.

Land.. . . .	\$2,814,339.00
Personalty.. . . .	1,504,141.00
	<hr/> \$4,318,480.00

County levy, \$1; taxes levied, county, \$47,059.06; State, \$17,205.14.

May 1—Indebtedness May 1, 1879, \$301,614.23; May 1, 1880, \$285,946.11; reduction of debt, \$15,668.12.

May 5—Dr. G. W. Smith sells out his interest in the Platte City drug store to T. L. Thomas. N. P. Ogden removes to St. Joseph.

May 8—Zerubbabel Blue Lodge, No. 191, takes a new charter under the name of Platte City Lodge, No. 504.

May 14—J. B. Mundy becomes the associate with H. Howard in editing the *Commercial* at Weston.

May 26—T. C. Thurston shot several times at D. R. Anthony in Leavenworth. He missed him, but shot Baker and Douglas, severely wounding them. For this he was sent to the Kansas penitentiary for nineteen years, but he was pardoned out after ten years' confinement.

A fine rain, which was much needed.

JUNE.

GRADUATES.

June 2—At Daughters' College: Alma Nolly, Annie Talbott.

At the Orphan School: Delia Campbell, Clara Cook, Ida M. Davidson, Fannie M. Edwards, Laura Fisher, Lutie Gibson, Mollie Harris, Charlotte Haynes, Allie Lockett, Birdie Perrin, Julia Roberts, Hannah Smallwood, Eula Tracy, Lizzie Price, Bettie Yount, Susie Price, Emma Pickett.

At Park College: Jessie F. Bell, Mary A. Higgins, Jennie L. Kipp, Effie J. Miller, Lowell M. McAfee, Howard B. McAfee, Josiah G. Pogue, Robert Watt.

June 4—The Congressional race becomes interesting. Allen and Crisp, Democrats, divide the party, while the Republicans are solid for Van Horn. The *Advance*, the *Advocate*, the *Review*, the *Sentinel*, and the *Tribune* are for Allen.

R. H. Scott and Martin Flynn remove from Waldron to Kansas City.

June 5—The Democratic primaries in Platte give Allen, for Congress, 964; Crisp, 731; Franklin, 92. The vote of the district was: Allen, 5,038; Crisp, 4,553; Franklin, 3,636.

BLAND NOMINATED.

June 14—The Democratic Senatorial Convention meets at Platte City and nominates Dr. W. W. Bland for State Senator. The Platte County delegates were: Wm. Chesnut, P. Collins, Geo. Crutchfield, C. C. Graves, J. L. Leavel, W. J. Miller, Abs. Naylor, J. T. Owens, W. F. Perrin, J. O. Starks, J. M. Holt, and G. W. Thompson.

June 17—The Democratic Congressional Convention met at Kansas City. The candidates were Allen, Crisp, and Franklin. After many ineffectual ballots, the convention adjourned *sine die*. They appointed July 17th for another primary.

ELDER MOSES E. LARD died at Lexington, Ky. He was a zealous and eloquent preacher of the Christian Church. He at one time held the position of principal of the Camden Point Female School. He was born in 1818.

June 25—JAMES HORNBUCKLE died at Helena, Mont. He was born in Mason County, Ky., May 5, 1830, came to Platte in 1839, removed to Montana; was a member of the Territorial Legislature at the time of his death; was a half-brother of G. C. Hornbuckle.

JULY.

July 1—Railey Bros.' deposits are \$78,648.96. J. M. Railey, agent of the county, commences to take in the old 10 per cent county bonds by issuing new 6 per cent bonds.

July 4—General U. S. Grant is at Leavenworth, and many go over to see him. Colonel J. N. Burnes presents him a dog pup.

The day was celebrated at the Christian Church by speeches by Roney and others. W. M. Paxton read a poem entitled "Freedom and Fraternity."

July 5—CAPTAIN JAMES KIPP died on his farm near Barry. He was born in Canada, March 15, 1788, and was of French lineage. He was a tall, straight, and military-looking old gentleman, of few words and formal in his address. He came West, commanded a steamer on the Missouri River in 1830, traversed the western wilds, and in 1838 settled in Platte.

July 6—Hancock ratification meeting at Weston.

July 10—Dr. Jephtha G. Hollingsworth opens dental rooms in Platte City.

Intense excitement over the Congressional race.

HENRY BASYE.

July 26—Henry Basye dies, and is buried at Weston. He was born in Culpeper County, Va., May 24, 1808, came to St. Louis December 12, 1829. In 1830 he came to Old Franklin, and moved successively to Independence, Jefferson City, Lexington, Martinsville, Weston, Plattsburg, and Platte City. In 1837 he was a tailor in Martinsville; in 1838 he removed to Weston, and in 1871 to Platte City. Hotel-keeping was the pursuit of his later years, but in Weston he carried on the tin and stove business. He married, first, in May, 1830, Ceolida Rider, daughter of Daniel Rider and Hannah Newman. Children:

I. MARY BASYE, m'd 1st, a Brown, and 2d, Peter Tiernan, of St. Louis.

II. ELIZABETH BASYE, m'd a Crain.

III. ANN BASYE, m'd 1st, Dupey Snell, and 2d, Chas. Schilling.

IV. CHARLES BASYE.

Mr. Henry Basye married, second, Sarah Guthrie, and had:

V. EDWARD BASYE.

VI. OLLIE, m'd Nov. 20, 1875, Geo. A. Warner (see), son of Theo.

F. He was a superior accountant, and served as deputy county clerk, under his father.

VII. MAGGIE BASYE, m'd Nov. 28, 1878, R. W. Stephens, dead. The Basye family have all left Platte, and congregate about Kansas City. Maggie m'd 2d, May 27, 1890, R. A. Woodward, who disappeared May 8, 1894, and she obtained a divorce in May, 1896.

July 17—The Crisp primary polled 472 votes for him. The Allen men did not vote.

A grand picnic and tournament at Farley.

July 23—Mrs. Esther Brock, née Owens, died near Camden Point, aged 60. She was a daughter of Robert Owens and Elizabeth Smith. We will here set in order

THE ROBERT OWENS FAMILY.

Robert Owens lived in Clinton County. He married Elizabeth Smith. Children:

- I. BROOK OWENS, m'd a Stockton. Lived in Kentucky.
- II. JAMES S. OWENS, b. in 1813; never married. He was chosen county surveyor in 1859, reëlected in November, 1866, was county court justice in 1873, elected sole judge in April, 1875, and reëlected in November, 1866. At the end of his last term, Judge Owens retired to his farm and to private life, and now seldom appears in public. Though of limited education and of retiring disposition, he is firm, fearless, honest, and pure. He came into office at a time just such a man was needed. His inflexible will and untiring patience carried into effect the dictates of economy, justice, and propriety. The only charge made against him was for his virtues. He never did me a favor, but I esteem him unsullied in truth, honor, and integrity.
- III. ESTHER OWENS, b. in 1818; d. July 23, 1880; m'd Allen Brock. Ch:
 1. *Robt. C. Brock*, m'd Mary B. Jack. (See.)
 2. *Dr. Wm. A. Brock*, m'd Eudora Thomas. (See.)
 3. *Lou Brock*, single.
- IV. AMBROSE B. OWENS, b. July 1, 1820; m'd in 1845, Mary A. Mitchell, dr. of Robert B. Ch:
 1. *Ambrose* (ii), m'd Molly Decker.
 2. *Molly Owens*, m'd Ed. O'Reevy; 3 children.
 3. *William Owens*.
 4. *Bettie Owens*, m'd Jan. 9, 1885, M. K. Little; 1 child.
- V. MARY OWENS, m'd William Davis, of Kansas.
- VI. EDWIN OWENS, m'd a Cower, of Kansas.
- VII. WILLIAM OWENS, m'd Lizzie Denton, of Kentucky.
- VIII. MARTHA, m'd Champ. Ferguson. IX. JOHN.
- X. GEORGE.

July 26—JAS. T. JETER having died, G. B. Pumphrey administered. Bond, \$200. Ch: 1, Delia A. Jeter, m'd April 6, 1876. G. B. Pumphrey (see); 2, Bettie Jeter; 3, Matilda, m'd a Holloway.

July 27—The Democratic Judicial Convention at Plattsburg nominated G. W. Dunn for judge.

Wheat averages 16 bushels per acre, and sells for 75 cents per bushel.

THOMAS HARRINGTON.

July 29—Thomas Harrington died near Settle. He was born in Howard County, Mo., February 10, 1820; was a younger brother of Miles Harrington (see), and son of William Harrington and Hannah Lowell. The old people were natives of North Carolina. They removed thence to Illinois, and came to Howard in 1820, and thence, successively, to Chariton, Daviess, and Buchanan. Thomas went to Holt County, Mo., and subsequently to the war, settled on the farm where he died. He married Elizabeth Proffit, who survived him. He was kind, social, generous, and a highly esteemed gentleman. Ch:

I. BELLE S. HARRINGTON, m'd Nov. 10, 1875, Jesse P. Settle. (See.)

II. J. WILLIAM. III. JOHN, m'd Nov. 4, 1885, Quintilla Sharp.
IV. THOMAS R. HARRINGTON (ii), b. May 22, 1870.

AUGUST.

Aug. 2—J. M. Railey, commissioner, reports \$100,000 of 10 per cent county bonds paid by 6 per cent bonds.

Fourteen dram-shop licenses issued.

Aug. 6—SYLVESTER SUMMERS having died, H. M. Burt administers. Bond, \$1,500. Ch: 1, Mary Summers; 2, Minnie.

Aug. 7—Picnic at Hickory Grove; largely attended.

Aug. 10—MRS. CATHERINE ANDERS, wife of David Anders, and daughter of Richard Jacks (see), died. She was born in Madison County, Ky., January 15, 1806, and came to Howard County, Mo., where she married David Anders. Their daughter, Lucella, married February 14, 1866, John McEown (ii). (See.) David Anders' second wife was Mrs. Emily Masterson, née Jacks.

Students are increasing at Park College, and Colonel G. S. Park fits up the old stone building on Water and Main Streets, Parkville, for their accommodation.

Aug. 13—Rev. T. R. Valliant removes with his family to Platte City.

Aug. 31—The fair was a success. After paying expenses and debt, \$367.24 remained in the treasury.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 5—Prof. W. A. Banister is assistant teacher at Daughters' College.

Sept. 10—For the first time, the *Advocate* prints the circuit court docket.

Excelsior Springs booming.

Sept. 18—The Good Templars had a large picnic in Murdock's pasture, in Fancy Bottom, and Allen, Manley, and Adkins spoke.

Allen and Crisp make ineffectual efforts to settle their controversy; but both are obstinate, and a Republican is elected to Congress.

Sept. 20—Great numbers are going to the Kansas City fair.

A good rain puts the ground in condition for the plow.

Sept. 23—D. C. Allen is nominated by the newly elected Democratic Congressional Convention.

Apples and peaches are abundant.

A negro is hung in Clinton by a mob for violating Mrs. Winn.

Attorneys from abroad attending circuit court: Clough, Doniphan, Fenlon, Hale, Hardwicke, McDougal, Merryman, Mosseman, J. F. Pitt, Porter, Shanklin, Woodson.

Grand jury: 1, James Allen; 2, D. Bullock; 3, J. H. Edwards; 4, E. W. Hardesty; 5, Thos. Henry; 6, E. R. George; 7, James Lindsay; 8, J. H. Masoner; 9, Charles Merit; 10, A. J. Moody; 11, P. Skinner; 12, W. W. Spratt.

Sept. 27—Hancock and English ratification meeting at Platte City.

DR. J. J. ESMOND locates at Tracy. He was born in Belleville, Canada, June 29, 1852. His parents were James Esmond and Mary Smith. He graduated at the Medical Department of the Toronto University, came to Tracy in 1880, and opened a drug store; and lived there until 1896, when he removed to Kansas City. In 1882 he married, in Platte City, Annie Buckley, born August 26, 1859. He was postmaster at Tracy from 1884 to 1890. He is a Knight Templar, and a Methodist, and is highly respected. Ch: 1, Willis M. Esmond, born November 24, 1882.

Topics—The election—and especially the race for Congress between Allen, Crisp, and Van Horn.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 3—The Phoenix Mills are sending off two cars of flour daily.

Oct. 8—The Republicans nominate Van Horn for Congress.

Oct. 10—The Red Cross Flouring Mill at Parkville is sold to Reading & Co. for \$8,000.

Oct. 13—ANTHONY W. LINDSAY having died, Mary A. Lindsay administers. Bond, \$2,000. Ch: 1, Mary A.; 2, Scott H.; 3, Geo. D. Lindsay; 4, Eldora M.; 5, Mary.

Oct. 20—The *Advocate* publishes over a hundred names of the Platte City Allen Club.

L. Shepard withdraws from the Greenback party, and returns to the Democratic fold.

NOVEMBER.

ELECTION.

President—Hancock, United States vote, 4,442,035; county, 2,693. Garfield, United States vote, 4,449,053; county, 945.

Congressman—Allen (Democrat), 1,314; Crisp (Democrat), 1,381; Van Horn (Republican), 894.

Circuit Judge—G. W. Dunn, 3,559.

Senator—W. W. Bland, 2,921.

Representative—J. W. Anderson, 1,551; James Adkins, 1,140; F. Luthy (Republican), 931.

Probate Judge—W. P. Ohiles, 2,273; R. N. Harrington, 1,270.

County Judge—W. Chesnut, 1,213; Kindred, 380; D. J. Thorp, 992; Rose, 788.

Prosecuting Attorney—J. W. Coburn, 1,315; Wm. Forman, 1,291; Guthrie, 765; Pitt, 173.

Sheriff—W. J. Overbeck, 939; J. T. Dunkin, 792; Coffey, 725; Evans, 326; McComas (Republican), 756.

Assessor—J. H. Nash, 1,146; Clements (Republican), 890; Hudson, 567; Sloan, 558; Beery, 378.

Collector—E. C. Cockrill, 1,849; Jack, 1,244; Shepard, 477.

Treasurer—J. F. Flannery, 3,387.

Surveyor—W. V. Slone, 3,284.

Public Administrator—W. C. Wells, 3,087.

Coroner—Jos. Coons, 2,458; Stewart, 779.

The Hog Law adopted by 1,478 votes, to 1,317.

Official vote of the State—Hancock, 208,589; Garfield, 153,587; Weaver, 35,185.

Vote of Congressional District—Van Horn, 8,394; Allen, 7,706; Crisp, 7,449; Clark, 1,084.

Nov. 2—THOMAS ALVIS shot by George W. Chinn, at the Virginia Hotel, in Platte City. He lingered for four weeks, with a bullet in the brain, and died. Chinn was indicted, tried, and acquitted.

The Hog Law was adopted, and so proclaimed by the county clerk, but no evidence was preserved of the vote, and the question coming up in a case before the circuit court, it was declared

inoperative February 22, 1883. Thereupon it was resubmitted, in 1884, and the evidence of its adoption preserved.

Kansas adopts prohibition.

Rev. W. H. Penhallegon, having visited Europe and returned, lectured on "Beyond the Sea."

Nov. 10—The election in the St. Joseph Congressional District resulted in a tie between Craig (Democrat), and Ford (Republican). The Democratic Supreme Court decided Ford elected.

JAMES H. HARRIS died near Settle. He was born in Preble County, Ohio, June 28, 1826; came to Platte in 1840; married Harriet Wilson (living). Ch: 1, Alice Harris, m'd Andrew Miller (see); 2, Daniel; 3, Olivia Harris, m'd Sept. 15, 1885, Wm. B. Bywaters. (See.)

Nov. 24—Temperature 20° below zero.

Rev. T. R. Valliant preached the Thanksgiving sermon at Platte City, and the ladies of the Woman's Christian Missionary Society gave their annual supper.

ELMORE BRECKENRIDGE.

Nov. 25—Elmore Breckenridge died on his farm, three miles east of Platte City. He was born in Bourbon County, Ky., May 17, 1803; married January 18, 1838, Letitia Strode, born October 31, 1801; died December 17, 1893. They came to Platte in 1843. She was a daughter of John Strode. Her first husband was William Srite, and was father of Ruth Srite, who married, first, P. Stockwell, and after his death, married, second, Jonathan Wallace, and went to Kansas. For Mr. E. Breckenridge's lineage, see The Breckenridge Family. His ch:

I. **ELMORE BRECKENRIDGE** (ii), m'd Nov. 8, 1866, Emeranda Breckenridge, née Estes, the widow of his brother George. Ch:

1. *John W.*, m'd Nov. 13, 1888, Tillie Ebbard.

II. **GEO. BRECKENRIDGE**, m'd Emeranda Estes. George died, leaving:

1. *Ella Breckenridge*, who married Feb. 27, 1888, James Brubeck.

The widow, Emeranda, as stated above, married her husband's brother, Elmore.

III. **MARION BRECKENRIDGE**, b. Aug. 13, 1849.

Nov. 26—CAPT. THOMAS J. ELLIS committed suicide at his home in Weston. He was born April 1, 1803, in Lafayette County, Pa.; came west when a youth, entered the army, and was with Col. Leavenworth in 1828, when the Fort that bears his name was located. This fact was the crowning glory of Ellis' life. He served in the Black Hawk War, the Florida War, and the Mexican War.

Nov. 30—A horrible accident on the Atchison branch of the R. I. & P. Railway. Mail Agent Sims was burned to death, and A. G. Beller had a shoulder dislocated. The train was overturned and burned.

In the last five months John E. Grass has purchased at Weston and shipped 32,000 bushels of wheat.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—The Missouri River is frozen over.

DAVID FLEMING.

Dec. 2—David Fleming died. He was born in North Carolina February 26, 1809; married March 27, 1846, Minerva Fox, born March 27, 1818; died February 8, 1885; daughter of "Long-Point Billy Fox." Mr. Fleming was a son of John Fleming and Mary E. Perkins. He was a man of good English education and of sound judgment. He filled the office of justice of the peace for many years, and no appeal was ever taken from any of his decisions. He opposed secession, and in 1866 was a supervisor of registration. Ch:

- I. JOHN FLEMING, b. Dec. 24, 1846. Lives at Artesian Springs.
- II. WILLIAM FLEMING, b. Feb. 11, 1848; d. Jan. 22, 1892; m'd Jan. 22, 1874, Mary E. Dunagan, dr. of John F. and b. Sept. 21, 1856. Ch:
 1. *David Fleming* (ii), b. June 11, 1876.
 2. *Alva P. Fleming*, b. May 7, 1878.
 3. *Jesse B.*, b. Dec. 16, 1881.
 4. *James W. Fleming*, b. Feb. 16, 1883.
 5. *Artie*, b. Dec. 19, 1891.
- III. HENRIETTA FLEMING, b. May 5, 1850. Lives in Livingston Co., Mo.
- IV. THEO. FLEMING, b. June 21, 1851; m'd Nov. 23, 1876. Sarah C. Dunagan, dr. of John F. Ch:
 1. *Walter*. 2. *Chester*.
- V. CICERO FLEMING, b. Feb. 14, 1854; m'd March 9, 1887. Toie Gabbert, who died, childless, March -8, 1889. Prof. Fleming is one of the most celebrated of Platte County's educators.
- VI. PETTIS FLEMING, b. April 18, 1855; m'd Alice Bishop, dr. of James. Ch:
 1. *Howard*. 2. *Wallace*. 3. *Harry*. 4. *Edna*.
- VII. RUSH FLEMING, b. Sept. 12, 1857; m'd Dec. 28, 1880, Eva Carter, dr. of Ben. Ch:
 1. *Effie*. 2. *Bertha*. 3. *Lola*. 4. *Pearl*.
- VIII. PLEASANT P. FLEMING, b. March 15, 1859; m'd Oct. 6, 1890, Lillie Prunty, dr. of Atchison. Ch:
 1. *Willard F.*

IX. OSCAR FLEMING, b. Nov. 29, 1860; m'd in Feb., 1895, Rosa Alcorn.

David Fleming had a brother, Sampson Fleming, who lives in Cass County. Ch: 1, Edward F.; 2, David; 3, Roderick M.; 4, Susanna; 5, Ellen; 6, Rebecca; 7, Olive M.; 8, Louisa C.

HENRY BRILL.

Henry Brill, of Weston, died. He was born May 24, 1809; married Dora Huvendahl, sister of Henry. He was a pioneer blacksmith, and came from the State of New York in 1838. Ch:

I. JOHN H. BRILL, b. in Fox Plains, N. Y., Jan. 30, 1838; m'd March 20, 1862, Caroline Dorth. Ch:

1. *Jesse D.* 2. *William.*

II. LIZZIE BRILL, m'd Henry Bruggan.

III. GEO. BRILL, b. in Platte May 27, 1842; m'd March 10, 1870, Catherine Carson. Ch:

1. *John.* 2. *Mary.* 3. *Lewis.* 4. *Lena.*

IV. HENRY BRILL, a business man of St. Joseph.

V. JACOB.

VI. EDWARD BRILL, b. in 1851; d. Sept. 15, 1894; m'd Nov. 8, 1875, Victoria Noll. Ch:

1. *Matthias H.* 2. *Edward E.* 3. *Clarence L.*

VII. PETER BRILL.

Dec. 6—Temperature 4° below zero. Ice—good.

Mason & Co. sell their stock of goods to Burnes & Johnston.

Dec. 8—Kurtz & Bro. of Platte City remove their stock and the postoffice to Krause's new building on Lot 4, Block 29.

REUBEN BROWNING.

Dec. 9—Reuben Browning died near New Market. He was born December 7, 1793; married, third, October 12, 1853, Mrs. Mary J. McAdow, widow of John McAdow, and daughter of Ben Bean. She survives with step-children:

I. GEORGE BROWNING, died before his father; 6 children.

II. JAMES M. BROWNING, m'd Jan. 24, 1855, Mary A. Duncan.

III. BEN F. BROWNING.

Dec. 11—Frank Blacketer is killed in Weston by Jos. Wells. On examination, Wells is discharged.

Dec. 17—The *Weston Commercial* gives a doleful account of the drunkenness in Weston, but exempts the dram-shops from all blame.

The lecture course revived in Platte City, with McDonald, Paxton, and Jenkins as executive committee.

Dec. 25—Christmas. All the schools of Platte City unite in observing the day at the court-house. A "Jacob's Ladder" was

the chief feature, which consisted of a common ladder covered with dolls, and not a male among them.

PREACHERS OFFICIATING IN PLATTE FROM 1875 TO 1880.

O. D. Allen (C. Pres.), C. Babcock (M. E.), D. F. Bone (M. E.), P. J. Burruss (Bap.), W. C. Campbell (M. E.), Jerry Clay (Bap.), M. B. Chapman (M. E.), W. A. Crouch (Bap.), J. W. Ellis (M. E.), G. W. Everett (Bap.), J. W. Faubion, E. H. Foster, D. S. Hayes, Wm. Harris, D. M. Heath (M. E.), J. R. Hedgpeth (M. E.), R. W. Howerton (M. E.), Thos. Hurst (M. E.), Jas. A. Hyder (M. E.), Wm. James (M. E.), J. W. Kiethley (M. E.), Geo. H. Kurn, A. T. Lewis (M. E.), T. L. Lewis (Bap.), J. A. Lord (Chris.), J. A. McAfee (Pres.), Wm. Mathews (Chris.), A. C. McKeefer (Chris.), E. M. Palmer (Pres.), W. H. Penhallegon (Pres.), B. F. Rice, J. T. Riley, W. C. Rogers, A. F. Smith (Chris.), Jas. Standiford (Bap.), W. H. Thomas (Bap.), T. R. Valliant (Epis.), J. B. Wallace, J. W. Waller (Chris.), B. Waller (Chris.), J. J. Wyatt (Chris.).

MARRIAGES IN 1880 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTED.

January 8—Edgar Alexander married Virginia Tomlin.
March 30—John T. Martin married Stella A. Allen.
March 31—Fred Nieman married Louisa Peterman.
April 1—W. J. Fitzgerald married Mrs. Martha J. Mott.
May 6—Wm. Cary married Drue Cook.
May 9—W. B. Pope married Lizzie Jacks.
June 6—W. C. Asher married Rosa A. Clemings.
July 4—Robert S. Daffron married Mary A. Standiford.
July 11—Lewis Ashby married Roberta Boydston.
July 29—James A. Grimes married Maggie Blankenship.
August 5—B. M. Ecton married Lucy Blake; Samuel Moore married Margaret Beery.
September 1—H. T. Stone married Annie L. Drais; A. L. Dale married Mary Gabbert.
September 16—C. F. Wood married E. T. Griffin.
October 12—James Wallace married Eliza Brooks.
November 9—Thad. Owens married Katie Moore.
November 21—W. C. McClosky married Painter A. Phillips.
December 1—W. H. Broadus married May Norris.
December 28—W. E. Middleton married Annie A. Moore.
December 30—W. M. Creighton married Eva Link.

1881.

OFFICERS.

Governor, T. T. Crittenden; Congressman, R. T. Van Horn; State Senator, W. W. Bland; Representative, J. W. Anderson; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; County Justices, Owens, Chesnut, Thorp; Circuit Judge, G. W. Dunn; County Clerk, T. F. Warner; Prosecuting Attorney, J. W. Coburn; Sheriff, W. J. Overbeck; Circuit Clerk, R. L. Waller; Collector, E. C. Cockrill; County Treasurer, J. F. Flannery; Assessor, J. H. Nash; Coroner, Jos. F. Coons; Surveyor, W. V. Slone; Public Administrator, W. C. Wells; School Commissioner, W. A. Bowen.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Carmack, Forman, Norton, Paxton, Pitt, Wells, Woodson, Wilson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Coffey, Guthrie, Hollingsworth, Kemper, McDonald, Smith.

Merchants, etc.—Burnes, Chinn, Clemings, Colman, Dearing, Ellifrit, Hatton, Hulett, Jenkins, Kiefer, Krause, Kurtz (postmaster), Lutes, Mason, Meads, Morin, Recht, Swain, Thomas, Wheeland, Wills, Young, Zarn.

Lodges—No. 504, N. B. Anderson, W. M.; Nebraska, No. 12, J. L. Carmack, N. G.

Newspapers—The *Advocate*, J. M. Cockrill editor; the *Landmark*, Park & McCluer editors.

Schools—Daughters' College, F. G. Gaylord president; public school, Prof. Crafton principal.

Bank—Exchange Bank of Wells & Co.

Preachers—G. W. Everett (Bap.), N. E. McKeever (Chris.), R. W. Howerton (M. E.), T. R. Valliant (Epis.), E. M. Palmer (Pres.).

Superintendents of Sunday-schools—E. C. Cockrill (Chris.), E. C. Ohlhausen (M. E.), W. V. Slone (Bap.), J. R. Swain (Pres.). Fair—W. Chesnut president, A. L. Smith secretary.

At Weston: Coburn, Guthrie, Bonifant, Martin, Maxwell, Shortridge.

Merchants, etc.—Baker, Bell, Bowman, Briggs, Doppler, Evans, Frank, Holliday, Hamm, Hartman, How, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Keller, Kenney, Kurtz, Magers, McConnell, Mauch, Moore, Mundy, Newhouse, Noll, Noble, Ohlhausen, Price (postmaster), Raileys, Reed, Ringo, Schenkner, Schmidt, Schindler, Siler, Thorn.

Mayor, J. A. Price; marshal, Canfield.

Preacher—M. B. Chapman (M. E.).

Bank—Railey & Bro.

At Parkville: Ashby, Brightwell, Bueneman (postmaster), Campbell, Coffey, Fulton, Flannery, Haynes, Holt, Howe, Kahm, Laughlin, Linn, Luthy, McDonald, Kincheloe, Mitchell, Moore, Nash, Pack, Reading, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld, Wood.

Bank—J. B. Flannery cashier.

College—J. A. McAfee president.

Preachers—R. F. Beavers (M. E.).

At Camden Point: Duncan, Ewing (postmaster), Herndon, Moore, Purdy, Stone, Stallard, Tanner, Wood.

At East Leavenworth: Banning.

At Edgerton: Beery, Doke, Handley, Horn, Hopkins, Johnston, De Armond, Jones, Moody, Morrison, Manning, Shafer, Smith, Wade, Worth.

At Farley: Brasfield, Holt, Meyer (postmaster), Oliver, Spratt, Weisse.

At Hampton: Bledsoe (postmaster).

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: T. J. Slaughter (postmaster).

At New Market: Bryant (postmaster), Gregg, Johnson, Leavel, Lowe, Martin, Middleton, Sampson.

At Ridgely: Chrisman (postmaster), Fitzgerald, Cockrael, Robinson.

At Settle: J. J. Blakley.

At Tracy: Baker, Chinn, Davis, Esmond, Hamm, Ryan.

At Waldron: Baker, Hawkins, Heath, McCormick, Pettillo, Simpson (postmaster), Sutherland, Waldrons.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—W. M. Paxton issued his first volume of poems, 135 pages, entitled "A Century Hence and Other Poems." He distributed gratuitously the whole edition of 600 volumes.

Railey & Bros.' deposits, \$140,949.94.

Revival at Parkville; 85 additions to the Presbyterian Church.

Large quantities of apples were frozen last fall on the trees, and are still hanging on.

NELSON J. ALEXANDER.

Nelson J. Alexander having died, December 8, 1880, his widow administers. He was born in Milledgeville, Ga., February 29, 1812; married January 3, 1841, Lucy A. Vaughn, daughter of Thomas, of Liberty, Mo. She was born in that place January 3, 1822. She still lives at the old homestead near Iatan, a hale, handsome, and kind-hearted lady. Mr. Alexander came west in 1837, and located near Iatan. He was engaged in various enterprises, at one time a merchant, at another a speculator in hemp and other produce, or dealing in cattle, or trading on the plains. He ran the Union Mills for some years, and in old age and reduced fortune, he retired to his farm and died. He was

highly esteemed for his intelligence, enterprise, mercantile probity, handsome person, urbane manners, and generous disposition. Children:

- I. SAMUEL ALEXANDER, b. Oct. 8, 1841; m'd Sept. 25, 1864, Ada McAdow. (See.) They separated, and he died May 28, 1890. Ch:
 1. *William Alexander*. 2. *Nellie*, m'd S. Fowler.
- II. GEO. W. ALEXANDER, b. Oct. 25, 1846. He is single and lives with his mother, a genial and intelligent gentleman.
- III. THEO. W. ALEXANDER, b. in 1852; lives in Gentry County; m'd Kate Lankford. Ch.
 1. *Alma*. 2. *Claude*. 3. *Tella*.
- IV. LUCY A. ALEXANDER, b. March 2, 1854; m'd Sept. 27, 1874, G. W. Roper. They live at Rich Hill, Mo.
- V. WILLIAM ALEXANDER, b. Dec. 4, 1856; m'd Dec 1, 1878, Florence Willet; 2 children.
- VI. CHAS. N. ALEXANDER, b. June 2, 1860; single. Lives in California.

Jan. 4—Temperature 20 degrees below zero.

Jan. 6—Democratic ratification meeting at Weston. Allen, Crisp, Fenlon, Park, and Pitt spoke.

Very dry; hauling water.

Jan. 7—Theo. Tilton lectured at Weston.

Jan. 9—Temperature 12 degrees below zero.

Samuel D. Brady becomes partner in the grocers' house in Platte City, of W. R. Wills.

MAJOR JAMES COCHRAN.

Jan. 12—Major James Cochran died near Stewartsville, and was buried at Weston. He was born in 1791; was deputy marshal for Missouri and Kansas, warden of the Missouri penitentiary, tobacco inspector of Missouri, packed beef and pork at Weston and St. Joseph, was inspector of provisions at Leavenworth during the Mexican War, etc. Ch:

- I. MARY J. COCHRAN, m'd June 30, 1846, Judge Samuel L. Hays, judge of our county court in 1858, and voted against the Parkville & G. R. Railroad bonds. He kept the hotel at the east end of Platte City for some years.
- II. HENRY M. COCHRAN, m'd Feb. 19, 1861, Martha J. Guthrie. He was a merchant and postmaster at Platte City at the breaking out of the war, and was burned out Dec. 17, 1861.

William Morin moves into his new house on Lot 1, Block 26, Platte City.

THOMAS C. DOOLEY.

Jan. 14—Thomas C. Dooley died at Parkville. J. B. Flannery administered. Bond, \$14,000. He married Hannah Davis. The house of Dooley & Davis did a thriving business in Park-

ville, and both partners were highly esteemed. (See T. W. Davis.) Ch:

I. ADA M. DOOLEY, m'd May 29, 1873, Samuel E. Staggs
(ii). (See.)

II. THOMAS C. DOOLEY.

III. MARY H. DOOLEY, m'd R. H. Goulding.

MRS. SUSAN M. MERRYMAN.

Jan. 16—Mrs. Susan M. Merryman died at St. Louis, and was buried at Platte City. She was born in Kentucky, July 10, 1803, and came West in 1856. Her only child was:

I. JOSEPH E. MERRYMAN, b. in Kentucky about 1825, and married there. His wife died, leaving:

1. *John Frank Merryman*, b. about 1853, who was brought when a child, in 1856, by his father to Platte City, where he grew up to manhood, receiving a finished education. He was licensed as an attorney April 11, 1874. After practicing for one year in Platte City, in partnership with J. F. Pitt, he removed to St. Louis. There he married a daughter of Hon. Chas. P. Johnson, and is now in partnership with his father, forming one of the most noted law firms in the West. Frank has served in the State Legislature, and has filled many positions of honor and trust.

Mr. Joseph E. Merryman came West in the spring of 1856, and formed a law partnership with Hon. James G. Spratt, and the firm was prosperous in business. Judge Spratt entered the Southern service in 1861, and in 1862 Mr. Merryman and I formed a partnership in the practice of law at Platte City, which continued for ten years. We did well, and engaged in the banking business, starting the Farmers' Savings Association in August, 1866. We sold out in 1870, and in July of that year started the banking house of Merryman, Paxton & Cockrill. This bank we sold in July, 1873, to Cockrill & Co. During these years we also applied ourselves to our law practice with diligence and success. When we dissolved, in 1873, our practice was wide and profitable, and Mr. Merryman removed to St. Louis, where he yet lives. As a practitioner he has scarcely an equal in the State. He is more fruitful in resources, and more ready in their application, than any other lawyer I ever met. He could give from memory the date, volume, and page of almost every decision of importance in our State Reports. Even in the most desperate cases, he would find some way of defeating his adversary. Before a jury he was powerful, in cross-examination of a witness he was ready, and in his pleadings he committed no blunders.

Mr. Merryman married, second, March 15, 1858, Elizabeth Hunt. (See.) She died June 13, 1866, leaving:

2. *David Merryman.*

Mr. Merryman married, third, Sept. 28, 1866, Mrs. Annie T. Earickson, widow of Dr. J. P. Earickson, and daughter of Robert Todd. (See.) She died June 13, 1873, leaving:

3. *Robert Merryman.* 4. *Todd.* 5. *Joseph.* They live with their father in St. Louis.

Mr. Merryman married, fourth, March 18, 1885, Mrs. Mary J. Croppe, from whom he parted; no children.

Jan. 17—Moses Broadhurst died near Parkville, Mo; he was born December 4, 1832.

MRS. MARY FARRA.

Jan. 26—Mrs. Mary Farra died; she was the widow of John R. Farra. Their children:

I. ELIZABETH FARRA, m'd John Arnold, who possessed 320 acres of fine land five miles north of Platte City. They removed to St. Joseph, where Mr. Arnold died a few years ago, and as he left no children, his land was sold for partition among his collateral kindred, numbering a hundred.

II. LUCY FARRA, m'd A. H. Crowder. He was a merchant of Weston, and removed to Texas.

III. MARGARET FARRA, m'd Benj. P. Shouse, b. in Woodford County, Ky., in 1813; d. in Caldwell County, Mo., Feb. 14, 1888. His parents were Daniel Shouse and Mary Rice. They came to Platte in 1844. In his declining years he became involved, and had to surrender his splendid farm for debt. He removed to Caldwell County, where he died. Children:

1. *John S. Shouse*, b. in 1837; m'd Feb. 21, 1865, Leah T. Bonnell, dr. of William. Ch: [^a] Thomas, m'd Maggie A. Styne. (See.)

2. *Mollie C. Shouse*, m'd Nov. 3, 1859, Charles F. Bonnell, son of William; they have 13 children.

3. *Ben. F. Shouse*, b. July 29, 1843, in Woodford County, Ky.; m'd Nov. 8, 1866, Reb Clay (see), b. Jan. 26, 1845, dr. of William. Mr. Shouse served four years in the Southern army. He is a genial, hearty, Christian gentleman and is highly esteemed. His sketch has been given.

4. *James M. Shouse*, b. in 1845; m'd Harriet Lamar; 7 children.

5. *Zach. Taylor Shouse*, b. March 10, 1847; m'd 1st, Susan Herndon, dr. of Frazier. She died, leaving: [^a] Frazier. Z. T. then m'd 2d, Joie Dodson, dr. of James. They live in Caldwell.

6. *Sarah E. Shouse*, b. in 1849; m'd Feb. 20, 1868, Jos. T. Herndon, son of Frazier; 5 children.

7. *William Shouse*, b. in 1851; m'd *Martha Duty*; 4 children. Live in Kansas.
 8. *Daniel P. Shouse*, m'd Dec. 28, 1880, *Mary Bonnell*, dr. of *William*; 3 children.
 9. *Laura Shouse*, m'd *John Weidmire*. Live in Caldwell.
 10. *Emma Shouse*, md *George Weidmire*; 2 children. Live in Caldwell.
 11. *Edward P. Shouse*, m'd *Jennie Ross*.
- IV. **SAMUEL FARRA**, m'd *Clarissa Alexander*. Live in Jefferson County, Kan.
- V. **ELIZA J. FARRA**, m'd Feb. 25, 1847, *John H. Wilhite*, b. Feb. 13, 1823; d. Oct. 13, 1892, son of *Eliezer*. (See.) *Mr. Wilhite* lived four miles north of *Platte City* until his removal to Kansas in 1870. While he lived here he was a prominent citizen. He was deputy collector for several years. He was the president of the *Weston and Platte City Turnpike Company*, and the failure of that enterprise was no fault of his. He staked all upon it, and lost.
- VI. **DAVID R. FARRA**, m'd Feb. 3, 1852, *Mary M. Keller*. They went to Oregon, where he died, leaving children.
- VII. **RICE FARRA**, m'd *Martha J. McClelland*. Ch:
1. *Richard M. Farra*, m'd *Elizabeth Dean*, dr. of *Frank Dean*. (See.)
 2. *Geo. R. Farra*, m'd *Anna Hamilton*, and went to Oregon.
 3. *John Farra*, m'd *Mary Williams*, dr. of *W. W. (Bud)*.
- Jan. 27—A good rain after a drouth.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—*W. H. Hunt* takes the *Swain House* in *Platte City*, and *Swain* removes to the *Wm. Loan farm*, one mile east of *Platte City*.

Dr. Edward McDonald lectures at *Platte City* on "Art."

Feb. 4—*Margaret Sturgiss*, widow of *Thomas Sturgiss*, died near *Edgerton*. Her maiden name was *Margaret Boyd*. She was born in *Chester County, Pa.*, Sept. 1, 1797. She married *Thomas Sturgiss*, who died March 20, 1849. Their children were: 1, *James*; 2, *John*; 3, *Kennedy*; 4, *Samuel*; 5, *Margaret*; 6, *Annie*; 7, *Jane Sturgiss*. The family left *Pennsylvania* in 1851 for *Adams County, Ill.* The only child we are interested in is:

I. JAMES STURGISS,

Who was born in *Pennsylvania*, January 9, 1825; married, in *Illinois*, *Elizabeth Tuttle*; came to *Platte* in 1868, and while farming worked at the carpenter trade. His father left him \$1,000, which, with the fruits of his industry, was invested in land. In 1882 he rented out his land and removed into *Edgerton*. Here

he engaged in the furniture trade, which he still pursues. He is a Methodist, full of good works, and a sturdy Prohibitionist from principle and conscience. Their only child is:

- I. GEORGE STURGISS, now a partner of his father in the furniture business. He was born in Illinois, June 5, 1864; m'd April 7, 1888, Lucy Dodson.

Feb. 4—Platte River overflows, bringing down vast quantities of heavy ice, which lodged on low bottoms, and in some places was not melted in time to cultivate the land. Wheeland lost a large lot of wheat, which was overflowed in the Platte City Mills.

The *Landmark* and the *Advocate* consolidate, taking the name of the former. Park retires, after fifteen years of editorial labor; and Valliant and Cockrill edit the paper, with James L. McCluer as silent partner.

Feb. 10—W. A. Singleton sells his farm adjacent to New Market to T. Benton Gabbert, for \$14,000.

Feb. 13—A heavy snow obstructs county roads and railroads, by drifting. On the 14th a sleet broke down trees and winter-killed fruit. On the 16th there was another snow, and then it turned intensely cold.

The Cumberland Presbyterian Presbytery met at Barry.

ELDER WILLIAM H. THOMAS.

Feb. 24—Elder William H. Thomas died at his home near Camden Point. He was born in Hardin County, Ky., June 6, 1806. His father, Thomas Thomas, son of Thomas, was born in Maryland in 1778; married Ann Noll, born in Kentucky in 1784. Ch: 1, Winneford Thomas, m'd a Noll in Hardin County, Ky.; 2, W. H. Thomas, will be noticed; 3, Nancy D., single; 4, Elizabeth, m'd a Peck; 5, Lucy; 6, Martin, m'd a Patterson; 7, Susan, m'd a Rogers; 8, Dr. Thomas L., will be noticed; 9, Owen R. Thomas, prosecuting attorney of Hardin County, Ky.; 10, David T. Thomas, will be noticed.

Three of the above demand attention.

I. WILLIAM H. THOMAS,

Was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, June 6, 1806; died in Platte February 24, 1881. He received a classical education, and was well prepared for the ministry. He adopted the Baptist faith, and from a thorough investigation of the Bible and extensive reading of theology, he became a confirmed Calvinist. He was a man of sound judgment and discriminating thought. As a logician he had no superior in the county. His business qualifications crowned all his enterprises with success. Whether engaged in merchandising, farming, or preaching, he was practical, earnest, and successful. His preaching was perhaps too critical, exact, and learned for the common hearer. I knew him well, and enjoyed his confidence. With many the stiffness and

formality of his address detracted from his usefulness. Among his acquaintances his truth was never doubted, and his judgment settled all controversies. He married, in Kentucky, Nancy Wills, who survived him, and died in St. Joseph October 28, 1894. She was a lovely woman, and much admired for her purity of thought, word, and deed and for her Christian graces. Ch:

I. LAURA THOMAS, m'd Feb. 1, 1854, Erastus C. Bywaters (see), son of John C. She died, leaving:

1. *Thomas Bywaters*, m'd Ada George, dr. of W. P. Erastus m'd 2d, June 3, 1858, Mollie E. Reed, dr. of Alex. Reed. They live at Great Falls, and have several children.

II. ANN ELIZA THOMAS, m'd April 6, 1855, Junius Octavius Bywaters, b. Jan. 26, 1831; died May 16, 1872. Mrs. Bywaters still lives and is a handsome and accomplished lady. Ch:

1. *Laura F. Bywaters*, b. in Feb., 1859; m'd Oct. 16, 1878. Temple B. Anderson, b. April 20, 1855. She died in Jan., 1893, leaving: [^a] Willie B., b. July 8, 1879.
2. *Lula Bywaters*, b. in Jan., 1862; m'd John Ranson, and died.
3. *Mary Bywaters*, b. April 17, 1864; m'd Dudley Cravens, of Camden Point. Ch: [^a] Archie; [^b] Dudley Cravens (ii).
4. *Eudora Bywaters*, b. in Oct., 1866; m'd June 22, 1887, R. C. Rogers.

III. SARAH THOMAS, dead; m'd Dec. 11, 1860, John W. Bywaters. Ch:

1. *Eleanor Bywaters*, m'd Dec. 7, 1880, Chas. Stone.
2. *Nannie Bywaters*, m'd Dec. 27, 1882, Clay Davidson, son of Noah. Ch: [^a] Glen (girl); [^b] Harry; [^c] Guy; [^d] a babe.
3. *Anna Elizabeth Bywaters*, m'd Feb. 14, 1882, Jas. W. Miller, son of Peter E., b. in Sept., 1858. Children: [^a] William E., b. in 1883; [^b] Millie F.; [^c] Ervin Miller; [^d] Billy T. Miller.
4. *Allibee Bywaters*, m'd Holmes Davidson, son of Noah; went to Oklahoma.
5. *Willette Bywaters*, m'd Aug. 22, 1890, Jas. P. Clay, son of Henry.
6. *Erastus Bywaters* (ii), went to Lewis County, Mo.
7. *Octavia Bywaters*.

Mr. John W. Bywaters married, second, Mrs. Fannie Nunn, and went to Lewis County, Mo.

IV. MARY THOMAS, m'd Jones Wilson.

V. EUDORA A. THOMAS, m'd Sept. 3, 1868, Dr. Wm. A. Brock. (See.)

VI. ALLIE THOMAS, m'd Sept. 3, 1879, Champ. T. Hamblin, b. Feb. 12, 1849. He is a merchant of Camden Point, a

Knight Templar, and a gentleman esteemed and honored.
Children:

1. *Adrane.* 2. *Gertrude.* 3. *Gabrielle L.*
4. *Champ. T. Hamblin* (ii).

II. DR. THOMAS L. THOMAS

Was born in 1821; died in September, 1864. He has already been noticed. (See.)

III. DAVID T. THOMAS

Was born in Hardin County, Ky., Dec. 23, 1847; came to Platte in 1880, and settled near Edgerton; married April 3, 1872, Emma Hayden, born in 1848. He is a farmer of superior intelligence and dignity. Ch:

I. THOMAS, b. Feb. 8, 1874.

WILLIAM K. WALTERS.

Feb. 24—Wm. K. Walters having died, his widow, Victoria, administers. Bond, \$1,500. Ch:

I. ALICE WALTERS, m'd Feb. 3, 1888, Jas. A. Cockrael. (See.)

II. MINNIE WALTERS, m'd March 10, 1887, Wm. M. Mauzey, son of Lawson. Ch:

1. *Mattie Mauzey.* 2. *Verdie.*

III. THOMAS B. WALTERS. IV. ANNA.

T. R. Darnall lectured at Platte City on "Originality."

Feb. 28—Lodges of Knights of Honor are organized over the county. George A. Warner is Master of the lodge at Platte City.

MARCH.

March 1—Captain Thomas Henry sells his farm, near Parkville, to Mat. Vallandigham, and removes to Kansas City.

March 7—Dr. Ed. McDonald lectured at Platte City on "Romeo and Juliet."

March 12—Jesse J. Blakley removes his store from Settle to Platte City.

Ice in the Missouri breaks up.

March 17—W. A. Singleton, at New Market, makes a public sale of his personal property, with a view to his removal further northwest in this State. Mules brought \$140; horses, \$110; cows and calves, \$40; beeves, \$4.10; hogs, \$4.25; corn, 27 cents.

William A. Singleton is a tall, handsome and dignified gentleman. He commanded the confidence and esteem of the people of the county. He was a large farmer and dealer in stock. He married, first, March 18, 1847, Catherine Miller; and after her death, he married, November 11, 1852, Hannah Nye.

March 20—John I. Skillman killed a bald eagle measuring seven feet from tip to tip.

March 21—William Forman lectured at Platte City on "From Dan to Beersheba."

CIRCUIT COURT.

Sheriff Overbeck appoints as his deputies: 1, T. J. Carson; 2, Jas. Gittinger; 3, R. W. Pack; 4, J. W. Pope; 5, T. Stiff; 6, S. A. Woods.

Attorneys from abroad: Clough, Doniphan, Fenlon, Gilbert, Hale, Hardwicke, Lowe, Lucas, McDougal, Merryman, Mossman, J. F. Pitt, Porter, Reed, Stringfellow, A. Woodson, and S. C. Woodson.

ANN HOLLAND.

March 24—Ann Holland died, at the age of 87. Her husband died in Virginia. Their children:

- I. THOMAS A. HOLLAND. II. SAMUEL O.
- III. RICHARD H.
- IV. JAMES W. HOLLAND, m'd Martha E. ———.
- V. GEO. L. HOLLAND, m'd Jacqueline M. ———.
- VI. ROBERT E. HOLLAND, m'd Martha ———.
- VII. AMANDA C. HOLLAND. VIII. MARY J. HOLLAND.
- IX. MARTHA A. HOLLAND, m'd E. Warren Lewis.
- X. ELIZABETH HOLLAND, m'd June 20, 1869, Jacob Faubion.

MADISON OWENS.

March 31—Madison Owens died. He was a son of John Owens and Ann Sanford, and was born in Henry County, Ky., December 7, 1809; married November 7, 1837, in Nelson County, Ky., Sallie A. Stone, born March 16, 1819. After her death, Mr. Owens married, second, December 15, 1859, Fannie C. Corbin. (See.) He came to Platte in the spring of 1844, and settled seven miles northeast of Weston. His children by his first wife:

- I. J. HARVEY OWENS, b. Oct. 7, 1843; died November 8, 1874.
- II. SALLIE FLORENCE OWENS, b. April 9, 1848; m'd Jan. 21, 1879, A. C. Tucker.
- III. JOHN M. OWENS, b. June 15, 1842; d. July 14, 1878.
- IV. MADISON ELI OWENS, b. Nov. 7, 1849; m'd Sept. 5, 1877, Maggie Middleton. Ch:
 - 1. John Harvey Owens (ii). 2. Ernest C.
- V. WILLIAM S. OWENS, b. Aug. 28, 1851. He is now practicing law and abstracting titles at Platte City.
Mr. Madison Owens' children by his second wife are:
- VI. LUELLA P. OWENS, b. April 6, 1861; m'd Feb. 12, 1882, Chas. H. Shortridge. Ch:
 - 1. Maitland. 2. Fannie M. 3. Alfred.
- VII. FANNIE F. OWENS, b. Nov. 28, 1870.

APRIL

April 1—Weston election: Jas. O. White elected mayor, Joseph Beesenger marshal, and Gilbert, Keller, Noble, Noll, and Shenkner council.

Fair officers—Wm. Chesnut president, and A. L. Smith secretary.

Elder J. E. Dunn enters upon his ministry to the Christian Church at Platte City.

Waldron Island is fast falling into the Missouri.

The Platte City bar passed resolutions complimentary to Colonel John E. Pitt, he having determined to go to Colorado.

John W. Norton settles at Kansas City as an attorney.

April 4—W. S. Herndon enrolled as an attorney.

W. A. Banister lectures on "The Experience of a Young Man Going West."

April 6—JAMES LEWIS having died, George Gabbert administered. Bond, \$600. His children: 1, Frank; 2, Nellie; 3, Catherine.

GREEN K. WHITE.

Green K. White died at his home, six miles north of Parkville. He was born in Estill County, Ky., Feb. 27, 1811; married in Madison County, Ky., in 1834, Mary Ann Campebell, born in 1813. They, the year of their marriage, came to Clay, with the Campbell family, where they lived until 1843, when they crossed the line into Platte, and settled on the farm where both died. Mrs. White died December 6, 1856, and a year later Mr. White married, second, Elizabeth Campbell, his first wife's sister. Mr. White was a man of native intellect, industry, and enterprise. He had a large and well-furnished farm, and took much interest in the advancement of agriculture. His father was Captain James White, an officer under General Jackson in the War of 1812, and his mother was Fannie Oldham. Children by his first wife:

- I. WILLIAM CAMPBELL WHITE, b. in Clay September 21, 1835; m'd Ada, dr. of James Hazlerigg. After pursuing farming for a number of years on his father's old estate, Mr. White sold out and removed into Platte City; no children.
- II. JAMES W. WHITE, b. Oct. 21, 1836; m'd Anna, dr. of James McGee, of Jackson County, Mo. Ch:
 1. *James G. White.* 2. *Addie.*
 3. *William White.* 4. *Elizabeth.*
- III. ELIZABETH WHITE, b. Aug. 21, 1842; dead; m'd Oct. 27, 1866, T. H. McGee, of Louisville, Ky. Ch:
 1. *G. K. White McGee,* b. May 3, 1870. He graduated with distinction at Park College, is now preparing

for the practice of law, is deputy circuit clerk, an excellent draftsman, and keeps an admirable record of deeds and proceedings of court.

2. *Theo. H. McGee*, b. Oct. 1, 1872.

Children by his second wife:

IV. MARY ANN WHITE, b. Dec. 31, 1859; m'd Jas. Morton.
(See.)

April 10—The Missouri is inundating the bottoms. Below Parkville the railroad is six inches under water. Above Iatan the bottom is all overflowed, fences are carried away, and people are leaving.

April 15—The *Landmark* (Valliant) comes out in opposition to license and to prohibition. Paxton replies, favoring prohibition. The controversy is continued a month.

April 19—Platte Presbytery meets at Parkville.

April 20—Mrs. Amanda Beaumont opens out a new stock of books, paper, etc., at the store-house on Lot 6, Block 29, Platte City, lately occupied by Kurtz & Bro.

April 24—The Missouri River at Beverly covers the whole Missouri bottom. The cars cannot run. This is one of the great "fourteen-year overflows."

The sales of one dram-shop at Platte City, during a year, are \$14,000.

April 25—Paul Shepard died near Hampton.

THE SHEPARD FAMILY.

Isaac Shepard came from England to Virginia. His son, James Shepard, married a Miss Catron. Their son, Lycurgus Shepard, was born in Kentucky June 3, 1816. He came with his father, James, in 1820, to Howard County, Mo., and there the boy grew up to manhood. In 1838 he married Sallie A. Howard, daughter of Matthew. In 1842 they came to Platte. Several years later, Mr. Shepard purchased a splendid tract of land near Hampton, where he now resides. He has filled several offices. In August, 1843, he was chosen surveyor of Platte. In August, 1850, he was elected sheriff, and in 1852 was reelected. During the "border ruffian war" of 1855-6 he was a leader on the side of slavery; but when actual war came upon us, he was discreet and guarded; yet he was robbed and sued and persecuted. July 6, 1869, his first wife having died, he married Rachel B. Wright, widow of J. Wright, and daughter of Levi Vocom. She died childless, February 10, 1876. In June, 1871, Mr. L. Shepard issued his first *Ventilator*, a hand-bill, charging fraud, corruption, and imbecility upon the county officers. Three of these *Ventilators* were cast upon the public. The *Landmark* took the part of the officers, and two parties were formed—"Ring" and "Sore-

heads"—dividing the Democratic party. The abuse heaped upon Shepard wrought him up to a state of intense indignation. He bought a press and started the *Platte County Democrat*. He took his pen, dipped it into wormwood, and met the *Landmark* with vigor and success. The people came to his support, and after a few years Mr. Shepard found no organized enemy in his way, and retired to his farm. As a Greenbacker and a Democrat, he has several times been before the people, not so much with a hope of election as to give him an opportunity to express his political views. For a half-century he has been a prominent figure in county affairs; and his heart was always correct and his head generally right. For several years he was the backbone of the "Sorehead" party. His nerve, energy, courage, independence, and decision were just what the "Soreheads" needed. Children by his first wife:

- I. PAUL SHEPARD, b. in Howard County, Mo., April 17, 1841; m'd Sept. 10, 1867, Eliza Settle, dr. of John T. (Sec.) Paul was a heavy-set, brusque, energetic, and thriving farmer, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. Ch: [a] Sallie, m'd B. F. Lawler; [b] John Shepard (ii).
- II. JOHN SHEPARD, b. in Platte, Jan. 9, 1843; m'd 1st. October 17, 1867, Arzelie Kinsey, dr. of Dr. Kinsey. Mr. Shepard entered the Confederate service in 1861, as a private in Winston's regiment. He participated in many bloody battles, and laid down his arms at Shreveport when the strife had ended. He is a man of fine sense, and an urbane gentleman. He is a Knight Templar, a good citizen, and an uncompromising Democrat. Ch:
 1. *Anna Shepard*, m'd Nov. 1, 1888, Jas. L. Lewis.
 2. *Celsus Shepard*, m'd Oct. 30, 1895, Minnie Carbaugh, dr. of D. C.
 3. *Matthew Shepard*, m'd Dec. 22, 1893, Ada Stuckey.
 Mr. John Shepard m'd 2d, Oct. 21, 1875, Sarah F. Ashby, dr. of Samuel B. Ch:
 4. *Eliza Shepard*. 5. *Orin*. 6. *Paul*. 1. *Nellie*.
 8. *Mortimer*. 9. *Artie*. 10. *Flora*. 11. *Fannie Shepard*.

HIGH WATERS.

April 29—The past winter was one of great severity, and, like 1843, is followed by high waters. On the 29th of April the Missouri attained its height. The winter of 1880-81 lasted six months—from November 15, 1880, to April 15, 1881. The highest water was 25 feet and 10 inches above low-water mark.

H. T. Pettillo, near Waldron, killed a pelican measuring eight and a half feet between the tips of its wings.

Flora Ruf drowned near Ohlhausen's Mill, Weston.

April 30—Deposits at the Bank of Parkville, \$27,285.64.

MAY.
COUNTY FINANCES.

The County Clerk fails to give the specific objects of expenditures, but names only the funds drawn on, and sums up as follows:

Pauper Fund.....	\$3,445.71
Road and Bridge Fund.....	8,021.03
Salary Fund.....	6,029.26
Jury Fund.....	556.55
Contingent Fund.....	951.51
Circuit Clerk's warrants.....	1,412.21
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	\$20,416.27

Statement.

Total receipts of the year.....	\$56,809.05
Cash in treasury, 1880.....	5,003.89
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	\$61,812.94
Interest paid.....	\$18,899.94
Financial agent.....	7,486.50
Warrants paid.....	23,379.21
Collector's commission.....	1,272.23
Cash in treasury.....	10,775.06
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	\$61,812.94
Total receipts.....	\$56,809.05
Expenses.....	51,037.88
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	\$5,771.17

The Debt.

Bonded debt.....	\$282,100.00
Warrants out.....	1,054.09
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	\$283,154.09
Less cash in treasury.....	10,775.06
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Debt, 1881.....	\$272,379.03
Debt, 1880.....	285,946.11
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Reduction in 1881.....	\$13,567.08
County levy, 80 cents.	

May 1—GENERAL WILLIAM ROGERS lived on the line of Clay, near Barry, from the earliest settlement of Platte. He now removes to Texas, and as we will hear no more of him, we will sketch him. He was born in Virginia, February 16, 1792, removed to Kentucky, volunteered in the War of 1812, served in Captain Morris' company, First Battery, under Major Gano, in Colonel John M. Scott's regiment, in Brigadier General Win-

chester's division; came to Calloway County, Mo., in 1826, served in the Black Hawk War, came to Platte in 1840, and settled on Second Creek. He claimed that he reached the rank of brigadier general; I have not learned when or where. He also claimed he was the first to drill a company in Platte. But the truth is, Platte County sent three companies to the Mormon War three years before General Rogers entered the county. I knew General Rogers well. He was illiterate, but a jolly and genial old man. He pretended to be a wise phrenologist, and examined everybody's head. But he was in the War of 1812, for he drew a pension.

Marriage licenses are now required.

Clay Mitchell, of Weston, took poison and died.

May 7—S. McComas shipped to Chicago three cars of cattle, and Jack & Woodson nine cars.

The late rise in the Missouri having washed in the road from Beverly to the bridge, a new road, further inland, is located.

High waters. The Missouri spreads from bluff to bluff. Only a small tract of J. E. Ireland's land (the highest in the bottom) is above water.

Weston receives her mails by way of Tracy, as no cars can run on the K. C., St. J. & C. B. road. The Rock Island road is not stopped.

James Avery brought down the Platte River rafts aggregating 10,000 ties, and hauled them from Platte City to Beverly.

May 20—Tracy is improving. Adkins, Davis, Ham, Larabee, Redman, Rice, and Smith are building.

May 26—Ascension Day is observed by the Knights at Platte City. N. B. Anderson makes the oration.

JUNE.

June 2—Commencement at Camden Point, A. F. Smith president. Graduates: Carrie Grimes, Carrie Hammond, Corey Kingery, Mattie McKissick, Jessie Perrin.

Graduates at Daughters' College: Emma Cockrill, Katie Briggs, Katie Collins, Maggie Dillingham.

Graduates at Park College: M. Ann Dolley, Alice Folsom, Ruth E. Price, W. Ezra Voso.

June 4—JOHN W. WADE died. He was a druggist of Edgerton; born November 4, 1838; married March 19, 1863, Susan H. Creek, born in Clay January 8, 1841, and died in Edgerton March 19, 1876. He married, second, Lucy D. ———, who survived him, and married, second, January 8, 1888, James Cantwell. Children by his first wife: 1, Jacob Wade; 2, Lucy; 3, Jennie, m'd Nov. 18, 1894, Thos. E. Blankenship; 4, Willie; 5, Philip.

June 10—FRED LEIMKUYLER having died, his widow, Joanna, administered. Bond, \$2,000. Ch: 1, Frederika; 2, William; 3, Emma; 4, August; 5, Caro; 6, Fred; 7, Herman; 8, Joanna.

W. T. Jenkins, captain, and 35 youths form a military company in Platte City.

June 11—Total eclipse of the moon.

ROBERT S. MEROHANT died at Camden Point. He was born in Kentucky in 1830, and came to Platte in 1850; married June 26, 1851, Mary A. White, died in August, 1887. Ch: 1, Alice, m'd Nov. 26, 1871, W. H. Robertson. She was b. June 9, 1851; d. Oct. 11, 1895; 2, James, dead; 3, Lizzie, dead; 4, Noda, m'd a Lambert; 5, Thomas Merchant; 6, D. D. Merchant.

JOHN H. CARSON.

June 14—John H. Carson died suddenly near Iatan. He was born in Scotland May 28, 1802, came to Platte in 1846, landing at Weston June 15th. For years he was a colporteur of the Tract Society, and he fell dead November 14, 1878, while delivering a Bible to a purchaser, with the half-uttered sentence, "I must do all the good I can while—" He married in Scotland, August 12, 1834, Mary Wilson, born April 14, 1814. Ch:

I. ISAAC W. CARSON, b. Nov. 12, 1837; m'd April 4, 1860, Jennie R. Siler, b. June 17, 1841. Ch:

1. William Carson, b. March 21, 1867; m'd in Oct., 1893, Blanche Bledsoe.

2. Minnie Carson. 3. Fred P. Carson. 4. Mary.

5. Arthur. 6. Norman. 7. Katie.

II. CATHERINE CARSON, m'd March 10, 1870, Geo. Brill, b. May 6, 1842. Ch:

1. John Brill. 2. Mary. 3. Lewis. 4. Lena.

III. WILLIAM CARSON, m'd April 11, 1878, Jennie Beesum, b. June 11, 1849. Ch:

1. Martie Carson. 2. John. 3. Willie. 4. Mary.

5. Jennie.

IV. JOHN W. CARSON, m'd in 1882, Lena Porter. Ch:

1. Charles Carson. 2. Frank. 3. Felix.

4. A. D. Carson.

V. JENNIE M. CARSON, m'd Oct. 31, 1878, Chas. Siler, b. Jan. 12, 1858. Ch:

1. Alma M. Siler, b. July 2, 1881.

June 14—A mob near Weston hung Charles Reese, a mulatto boy, for attempted rape on Miss Stillwell.

June 25—A severe storm blew off the roof of Skinner's bridge.

June 30—A comet in the northeast sky is attracting general interest.

Telephones are coming into private use.

JULY.

July 1—Judge E. H. Norton has discovered a mineral spring on his farm three miles east of Platte City, which, competent judges say, possesses remarkable medical properties. For several years the waters were used and praised, but the spring is no longer visited.

July 2—President Garfield shot by Guiteau. He died September 19th, and memorial services were held at Platte City.

July 4—The day was observed at the fair grounds and at Farley.

July 5—Temperature 102 degrees.

Henry W. Wells died nine miles north of Weston.

THE WELLS FAMILY.

William Wells (i) was born in Virginia in November, 1797; came to Kentucky, and thence to Platte, in the spring of 1843. He married, first, Elizabeth Thorp, aunt of Squire B. Thorp. She was born in July, 1801. After her death, he married, second, Mrs. Louisa English, daughter of George Coakley. He died at Parkville October 26, 1851. Ch:

I. HENRY W. WELLS, b. in Madison County, Ky., Nov. 12, 1818; d. in Platte Aug. 14, 1881; m'd Oct. 27, 1840, Mary A. Richardson, b. April 29, 1818, dr. of William. She survived him. Mr. Wells was an intelligent gentleman, and was highly esteemed. Ch:

1. *John H. Wells*, b. Feb. 3, 1848; lives on his farm, in Marshall Township.
2. *George Wells*, b. March 28, 1851; m'd Mollie Blakley, and lives in Atchison, Kan.
3. *Louisa G. Wells*, b. July 25, 1849; dead; m'd Jan. 17, 1871, Newton B. Graves, who was killed Nov. 1, 1892, in a railroad wreck. Ch: [a] Ira; [b] Luella; [c] Ola.
4. *Elizabeth Wells*, b. Sept. 20, 1857; m'd Levi Jones. She d. in Oct., 1878, leaving: [a] Charles H.; [b] James.
5. *Wesley Wells*, b. Jan. 8, 1853; d. Nov. 4, 1878; m'd Rosa Mock, dead. Ch: [a] Oscar Wells, b. Feb. 6, 1875, now a clerk in the Edgerton Bank.
6. *James B. Wells*, b. April 17, 1855; single.
7. *Jeff. D. Wells*, b. April 17, 1860; m'd Ruby B. Pepper. (See.)

II. ANN E. WELLS, m'd John Richardson, brother of Henry's wife. Ch:

1. *John H.* 2. *Jefferson.*
3. *Harriet Richardson*, m'd John Baber.
4. *Mary*, m'd John Brown.

5. *Sallie Richardson*, m'd her cousin, Mr. Montgomery.
- III. JEMIMA WELLS, m'd Reuben Harris. Live in Iowa.
- IV. SARAH WELLS, m'd Elisha B. Montgomery. Live in Kansas and have children.
- V. WILLIAM C. WELLS, b. in Madison County, Ky., Sept. 12, 1834; m'd Sept. 25, 1860, Eliza Jane Strother, b. Dec. 25, 1837, and d. Dec. 28, 1890, in Platte City, dr. of Samuel Strother, of Madison County, Ky. Mrs. Wells was a large, handsome, and spirited lady. She was social, generous, and hospitable. Her home was her delight, her family were her idols, and her church was her shrine. She was remarkably lively, until a son was removed by death. From that hour her heart was broken, the lamp of her life was quenched, and she sank gently into the tomb. As long as she could walk, she daily laid a flower and dropped a tear on her son's grave. Mr. Wells was reared in Parkville. He removed to New Market and engaged in the mercantile business. He was deputy of Sheriff Ogden, studied law in private, and was admitted to the bar. As an accountant he has no superior, and he has been successful as a banker. He represented the county in the State Legislature two terms (1877-81), and was public administrator from 1881 to 1889. But banking is his appropriate pursuit. The banking house of Wells & Co. at Platte City is the most solid institution of the kind outside of the great cities of the State. Its deposits are large and increasing. Mr. Wells enjoys the unlimited confidence of his patrons, and his wealth is yearly increasing. He possesses sound judgment and wide experience. He was elected State Senator at the November election in 1896. Ch:
1. *William Strother Wells*, b. Aug. 6, 1862; m'd Oct. 19, 1893, Maud L. Gates, b. Feb. 23, 1864, dr. of Geo. P. Gates and Elizabeth Emery, of Independence, Mo. Her characteristics are gentleness, modesty, sweetness, and purity. Mr. Wells has just built a palatial dwelling in Platte City, and is now cashier of the banking house established by his father, in which all the family have a pecuniary interest. He is tall, handsome, thoughtful, and reserved in manner, well informed upon the topics of the day, and a pleasant and urbane gentleman. Ch: [a] Anne Louise Wells, b. July 25, 1896.
 2. *Henry Campbell Wells*, b. May 2, 1864; m'd Nov. 10, 1891, the beautiful Mittie Callahan, dr. of H. T. Callahan and Kate Chesnut. (See.) After a full course in Bethany College, Virginia, Mr. Wells joined his father in the banking business, and has become a controlling spirit in the firm. In native

mind and classical and literary attainments he has no superior in the county. They have one child, Catherine Wells.

3. *Elizabeth Frankie Wells*, b. Sept. 12, 1866. She is small in person and graceful in her manners. Her well-trained mind, grace, and sprightliness make her charming in society.
4. *Ogden Phipps Wells*, b. April 15, 1868, was taking a thorough course at William Jewell College, and was about to receive his degree, when, June 12, 1888, he was called away by death—and his mother soon followed.
5. *Samuel Rollyn Wells*, b. Dec. 11, 1873.
6. *Annie Bee*, b. Dec. 1, 1876; tall, graceful, brilliant, and refined, but too lovely for earth. She died March 29, 1896.

July 6—Wheat is so damaged by chinch-bugs and dry weather that only a half-crop is expected.

July 15—Express train robbed near Winthrop and conductor Westfall killed; charged on Jesse James *et al.*

Artesian Springs said to possess medical waters.

July 22—Charles E. and Albert P. Talbott hung in De Kalb County for the murder of their father.

Paul Nolly is running a daily hack between Weston and Platte City.

AUGUST.

Aug. 12—John E. Jones shot his brother-in-law, John R. Bane (see), in an altercation over watering cattle; both were armed. On trial for murder, Jones was acquitted.

J. M. Cockrell sells to Valliant & McCluer his interest in the *Landmark*, and retires.

Aug. 18—Daniel Frazier died, aged 87.

Aug. 24—The Cumberland Presbytery met at New Market.

The wife of Rudolf Meyer visited friends abroad, as her husband represented, ten weeks ago, and was never heard of more, though diligent search and inquiry were made. Rudolf was indicted and tried for murder, but was acquitted.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—Railey & Bros.' deposits, \$89,835.18.

The fair. Clay Snell, on the fair ground, stabbed and killed Stephen Newman. He was tried for murder and sent to the penitentiary. Alf. Spencer killed Henry Green; both colored.

The Old People met again. Their number is now 188 men and women.

Sept. 5—Hot winds, and vegetation drooping.

Train robberies frequent, and the public indignation is intense.

Sept. 14—Fire at Kansas City. The Exposition building and other property destroyed.

NATHAN NEWBY.

Sept. 16—Nathan Newby died in Marshall Township, aged 84. He married, in Kentucky, a Miss Potts. He possessed vivacity, and was an untiring talker. He was a merry companion and given to practical jokes. He called himself "Fool Nathe." At an early day he ran for representative of this county, and came near being elected. On one occasion, when the Government was buying black horses, he painted one, and sold it at the Fort. A few days later he found himself in prison. But he made himself so merry over the joke that they allowed him to refund the money and take the horse. Ch:

I. JUDA NEWBY, d. Feb. 2, 1885; m'd June 9, 1840, A. J. Lovelady, b. in White County, Tenn, Oct. 18, 1815. His parents, Thomas Lovelady and Jane Ware, came from North Carolina. Their son, A. J. Lovelady, at the age of 17, came to Jackson County, Mo., and thence, in 1837, to Platte, settling in Marshall Township. He is an upright and highly respected old gentleman, but is blind. He m'd 2d, Oct. 20, 1885, Sallie Henson. Children by his first wife:

1. *Cynthia A. Lovelady*, m'd Feb. 18, 1860, Ira E. Graves. Ch: [a] Azuba C. Graves, m'd Jan. 9, 1884, W. P. Abbott (see); [b] Jane Graves; [c] Judith; [d] Sada, m'd April 2, 1890, John C. Evans; [e] Jackson Graves, m'd Dec. 21, 1892, Jennie L. Matheny; [f] Maude Graves; [g] Thomas Graves.
2. *Nannie Lovelady*, m'd Jan. 9, 1877, Perry S. Layton (see), b. Feb. 14, 1846. She was his second wife.
3. *Sallie Lovelady*, m'd Dec. 21, 1870, Perry S. Layton. (See.) She was his first wife..
4. *Maude Lovelady*, m'd March 6, 1873, Coriolanus Thorp, b. Aug. 4, 1848, son of Judge D. J. Thorp (see) and Sarah E. Linville. Coriolanus possesses intelligence and enterprise. He has for many years purchased apples, in large quantities, for shipment, at Weston and other points. Ch: [a] William L. Thorp, m'd Nov. 8, 1893, Lena Osborn (see); [b] D. J. Thorp (ii); [c] Egbert; [d] Thomas M.; [e] Coriolanus Thorp; [f] Roy Thorp.

5. *James H. Lovelady*, dead; m'd Ella Judy; children.

6. *R. E. Lee Lovelady*, m'd June 25, 1889, Kate Kennedy; children.

II. CYNTHIA NEWBY. III. ELIZA, m'd Wm. Pryor.

IV. MITCHELL.

Mr. Nathan Newby married, second, Mrs. Nancy Lovelady, by whom he had:

V. HARVEY NEWBY.

VI. JERRY NEWBY, m'd Aug. 11, 1862, Martha Dye. Ch:

1. *Nathan*. 2. *Cora Newby*.

VII. ALFRED D. NEWBY, m'd Feb. 24, —, Adelia Lykins.

VIII. MERITT L. NEWBY (see), b. Jan. 22, 1848.

Sept. 20—Park College opened with largely increased attendance.

John M. Railey is sojourning in Montana for his health.

CAPT. WILLIAM TRIPLETT.

Captain William Triplett died two miles north of Platte City. He was a son of Hedgeman Triplett, of Franklin County, Ky., and the latter was a son of John Triplett, of Virginia. William's mother was Nancy Popham, daughter of Job Popham, of Culpeper County, Va., a descendant of Sir Humphrey Popham, of Colonial times.

William Triplett was born November 22, 1797, in Scott County, Ky. His education was acquired in the log school-house of the day. His father was independent, but not wealthy. He was a patriot soldier in the War of Independence, rose to the rank of captain, and drew a pension of \$320. The family removed to Franklin County, Ky., and there the father died in 1837. William married June 17, 1827, Diana Balew, daughter of John Balew, of Jefferson County, Ky., and was born August 7, 1807, and died April 10, 1879. She was a large, intelligent, and dignified old lady. In 1842 they came west, and reached Weston March 27th. They settled two miles north of Platte City, where they died. Captain Triplett acquired his title from commanding a company of militia in Kentucky; but he had by nature the military bearing of an officer, and the characteristics of an old Virginian. He was chosen to preside over the Society of Old People, and the Whigs at one time ran him for the Legislature in Platte. Children:

I. JOSEPH WARREN TRIPLETT, b. July 21, 1828; d. March 2, 1895.

II. GEO. W. TRIPLETT. III. ELIZABETH V. TRIPLETT.

IV. REMUS TRIPLETT.

V. C. BLACK TRIPLETT (see), was killed in the war.

Sept. 26—Mrs. C. B. Hawley leaves Platte City with her family to rejoin her husband at Albuquerque, N. M. He married

Elizabeth S. Johnson, born April 5, 1836; died February 2, 1897. Ch: 1, Percy Hawley; 2, May Blakley.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 15—James M. Powell sells his farm near Settle and removes into Platte City.

Oct. 17—MRS. MARY BLANK died; born June 27, 1801.

JOHN D. PEPPER.

Oct. 20—John D. Pepper died in Marshall Township. He was a successful farmer and stock-raiser, and stood among the pushing and progressive men of the county. He was a native of Mason County, Ky., and a brother of Samuel Pepper. (See.) He married Martha J. Glover, who survived him, and married, second, February 20, 1888, Nathan H. Rathburn. The Pepper children:

- I. SAMUEL H. PEPPER, m'd Sophia Dunham. They live in Buchanan; 5 children.
- II. PLEASANT J. PEPPER, m'd Mary Yocom. She died, leaving 4 children.
- III. MICHAEL B. PEPPER, m'd Elizabeth Curtis. He died September 3, 1892, leaving:
 1. Birdie. 2. Norville. 3. Myrtle. 4. Edward.
 5. Pearl. 6. Nellie. 7. M. B. 8. Alma Pepper.
- IV. BELLE PEPPER, m'd Jan. 11, 1872, Alva B. Scott.
- V. GEO. W. PEPPER, killed Oct. 8, 1895, by his wagon passing over him; m'd Viola Dunham; 4 children.
- VI. CHAS. A. PEPPER, b. March 11, 1858; m'd Nov. 11, 1882, Minnie Kyle, dr. of Robert. Ch:
 1. Carson, b. Nov. 12, 1884. 2. Nonie L., b. April 3, 1886.
 3. Thurman. 4. Mamie.
- VII. DORA B. PEPPER, m'd Feb. 28, 1882, John W. Merchant, of Wyandotte.
- VIII. MOLLIE PEPPER, m'd Sept. 24, 1882, Edgar L. Barbee.
- IX. ROSA LEE PEPPER, b. Aug. 18, 1865; m'd April 6, 1892, Wm. H. Sebus, b. April 9, 1865. Ch:
 1. Aline, b. Nov. 6, 1892.

Oct. 25—There have been twelve deaths from small-pox below Waldron.

NOVEMBER.

WILLIAM V. SLONE.

Nov. 1—William V. Slone died at Platte City. He was born in Spencer County, Ky., June 3, 1827. He was a son of Edmund Slone and Milly Van Dyke. He married February 25, 1856, Susan E. Shindler, who survived him, and returned to Kentucky. They settled in Platte City January 5, 1866, and he became a con-

tractor and builder. He erected the public school-house, the M. and P. church, and other large buildings in Platte City. For the last fifteen years of his life he was county surveyor, and was better acquainted than any other man in the county. He was a zealous Baptist, and for years was superintendent of the Baptist Sunday-school. He was plain, plodding, and persevering—made money steadily, spent nothing, but died insolvent. No children.

Nov. 7—Ex-Confederate meeting at the court-house. Colonel J. H. Winston president, and Dr. E. McD. Coffey secretary.

CHRISTIAN HENNE died, aged 83.

Nov. 10—Dr. John A. Brooks spoke at Platte City on "Temperance."

Irish potatoes worth \$1.00 per bushel, and corn about the same.

Nov. 14—JUDGE JAMES G. SPRATT died at Butte, Mont., of apoplexy. He was born in Smith County, Va., June 30, 1826, came to Platte in 1841, was a brother of Sheriff W. H. Spratt, became a partner of Joseph E. Merryman in the practice of law at Platte City, was probate judge one term, and left for Montana in Septemehr, 1864. He became corpulent, and weighed 235 pounds. He married Elizabeth W. Brasfield. (See The Spratt Family.)

Nov. 15—The county court appoints W. H. H. Dougherty county surveyor, in place of Slone, deceased.

Nov. 20—L. Fleshman leaves his farm and takes charge of his hotel in Platte City.

Nov. 28—BEN BUCKNER died, aged 75.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—Rev. T. R. Valliant donated.

REV. PHILIP BURRUSS.

Dec. 2—Rev. Philip Burruss died near New Market. He was a son of Captain Edward Burruss and Fanny Jones, and was born in Culpeper County, Va., May 20, 1807. In 1808 his father moved to Mercer County, Ky., and purchased land near Salvisa. Here the child grew up to manhood, was educated at Georgetown, and at the age of 27 was licensed as a Baptist minister, and preached until 1842, when he came to Platte. He married Tinie A. Guthrie, who was born in May, 1824, and died April 3, 1884. His ministrations extended throughout Platte and adjacent counties. I often met him, and found him an intelligent, earnest, and devoted Christian. Oh:

L. WILLIAM E. BURRUSS, b. Oct. 17, 1843; m'd Aug. 10, 1862, Laura Penny, dr. of Eli, of Clay. He lived at Tracy, and

subsequently at Platte City, and kept a livery stable. Ch:

1. *Mary A.* 2. *Lillie.* 3. *Eugene.*

II. MARY F. BURRUSS, m'd July 21, 1867, Rev. Jerry Clay.
(See.)

III. ANNIE BURRUSS.

IV. EUGENE S. BURRUSS, b. Aug. 2, 1854; d. Sept. 21, 1884;
m'd Dully Crews.

Platte City Dramatic Club is gaining laurels.

Dram-shops this year paid \$1,791 revenue to the county.

JAMES T. RILEY.

Dec. 6—James T. Riley died north of Parkville. He was born March 10, 1837. He married, first, Cynthia Owens. (See.) After her death he married, second, January 14, 1866, Margaret Higgins, daughter of Josiah. (See.) Her children:

I. CORA RILEY, m'd Edward Butler. Ch:

1. *Lilian Butler.*

II. ROBERT RILEY. III. JAMES RILEY. IV. ADA.

V. MASON.

Dec. 7—Robert S. Murdock died in Fancy Bottom, above Weston. He was a son of William Murdock, born August 12, 1823, and Catherine Witson, of Ireland.

THE MURDOCK FAMILY.

William Murdock married, in Ireland, Catherine Witson, and came to Platte in 1852, settling in the Missouri River bottom above Weston. His children:

I. ROBERT S. MURDOCK, d. Dec. 7, 1881. He m'd, in Ireland, Margaret Duncan, and they came with the Murdock family to Platte in 1852. Ch:

1. *Robert Murdock* (ii), b. in Fancy Bottom Dec. 1, 1855; m'd Dec. 1, 1880, Emma M. Cook, dr. of Geo. (See.) Mr. Murdock is a pleasant and genial gentleman. Ch: [*a*] Cora E. Murdock; [*b*] Wm. D. Murdock.

2. *T. C. Murdock.* 3. *Margaret.* 4. *James A.*

5. *Thos. B.*

II. JOHN MURDOCK, went to California and died.

III. WILLIAM MURDOCK, is married and lives at the old farm.

IV. ALEX. R. MURDOCK, b. in Ireland May 22, 1839; m'd May 23, 1859, Tabitha C. Stultz, dead. He is a farmer and trader, and has acted as deputy sheriff; is social and companionable. Ch:

1. *Jas. W. Murdock.*

2. *Anna M. Murdock*, m'd Ed. White.

3. *Robert Murdock* (iii).

4. *Charles A.*

- Mr. Murdock m'd 2d, April 7, 1897, Mrs. Rebecca Miller.
- V. A DAUGHTER of Wm. Murdock (i), m'd 1st, McGhay, and 2d, John St. Clair; and she is again a widow.
- VI. ELLEN MURDOCK, m'd March 22, 1855, Andrew Nine-meyer, son of Dan'l and Catherine. He was b. March 23, 1836, and d. in Dec., 1885.
- VII. A DAUGHTER of Wm. Murdock, m'd Thomas Rogers.

JOHN C. BYWATERS.

Dec. 29—John C. Bywaters died. He was born in Culpeper County, Va., May 5, 1801; married August 20, 1829, Mary Fletcher, who died December 4, 1874. He settled near Camden Point in 1837; was appointed justice of the peace by the county court of Clay. I attended, in 1839, some of his monthly courts, and found them crowded with litigants. The court of a magistrate, at that day, often drew an assemblage as large as attended circuit courts. I knew Mr. Bywaters as a tall and urbane gentleman. He was a leader in every scheme of moral and material progress. After his wife's death, he spent a part of his time in Leavenworth. Ch:

- I. ERASTUS BYWATERS, m'd Laura Thomas. (See.)
- II. ANNA COLUMBIA BYWATERS, b. March 10, 1833; m'd, Nov. 14, 1847, Mat. B. Wilson, b. May-10, 1824. They live near Camden Point. Ch:
 1. *Merit Wilson*, b. Jan. 29, 1849; m'd Nannie Montgomery, dr. of Jeff. Ch: [a] Jewell; [b] Pearl.
 2. *John B. Wilson*, m'd Alice Maupin, dr. of Thos. R. (See.)
 3. *Laura Wilson*.
 4. *Jessie*, dead; m'd March 2, 1882, J. A. Crawford. Ch: [a] William Crawford; [b] Okla; [c] Hazel.
 5. *William Wilson*, m'd Nov. 19, 1888, Dora Bywaters, dr. of James. Ch: [a] Orgie.
 6. *Erastus Wilson*, m'd Georgia Pullins, dead, dr. of William. (See.) Ch: [a] Bessie Wilson; [b] Mabel.
 7. *Mack Wilson*. 8. *Louis*.
- III. JOHN W. BYWATERS, m'd Sarah Thomas. (See.)
- IV. LUCY E. BYWATERS, b. in Callaway Co., Mo., Sept. 18, 1836; d. in Platte April 27, 1894; m'd Feb. 2, 1854, James W. Anderson, son of Capt. Peyton, and was born in Rapahannock Co., Va., May 28, 1827. His mother was Sarah S. Jones. Geo. W. Anderson was a cousin of James W.; for his father, Joseph Anderson, was a brother of Capt. Peyton Anderson. He came to Platte in 1850. His large and commanding person, superior education, and modest manner make him an elegant gentleman. There are few more finished scholars in the county. In 1880 he was nom-

inated by the Democrats and chosen our representative in the State Legislature. He is now living upon his farm near Camden Point. Ch:

1. *Temple P. Anderson*, an accomplished gentleman and scholar, b. April 20, 1855; m'd in 1878 *Laura F. Bywaters*. (See.)

2. *Joseph M. Anderson*, b. Sept. 2, 1865; m'd in Dec., 1891, *Laura B. Tanner*.

V. **RICHARD H. BYWATERS**, b. Feb. 6, 1843; m'd April 30, 1863, *Elizabeth A. Harrington*, dr. of *Miles*, b. in 1846; d. Jan. 15, 1890. He m'd 2d, Jan. 27, 1892, *Kate Brown*, dr. of *William*, of *Lewis County, Mo.* Children of his first wife:

1. *William B. Bywaters*, b. May 20, 1865; m'd Sept. 15, 1885, *Olivia Harris*, dr. of *James*. Ch: [*a*] *Richard H.*; [*b*] *Lula M. Bywaters*.

2. *Cora Bywaters*, m'd Nov. 4, 1885, *William M. Sharp*, son of *Calvin*. Ch: [*a*] *Albert Sharp*; [*b*] *Myrtle*.

3. *Myrtle Bywaters*, b. Jan. 17, 1871.

4. *Sallie H.*, b. in Oct., 1873.

5. *Richard*, b. in 1875. 6. *Kemper*, b. July 20, 1880.

VI. **NANNIE BYWATERS**, m'd 1st, *H. A. B. Anderson* (see), and 2d, *Marcus L. Todd*. (See.)

MARRIAGES IN 1881 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTED.

January 6—*W. T. Branaman* married *Fannie N. Stines*.

February 3—*Marion F. Morrow* married *Sarah E. Nash*.

February 6—*Henry Dick* married *Hannah Smally*.

February 17—*Rufus H. Wingo* married *Malinda Carson*.

March 16—*Joseph M. Anderson* married *Margaret E. Kirkpatrick*.

March 30—*James L. McClain* married *Annie L. Smith*.

August 4—*John Roberts* married *Lou. A. Lamar*.

September 4—*Eli Roach* married *Mrs. Laura L. Lewis*.

September 21—*John Ray* married *Nancy J. Johnson*.

October 21—*Frank P. Collier* married *Martha E. Gustin*.

October 25—*David Morton* married *Josie H. Singleton*.

November 3—*James H. Settle* married *Jose Moore*.

November 3—*Jac. W. Funk* married *Emily Byrd*.

November 6—*James M. Powell* married *Sarah Naylor*.

November 12—*Joel T. Foley* married *Ida Buckbee*.

1882.

OFFICERS.

Governor, T. T. Crittenden; Congressman, R. T. Van Horn; Senator, W. W. Bland; Representative, J. W. Anderson; Circuit Judge, G. W. Dunn; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; County Justices, Chesnut, Owens, Thorp; Prosecuting Attorney, J. W. Coburn; Circuit Clerk, R. L. Waller; County Clerk, T. F. Warner; Sheriff, W. J. Overbeck; Collector, E. C. Cockrill; Treasurer, J. F. Flannery; Assessor, J. H. Nash; Coroner, J. W. Coons; Public Administrator, W. C. Wells; Surveyor, W. H. H. Dougherty; Superintendent of Schools, W. A. Bowen.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Carmack, Forman, W. S. Herndon, Norton, Paxton, Wells, Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Coffey, Guthrie, Hollingsworth, Kemper, McDonald, Overbeck, Redman, Smith.

Merchants—Beaumont, Burnes, Chinn, Brady, Colman Dearing, Ellifrit, Hulett, Jenkins, Kiefer, Krause, Kurtz (post master), Johnston, Mason, McCluer, Meads, Mayo, Mattox, Morin, Recht, Thomas, Wheeland, Wills, Rohring, Young, Zarn.

Lodges—No. 504, J. S. Brasfield, W. M.; Nebraska, No. 12, W. T. Jenkins, N. G.

Banks—Exchange Bank of Wells & Co.

Preacher—T. H. Swearngen (Methodist).

Fair—W. Chesnut president.

Schools—Daughters' College, F. G. Gaylord president; Public School, W. A. Banister principal.

Newspapers—The *Landmark*, Valliant editor.

At Weston: Coburn, Guthrie, Bonifant, Maxwell, Martin Shortridge, Simpson, Allen, Bell, Bowman, Briggs, Deitz, Doppler, Evans Furniture Co., Hartman, Holladay, Hamm, Howe, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Kelly, Kenney, Kurtz, Magers, McConnell, Mauch, Moore, Mundy, Newhouse, Noble, Noll, Ohlhausen, Parr, Price, Raileys, Read, Ringo, Schenkner, Schmidt, Shindler, Siler.

Lodges—Lodge No. 53, J. W. Coburn, W. M.

Mayor—James O. White.

Preachers—W. M. Williams (M. E.), J. T. Riley (Chris.).

Public School—Allen, Dunbar, and Parsons teachers.

At Parkville: Ashby, Brightwell, Bueneman, Campbell, Coffey, Fulton, Haines, Holt, Kahm, Laughlin, Luthy, McDonald, Mitchell, Pack, Reading & Co., Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld, Wood.

Bank—J. B. Flannery cashier.

Schools—Park College, J. A. McAfee president.

Preacher—R. P. Jones (M. E.).

At Camden Point: Biscoe, Ewing, Farris, Herndon, Moore, Parrish, Purdy, A. F. Smith (president O. S.), Reynolds, Stone, Tanner, Wood, Woodson.

Lodge—No. 169, J. W. Bywaters, W. N.

At Edgerton: Beery, Doke, De Armond, Biggerstaff, Champion, Buchanan, Hopkins, Johnston, Jones, Justus, Moody, Scott, Shafer, Smith, Wilkerson, Worth.

At Farley: Brasfield, Holt, Johnson, Martin, Meyer (postmaster), Oliver, Spratt, Weise.

At Hampton: Bledsoe (postmaster).

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster), Dr. Grover.

At Linkville: Slaughter (postmaster), Johnson, Thornhill.

At New Market: Bryant (postmaster), Allen, Gregg, Georner, Leavel, Lowe, Laurance, Middleton, Morton, Sampson.

At Ridgely: Chrisman (postmaster), Robinson.

At Settle: H. C. Skillman (postmaster).

At Tracy: Baker, Chinn, Esmond, Hamm, Munson, Ryan, Perry, Phoenix Mills.

At Waldron: Baker, Hawkins, Heath, McCormick, Pettillo, Simpson (postmaster), Waldron Bros.

Corn, 50 cents; hogs, \$5.00; wheat, \$1.00.

JANUARY.

Expenses of Platte County, 1881.

Assessor.. . . .	\$ 385.75
Attorneys' fees.. . . .	4,824.50
Bridges.. . . .	3,126.45
County Judges.. . . .	313.60
Collector.. . . .	1,272.23
County Clerk.. . . .	1,797.39
Court-house.. . . .	499.09
County School Commissioner.. . . .	35.00
Criminal costs.. . . .	843.27
County Treasurer.. . . .	725.00
Financial agents.. . . .	525.00
Jurors and witnesses.. . . .	1,874.96
Inquests.. . . .	64.58
Insane.. . . .	1,511.48
Interest on bonds.. . . .	15,901.30
Interest on county warrants.. . . .	362.96
Miscellaneous.. . . .	90.80
Poor.. . . .	1,767.04
Printing.. . . .	15.80
Prosecuting Attorney.. . . .	524.50
Road Commissioner.. . . .	321.40
Roads and overseers.. . . .	2,797.62

Stationery	\$199.02
Sheriff and Jailor	885.19
Road damages	802.33
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	\$41,466.27

Deposits of Exchange Bank of Wells & Co., \$165,302.22.

Platte City School Statistics: Bonded debt, \$4,000; assessment, \$165,000; levy, 80 cents; children, 4,170.

Elder John A. Brooks commenced his round of eight appointments in Platte County, to advocate prohibition, and to organize Temperance Alliances.

Jan. 10—A new bank formed at Platte City, called "The Bank of Platte County," with A. T. Guthrie president, J. M. Bohart cashier, and other stockholders were Dr. G. W. Field, J. L. Cormack, C. B. Kurtz, A. L. Smith, and P. Thomas.

W. R. Wills buys the livery outfit of Morin & Bro., at Platte City, and, with William Patton, starts a line of hacks between Platte City and Beverly.

Jan. 13—SARAH HENSON died; born June 21, 1796.

Jan. 15—Ben. W. Perry died at St. Joseph.

THE PERRY FAMILY.

Two brothers, Erasmus and Elias Perry, came from Montgomery County, Md., and settled at Weston.

I. ERASMUS PERRY.

I. JOHN H. PERRY, b. March 28, 1822; d. Aug. 20, 1888; m'd Annie M. Senter, now living. They came to Platte in 1880. Ch:

1. *Annie Ruth Perry*, m'd March 22, 1885, Henry Wills, b. Sept. 15, 1854. Ch: [a] Rachel; [b] Wm. Henry; [c] Joseph.
2. *Edgar Perry*, b. April 14, 1866; m'd April 12, 1893, Martha Keenan. Ch: [a] Gladys.
3. *Blanche Perry*, d. July 11, 1896; m'd Jos. Goodin. They lived east of Platte City three miles. Ch: [a] Alto Goodin; [b] Mollie; [c] Virgie; [d] Frank.
4. *Alvina Perry*, m'd Edward Steinert. They live in Kansas City.
5. *John Herbert Perry*, m'd July 21, 1896, Tillie Benner.
6. *Alvin Perry*. 7. *Lula M*.

II. JOSEPHUS PERRY, dead; married. Ch:

1. *J. Emmet Perry*, m'd Mollie Harris. (See.) Children: [a] Maggie Perry; [b] Sadie; [c] Joseph.

III. BEN E. PERRY, m'd Deborah Colman. (See.)

II. ELIAS PERRY.

Was born in 1770. He married Angelina Waters, born in 1775. Children:

- I. ERASMUS PERRY, d. in November, 1857; m'd Dec. 18, 1856, Margaret E. Dale, who survives him. Ch:
 1. *Elias W. Perry.* 2. *Martina.* 3. *Erasmus* (iii).
- II. BENJ. W. PERRY, was a partner of his brother, Charles A. Perry, in his mercantile, milling, and freighting enterprises. He d. in St. Joseph Jan. 15, 1882; m'd April 12, 1859, M. L. Darst.
- III. CHARLES A. PERRY, b. Dec. 6, 1818, in Montgomery County, Md., m'd 1st, in 1842, Martha Young, dr. of Merritt Young (i), and was b. in 1827, in Shelby County, Ky. Mr. Perry led a busy, useful, and honorable life, and died at St. Joseph in 1896. Prior and subsequent to the Mexican War, Mr. Perry was an active, pushing, and enterprising citizen of Weston. With his brothers he built the Leavenworth Mills and a number of warehouses, traded largely in pork, hemp, wheat, flour, and other produce, and freighted goods to the West. He leased the State penitentiary, and operated largely in central Missouri. But he became involved, and retired to spend his old age in retirement. He was genial in his manners, familiar in his address, and honorable in his dealings. Ch:
 1. *Alvirda Perry*, b. in 1854.
 2. *Arcadia Lee Perry*, b. in 1857.
 3. *Florence Perry*, b. in 1861.
 4. *William A. Perry*, b. in 1867.
 Mr. C. A. Perry m'd 2d, June 10, 1869, America E. Hamilton, who still lives. Ch:
 5. *John E. Perry*, b. in 1870. 6. *America J.*, b. in 1872.
 7. *Robert H. Perry*, b. in 1874.
- IV. ELIAS PERRY (ii), married and died in St. Joseph.
- V. L. M. PERRY, m'd Oct. 25, 1853, Hon. H. B. Branch.
- VI. ANGE M. PERRY, m'd Wm. J. Norris. (His second wife.)

NANCY GREEN.

Jan. 22—Nancy Green died nine miles north of Platte City, at the age of 101 years. She came to Platte in 1838, and settled where she died. Ch:

- I. WILLIAM GREEN, dead; m'd Eleanor Fugate. Ch:
 1. *Elizabeth.* 2. *Nancy.*
- II. LEVI GREEN, b. Feb. 20, 1832; m'd 1st, May 21, 1851, Nancy Fugate, dr. of Ezekiel. Levi is a good and true man, and a worthy farmer, living four miles north of Platte City. Ch:
 1. *James Green*, b. April 19, 1852; m'd Elizabeth Adams, dr. of William.

2. *Noah Green*, b. in 1854; m'd 1st, Jan. 12, 1879, *Savilla Roy*, and m'd 2d, a King; 3 children.
3. *John Green*, m'd *Rosa King*.
4. *Sarah Green*, m'd *James Hornbuckle*; 2 children.
5. *Nancy Jane Green*, m'd *Jas. Cook*, son of *Wm.*; 3 children. They live in *Oklahoma*.
6. *Fannie Green*, m'd *Jas. Roman*. 7. *Wm. T.*
8. *Malinda*.

JOHN A. SYDENER.

Jan. 26—*John A. Sydener* died near *Tracy*. He was born in *Kentucky* in 1804, and came to *Platte* in 1857. He started a distillery five miles north of *Platte City*, and his liquors became celebrated. He took great pride in *Masonry*, and was active in politics. He married in *Kentucky*. Ch:

- I. *WM. E. SYDENER*, m'd Oct. 17, 1866, *Z. V. Oldham*, dr. of *Leon*. (See.)
- II. *JOHN SYDENER*, m'd Sept. 12, 1868, *Sallie White*, dr. of banker *C. J. White*, of *Kansas City*. They separated.
- III. *ELLEN SYDENER*. IV. *SARAH E. SYDENER*.

John A. Sydener (i) married, second, May 25, 1869, *Mrs. F. J. Walker*, widow of *Dr. Joseph Walker*, but they did not live happily, and were divorced.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—The citizens of *Platte City* meet at the court-house and recommend that the town be organized under the general law, as a city of the fourth class.

JOHN R. SWAIN loses his reason from softening of the brain, and *W. M. Paxton* is appointed his guardian. His wife takes him from the hotel in *Platte City* to the *William Loan* farm.

Streets on the north side of *New Market* vacated by the county court, on petition of *W. A. Lowe*.

Dram-shop license increased to \$300, and *East Leavenworth* and *Waldron* are without saloons.

Feb. 14—The Bank of *Platte County* opens, and commences business.

The depot at *Beverly* having burned, a new one is erected.

MRS. NANCY NOWER.

Feb. 14—*Mrs. Nancy Nower*, wife of *Joseph Nower*, died. She was a daughter of *Hugh Fulton*, and was born in *Mason County, Ky.*, May 30, 1806; married Oct. 30, 1830, *Joseph Nower*, born September 9, 1804, in *Mason County, Ky.*; died in *Platte* August 29, 1896. He lived on *Pleasant Ridge*. I knew him from my childhood, and revered him as an excellent citizen.

He was a son of Alexander Nower, born in 1760, and a grandson of James Nower, born in 1705, in England. His mother was Martha Morrison, of Maryland. Ch:

- I. ALVA ALEX. NOWER, b. in March, 1834; m'd Martha True. Ch:
 1. Addie, m'd Feb. 11, 1893, William Marcott.
 - Two others.
- II. WILLIAM SAMUEL NOWER, b. in Jan., 1836; dead; m'd Nancy J. Burgess. (See.)
- III. JOSEPH F. NOWER (ii), b. in 1837; d. May 21, 1884; m'd Oct. 17, 1871, Sarah E. Lober. (See.)
- IV. PHOEBE A. NOWER, m'd July 4, 1861, G. W. Burgess. (See.) They live in Warrensburg, Mo.
- V. MARY ELIZA NOWER, b. in 1841; d. in Sept., 1869; m'd Thos. Porter.
- VI. JOHN JAMES NOWER, b. in 1844; died, unmarried, in Oct., 1886.
- VII. NANCY MELVINA NOWER, b. in March, 1846; m'd March 3, 1875, Samuel T. Mason (ii). They live in Ontario, California.

Elder G. W. Everett resigns his pastorate of the Platte City Baptist Church, and takes charge of Elm Grove Church.

John Rohring buys the W. V. Slone house and lot in Platte City and removes upon them.

Feb. 17—Mild and pleasant, but on the 19th a cold wind and sleet-storm filled the Missouri with ice.

People moving to Kansas City. Public sales numerous: 1, R. G. Tanner's sale near Camden Point the 17th; 2, J. S. Brasfield's sale at South Gale the 18th; 3, C. A. Skillman's sale the 23d; 4, Joseph Simpson's sale the 27th.

Feb. 21—Ex-Confederates meet at the court-house.

King Komus pays Platte City a visit, but a storm causes him to subside.

Feb. 22—WILLIAM BYRD died; born January 14, 1794.

MARCH.

March 3—The *Landmark* publishes the list of petitioners praying the county court not to grant dram-shop license; 580 names.

WASHINGTON NUNNELLY.

March 3—Washington Nunnelly died at his home near Second Creek Church. He was born January 3, 1810; married September 13, 1840, Sarah A. Scarce, born April 28, 1818, daughter of Robert and Catherine Scarce. They came to Platte in 1848. He was an excellent citizen, and an agreeable neighbor. Children:

- I. ROBT. S. NUNNELLY, b. Jan. 8, 1846; m'd Amanda Brown, dr. of Obed. (See.)
- II. ALBERT K. NUNNELLY, b. Nov. 16, 1848; m'd May 9, 1875, Nora Link. They live in Clay.
- III. WILLIAM D. NUNNELLY, b. April 12, 1851; m'd Nov. 30, 1882, Maggie Graham.
- IV. JOHN B. NUNNELLY, b. Nov. 30, 1855; a merchant at Linkville.
- V. JAMES L. NUNNELLY, b. Sept. 18, 1858; m'd Oct. 6, 1879, C. Ellen Fleming.
- VI. CRAIG A. NUNNELLY, b. July 26, 1861.

March 3—C. L. Banning, in the *Landmark*, shows that the lands of Platte County are assessed at only one-third their true value.

JAMES HANDLEY.

March 11—James Handley died in the northeastern part of the county. He was a son of Alex. Handley and Sarah McElroy, of Virginia, and born in Marion County, Ky., March 11, 1796. He was a farmer of superior judgment and culture. He married at Lebanon, Ky., October 17, 1816, Sarah A. Cleaver, born March 7, 1800, daughter of David C. Cleaver. They came to Platte in March, 1857. Mrs. Handley died July 25, 1875. Ch:

- I. DAVID HANDLEY, b. July 27, 1817; d. in Oct., 1882; m'd Nancy Wells. They lived in Hart Co., Ky.
- II. WILLIAM C. HANDLEY, M.D., b. Dec. 28, 1819; d. Jan. 31, 1893; m'd May 5, 1847, Mary E. Embry. They came to Platte in 1853, and settled in Ridgley. He served a term as county justice, practiced medicine in his private circle, and was highly esteemed for professional acquirements and courteous deportment. His widow lives. Ch:
 - 1. *Sallie A. Handley*, m'd Nov. 10, 1869, Dr. John Robinson, son of Dr. A. M. Robinson (see) and Catherine Hughes. Dr. John Robinson was b. in Platte Feb. 14, 1847, and attended the St. Louis Medical School for three years, graduating in 1869. He is honored as a physician and as a gentleman. Ch: [a] Wm. M. Robinson; [b] Lela L.; [c] John A.
 - 2. *Lillie Handley*, d. Dec. 28, 1878, having just graduated at Daughters' College.
- III. SAMUEL HANDLEY, lived in Kentucky.
- IV. LETITIA HANDLEY, b. March 12, 1824; m'd D. C. Doran in Kentucky.
- V. MARY ANN HANDLEY, b. March 15, 1826; m'd D. C. Philips and died in Kentucky.
- VI. JOHN HARDIN HANDLEY, b. May 18, 1828; m'd Oct. 7, 1856, Fannie E. White, dr. of H. D. She was b. Oct. 17, 1836. Mr. Handley lives on a farm adjoining Edgerton, and is one of its enterprising business men. Ch:

1. *J. Ella Handley*, b. in 1878; m'd Jan. 3, 1882, Isaac P. Hopkins, son of Josiah, of Clinton. Ch: [a] Bes-sie; [b] Emma; [c] Hardin Hopkins; [d] Grace.
 2. *Hallie S. Handley*, b. May 27, 1863; m'd March 22, 1886, H. T. Stone, son of J. D. Ch: [a] Allen; [b] Boone.
 3. *William A. Handley*, b. Dec. 15, 1865; m'd April 27, 1887, Jennie Newman. Ch: [a] Carrie.
 4. *Mary W. Handley*, b. June 27, 1879; m'd Oct. 30, 1890, J. H. Bruce. (See.)
- VII. ALEX. M. I. HANDLEY, b. Feb. 28, 1841; m'd Feb. 25, 1866, Mary Lampton, b. Feb. 27, 1866; d. March 29, 1884. Ch:
1. *Veda*, b. Nov. 12, 1869.
 2. *Irrin Handley*, b. in Jan., 1871; m'd June 17, 1896, Cora Miller, dr. of I. S.
 3. *Dena*, b. May 18, 1874; m'd Jan. 18, 1893, Jas. P. Clark.
 4. *Myrtle*, b. May 12, 1878.
 5. *Lampton Handley*, b. Sept. 12, 1883.

March 14—Platte City, by a special election, becomes a city of the fourth class.

March 27—T. J. Porter and Sam'l Hardwicke advocate prohibition at the M. and P. church in Platte City.

March 29—JESSE MILLER died at his home, seven miles southeast of Platte City. He married January 20, 1848, Mrs. Margaret A. Waller, widow of Lewis W. Waller, and daughter of Daniel Jones, Sr., and granddaughter of William Jones, of Fauquier Co., Va. She was born September 22, 1806, and died April 26, 1893. The only child of her first marriage died in infancy. Mr. Miller was a substantial farmer, an enthusiastic Mason, and an influential citizen. They had but one child, Virginia Miller, born October 12, 1851; married January 26, 1871, Wellington W. Rixey, born November 25, 1850, son of Charles. But she died, childless, after a few months of married life, and the line of Jesse Miller was extinct. He therefore bequeathed his land to his son-in-law, subject to his widow's life estate. Mr. W. W. Rixey married, second, October 17, 1878, Mary J. Settle, daughter of J. D., of Buchanan. She was born in 1863. He is a genial and enterprising farmer, and a magnanimous Knight Templar. Their children: 1, Margaret V. Rixey, b. in 1879; 2, Mary F., b. in 1881; 3, Jos. W. Rixey, b. in 1883; 4, Norton B., b. in 1885; 5, Lavinia, b. in 1887; 6, Geo. W., b. in 1889; 7, Jesse Rixey, b. in 1892.

March 31—Mr. T. R. Valliant expresses, through the *Landmark*, his pecuniary necessities, and his friends come forward and furnish him all the money necessary to run his paper.

APRIL.

JAMES COLEMAN.

April 1—James Coleman died in Marshall Township. He was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, October 9, 1809, and came to Platte in 1837. Ch:

I. ISAAC COLEMAN, d. in April, 1884; m'd a Kruser. Ch:

1. *Mary E. Coleman.* 2. *James P.* 3. *Dollie D.*

4. *Abigail.* 5. *Elizabeth.* 6. *Harry.*

II. LIZZIE COLEMAN, m'd H. P. Palmer, son of James.

III. JEPHTHA COLEMAN.

April 3—Platte City holds its first election as a city of the fourth class, and J. L. Carmack is chosen mayor. The board of aldermen, in the course of a few months, enact and print a full code of ordinances.

Jesse James killed at St. Joseph by Robert Ford.

Weston elects Leo Rich mayor.

The Fair Company choose Wm. Chesnut president.

April 11—A. J. Connelly commences a course of temperance lectures at Platte City.

April 12—"The Lady of Lyons" performed by amateurs at Platte City.

Platte Presbytery meets at Parkville.

April 17—HENRY STEINWEDEN having died, J. B. Flannery administers. Bond, \$500. Ch: 1, John; 2, Mary.

April 24—W. A. Banister and Jas. H. Chinn licensed as attorneys.

April 29—Deposits of J. M. Railey & Bro., \$84,166.27; of Wells & Co., \$116,090.92; Bank of Platte County, \$28,715.87.

A biting frost. Called session of the State Legislature to redistrict the State, in view of the increased representation in Congress.

MAY.

May 3—MRS. NANNIE A. WALLINGFORD, wife of John S. Wallingford and daughter of Thomas Allen, died at the St. Joseph Lunatic Asylum, whither she had been sent for loss of her reason. She was buried at New Market. Children: 1, Sadie Wallingford, married December 10, 1890, O. F. Tomlinson; 2, Allen Wallingford. Mr. John S. Wallingford married, second, December 12, 1883, Mrs. Hattie Matney, née Mitchell. Her mother was a daughter of Alex. P. Reed.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Expenditures in Detail.

Paupers and insane.	\$5,394.00
Roads and bridges.	9,711.00
Juries.	320.00
Circuit Clerk's warrants.	876.00
County Justices.	314.00
Assessor (Nash).	384.00
Circuit Clerk (Waller).	228.00
County Clerk (Warner).	1,900.00
Sheriff (Overbeck).	1,118.00
Treasurer (Flannery).	725.00
Bridge Commissioner (Slone).	293.00
Bridge Commissioner (Dougherty).	120.00
Prosecuting Attorney (Coburn).	573.00
Insurance.	465.00
W. P. Hall, Attorney.	2,350.00
E. H. Norton, Attorney.	2,350.00
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	\$28,113.47
Total collected.	48,349.19
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Surplus applied to bonds and interest. . . . \$20,235.72

May 3—The County Clerk, without giving details, sets down the debt, \$220,662.22; from which he takes the cash in the treasury, \$16,775.10; leaving the actual debt, \$203,887.12.

County School Fund, \$1,887.47; Township Fund, \$20,092.84.

May 14—A heavy frost does much damage to fruit and to crops.

May 16—Stewartsville burned; damage, \$200,000.

May 18—JOSEPH PORTER'S estate administered by Nic Porter; bond, \$400. Ch: 1, Nic C. Porter; 2, children of Martha McCall; 3, Elizabeth McCall; 4, children of Pertina Ann Cox; 5, children of Rachel Hatchett; 6, Dedema Jennings.

May 21—A second frost.

May 22—JOHN WHITTON died at Weston. His widow, Christina, administered. Bond, \$700. Ch: 1, Emma P. Whitton, m'd March 25, 1889, David K. Cox (second wife). (See.)

May 25—Hugh McEowen sells his land at \$45 per acre, and removes to Kansas City.

May 27—A fine rain, and much needed.

JUNE.

June 1—Graduates at Camden Point: Evelina Boone, Lucy Bywaters, Kate Hunter, Nettie Kelly, Mecca Maupin, Alma Missemmer, Emma Pogue, Etta Pogue, Anna Pullins, Lizzie Peck.

Graduates at Daughters' College: Ida Banister, Jennie Faulconer.

Graduates at Park College: Maud K. Baker, J. J. Crosswhite, Mary A. Dayton, Mattie S. Dolley, Samuel S. Dolley, Chas. J. Godzman, E. V. Higgins, Thos. M. Hellman, W. M. Hindman, A. M. Levagood, Lapsley A. McAfee, D. B. McLeod, Anna B. Palmer.

This season, at Platte City and Tracy, there have been sold to farmers fifty-one twine-binder reapers.

June 12—Lewis Calvert died; buried at Pleasant Ridge.

THE CALVERT FAMILY.

In the early history of Maryland the Calverts were prominent personages. Leonard Calvert, younger brother of Lord Baltimore, was the first governor of the colony. From this family our Calverts descended. Jeremiah, Smith, Henry, and Craven Calvert were sons of Presley Calvert; and Lewis Calvert was a son of John, a brother of Presley. We will take them up in order.

I. JEREMIAH CALVERT.

The little I have learned of him has been recorded.

II. SMITH CALVERT

Was born in Scott County, Ky., October 9, 1799; died in Platte September 22, 1882. He was a son of Presley Calvert and Phena Johnson, daughter of Berwick. She was a sister of Captain Andrew Johnson (see), and niece of Colonel Richard M. Johnson, of Kentucky. He came up the Missouri in 1819, on one of the steamers of the Yellowstone expedition, and while wintering at Cow Island, opposite Iatan, he made frequent hunting excursions into Platte. He married, in Kentucky, Cassandra Branham, born February 12, 1804; died March 23, 1874, and buried at Pleasant Ridge. Mr. Calvert was a large man, of brusque manners, and decided opinions on all topics. For many years he kept a hotel at Liberty, Owen County, Ky. In 1830 he moved West, and settled on Pleasant Ridge and became one of the pioneer Baptists who built up Pleasant Ridge Church. He was a pushing and enterprising farmer and business man, genial and entertaining in his conversation, blunt and outspoken in his manners, and honest and liberal in his dealings. He was the auctioneer who made the first sale of lots in Platte City in 1840. Children:

- I. ANN W. CALVERT, m'd Samuel Hughes. (See.)
- II. NOTLEY A. CALVERT, m'd in 1839, Benj. Holladay, the "Great Western" in business ventures, the Salt Lake trader, the railroad constructor, the New York millionaire, the embellisher of Ophir Farm, the author of the "pony overland express," and the hero of fortune and failure. To-day abounding in wealth, and to-morrow penniless. His daring enterprise laughed at opposition. We will not follow his career in his desperate ventures and heroic enterprises. He came from Nicholas County, Ky., was a son of William Holladay, and his brothers were: Jesse, David, Joseph, James H., and Andrew S. Holladay. He came in 1838, and set up a dram-shop and tavern in Weston. His first achievement was the capture of his wife, and the pacification of the old man. The Mexican War opened the door of fortune, and the Civil War afforded further opportunity for success. Congress failed to pay him what was due him, and he died poor. His wife died, and lies beneath the chapel of Ophir Farm. He married a second time, and died out West, amidst the wreck of his fortunes. Ch:
1. *P. C. Holladay*, m'd Henry De Buissure.
 2. *Ben. Holladay, Jr.* 3. *Joseph Holladay.*
 4. A daughter, m'd an Italian count.
- III. PHENA CALVERT, m'd Jan. 14, 1851, David Holladay, b. in Nicholas County, Ky., May 5, 1823; d. Nov. 15, 1893. He was a brother of Ben Holladay, and a son of William Holladay and Margaret Hughes, sister of General Andrew S. Hughes and of the father of Hon. James M. Hughes. He became a miller and distiller. He was a man of fine sense, and a true gentleman. His widow survives. Ch:
1. *William Holladay*, dead; m'd July 10, 1888, Hattie Wright.
 2. *Clara Holladay*, m'd Oct. 6, 1874, Thos. G. Barton, of Plattsburg, now of Weston.
 3. *David Holladay* (ii).
 4. *Katie L.*, m'd April 27, 1881, John S. Butler, son of Saddler Butler, of Weston.
- IV. THOMAS H. CALVERT, m'd Jennie Kennedy. They live in Belton, Mo.
- V. ELIZABETH CALVERT, m'd Thos. Owens, son of Thompson Owens, and grandson of David Owens, who came from England in 1728, and settled in Albemarle County, Va. His mother was Meriwether Brown. Thomas was a brother of L. W. (Giles) Owens, b. May 19, 1819; d. in 1894, whom we shall further notice.
- VI. SALLIE A. CALVERT, b. Nov. 22, 1837; d. in Belton, Mo., Nov. 27, 1892; m'd Nov. 27, 1856, Richard (Dick) M. Johnson. (See.)

- VII. KATHERINE CALVERT, m'd G. W. Johnson, brother of R. M., and son of Captain Andrew Johnson. (See.)
 VIII. SMITH CALVERT (ii), died in General Price's army in 1861, near Cassville, Mo.
 IX. MARY REBECCA CALVERT, m'd Jan. 19, 1869, John J. Green. They live near Belton, Mo.

III. HENRY CALVERT.

IV. WARREN CALVERT.

Among his children I can name only:

- I. ALEX. CALVERT, m'd Hattie H. Burt. (See.)
 II. HENRY CALVERT.
 III. ELLA CALVERT, m'd W. H. Burt. (See.)
 IV. PRESTON CALVERT. V. TOAD CALVERT.
 VI. AMBROSE.
 VII. ANNIE MARY, m'd J. H. Buford. They lived near Woodruff, and she d. Feb. 17, 1893, aged 52.
 VIII. MARY E. CALVERT, m'd Sept. 8, 1869, Chris. Steele.

V. CRAVEN CALVERT

Was a merchant of Weston. His children are scattered, and I can only guess at his posterity:

- I. F. M. CALVERT, m'd Bettie W. Calvert, dr. of Lewis. (See.)
 II. WILLIAM B. CALVERT, d. in Marshall Township September 10, 1877, aged 35. He entered the Confederate service, and was wounded and taken prisoner at Pea Ridge. He served as deputy under Sheriff Coffey, and was beaten by W. H. Hunt for that office.

VI. LEWIS CALVERT

Was a son of John Calvert, and a cousin of Smith and the others. He was born in Scott County, Ky., April 24, 1804; died June 12, 1882; married Martha W. Herndon, daughter of Dr. Herndon, of Scott County, Ky., and second cousin of Seth Herndon, of Platte. She was born in 1812, and died July 25, 1886. Lewis Calvert was a polished gentleman, and a leading Democrat. He was elected to the Legislature in August, 1846. He lived near Pleasant Ridge, and cultivated a large farm. Ch:

- I. HELEN M. CALVERT, b. Sept. 7, 1830; m'd Dec. 6, 1848, Ambrose Y. Owens. Ch:

1. *Samuel C. Owens*, m'd Sept. 4, 1874, Jennie Brown, dr. of Wm., and sister of Mrs. Chris. Skillman. Ch: [a] Maggie Owens; [b] Ward.
2. *Lewis C. Owens*, m'd Alice Riley. They live near Woodruff; 6 children.
3. *Nannie Owens*, m'd James Sexton. They live in Leavenworth.

- II. CELSUS CALVERT, went to California and died.

- III. SALLIE C. CALVERT, b. March 9, 1834; dead; m'd May 20, 1851, H. B. C. Harris, M.D., b. Feb. 3, 1845; living in 1896. Ch:
1. *Rebecca Harris*, m'd Spender Bane. They live in St. Joseph.
 2. *Hiram Harris*, m'd Dec. 20, 1876, Bettie Fauntleroy. Ch: [a] Frank.
 3. *Mattie Harris*, m'd Jesse Roach.
 4. *Kate Harris*. 5. *James*.
- IV. MINNIE CALVERT, b. Feb. 13, 1836.
- V. BETTIE W. CALVERT, b. June 4, 1838; dead; m'd Dec. 3, 1857, Frank M. Calvert. (See.) Ch:
1. *Howard Calvert* (ii), m'd Fannie Zerkle.
 2. *Frank* (i), m'd Lou White.
 3. *Holt Calvert*, went west.
- Bettie m'd 2d, Feb. 10, 1870, B. B. Pryor. Ch:
4. *Minnie Pryor*. 5. *James*. 6. *Ben Pryor*.
- VI. HOLT CALVERT, b. Feb. 28, 1841; dead; m'd Belle Chambers. Ch:
1. *Geo. C. Calvert*, m'd April 19, 1891, Hattie Noland.
- VII. JENNIE D. CALVERT, b. March 25, 1843; m'd Bert Stanley. (See.) Ch:
1. *Charles L. Stanley*. 2. *Cora*.
- VIII. JOHN L. CALVERT, b. Feb. 8, 1845; m'd Oct. 15, 1884, Mrs. Mary (Hinkley) Morton. Ch:
1. *Gus. Calvert*. 2. *A babe*.
- IX. ANNIE M. CALVERT, b. Feb. 3, 1847.
- X. EMMA CALVERT, b. Dec. 3, 1848; dead; m'd Jos. Thorp. Children:
1. *Henry Thorp*. 2. *Calvert Thorp*.
- XI. ANDREW J. CALVERT, b. Oct. 13, 1850; m'd Kate Elley, b. Dec. 10, 1852, dr. of R. P. S. Elley. (See.) Ch:
1. *Kent* (girl). 2. *Robert Calvert*. 3. *Mattie*. 4. *Judy*.
- XII. ALICE B. CALVERT, b. Jan. 11, 1853; m'd Ac. Zerkle. Ch:
1. *Lena Zerkle*. 2. *Maud*. 3. *Lewis*.
- XIII. WILLIAM B. CALVERT, b. Jan. 8, 1855; m'd Oct. 24, 1883, Nora Gabbert, dr. of Wm., b. Dec. 2, 1861. Ch:
1. *Lewis Calvert*. 2. *Fannie*. 3. *William*.

VII. BEN CALVERT

Was in some way connected with Lewis and Smith Calvert. He lived in Platte City before the war. Of his children: 1, Jesse, of the *Landmark*, married, first, July 12, 1882, Minnie Day. She died, leaving a son, and Jesse married, second, June 6, 1894, Mrs. Lizzie Cornelius, née Geyer; 2, Sallie, who died single; 3, Jennie, who married a McAtee.

June 14—Fred Krause is building a fine residence on Lot 12, Block 29, Platte City.

Judge E. H. Norton receives the degree of LL.D. of William Jewell College. He is the only citizen of Platte who has received that honor.

June 16—A terrific storm. Great damage in Kansas City. Mount St. Mary's College, near Leavenworth, unroofed, and four young ladies killed. Englehardt's barn, near Waldron, blown down. The damage in Iowa and Missouri is estimated at \$2,000,000.

The Tracy elevator is finished.

JULY.

July 4—The day is celebrated at Weston by a picnic in Wells' pasture, and a torchlight procession at night.

July 5—MRS. ELIZABETH LAWSON, of Marshall Township, died, aged 96. She was born October 4, 1786.

July 9—Teachers' Institute at Platte City, conducted by Prof. John Buchanan, of Kansas City.

DAVID CAIN.

July 10—David Cain, son of Jesse Cain and Sarah Osamus, died at his home eight miles southeast of Platte City. He was born March 10, 1807; m'd March 10, 1830, Nancy Lynch, born November 17, 1807. She survived him. They came to Platte in 1844. I knew him when a tall, angular, genial, and honorable old man. Ch:

I. JESSE CAIN, m'd Letitia Jackson. He died in the Union army.

II. WILLIAM F. CAIN, m'd Res. Bowen.

III. SARAH CAIN, m'd Jas. P. Lynch.

IV. DRUSILLA CAIN, m'd Jas. Elgin.

V. ELI A. CAIN, m'd Sarah Bowen.

VI. JOSEPH R., m'd Jennie McCain.

VII. MARTHA CAIN, m'd Isaac Jackson.

July 11—W. Richardson killed by a runaway team, three miles south of Platte City.

July 16—James English killed by J. Lawless, who fled from justice.

July 21—Mayor Carmack, of Platte City, by proclamation, recommends to the citizens: 1. That the grade of the streets be established. 2. That they be macadamized. 3. That the ordinances be printed. 4. That the A., P. & O. addition be annexed to the city. 6. That the limits be extended east 150 feet. These recommendations, except the second, were carried into effect.

PETER FOELING, of Weston, dies, aged 96.

July 25—Joseph B. Evans buys of J. M. McCluer the C. A. Perry farm, one mile east of Weston.

DR. J. A. CAMPBELL.

July 26—Dr. J. A. Campbell died at Parkville. He was born in Rockbridge County, Va., February 19, 1815; graduated at Washington College, Va., and at Jefferson Medical School, Philadelphia; came to Howard County, Mo., in 1846; married May 30, 1849, Mary E. McNair, who was born February 13, 1827; died in January, 1891. In August, 1853, he came to Platte, and in 1854 united with the Baptist Church. He was a son of Samuel Campbell, born in Virginia March 6, 1765, and Sarah Alexander, born March 26, 1774. His mother was one of that illustrious race of Alexanders whose intellectual prowess has added laurels to the escutcheon of Virginia. And the lineage of the Campbells sparkles with many illustrious names. Dr. Campbell himself was a man of thought and research in his profession. Oh:

I. LUCY CAMPBELL, m'd Nov. 5, 1879, Dr. A. T. Holt. (See.)

II. CHARLES A. CAMPBELL, m'd June 7, 1882, Fannie A. Price.

July 29—Democratic primary for Congressman. R. P. C. Wilson carried Platte County, but James N. Burnes carried the district.

JOSHUA BOYD.

July 30—Joshua Boyd died three miles west of Platte City. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1798; removed to Shelby County, Ky.; married Nancy Perry, who died October 15, 1876, aged 81. They came to Platte in 1849. They were exemplary Baptists, and worthy people. Ch:

I. MARY BOYD, m'd N. H. Hope. (See.)

II. WILLIAM BOYD, m'd Mary C. Wells. Ch:

1. *Mary E. Boyd*, m'd June 30, 1872, William R. Wills, who was a merchant in Platte City, and removed to Leavenworth.

2. *Emma Boyd*. 3. *Willie Boyd*.

III. JOHN BOYD, m'd Nancy J. Tate. (See.)

IV. MINERVA BOYD, b. in 1833; dead; m'd in 1848, Thos. Stewart, b. April 7, 1824, in Lafayette County, Mo.; d. April 30, 1896, in Platte; son of Archibald Stewart and Elizabeth Tribble, b. in 1776. He came to Platte in 1837, and settled four miles west of Platte City, where he yet resides. He is a farmer, genial and kind-hearted. In 1876 he was elected coroner of the county. Ch:

1. *Mary Jane Stewart*, m'd 1st, in 1876, John Alexander. (See.)

2. *Stonewall Stewart*, b. in 1862. 3. *Frank*.

4. *Lizzie*, m'd Noble King. 5. *Annie Stewart*, b. in 1870.

6. *John M. Stewart*, b. in 1857; went West.

7. *Frederick Stewart*, b. in 1873.

Thomas Stewart served in the Mexican War under General Doniphan.

AUGUST.

Aug. 7—John B. Flannery goes west for his health.

GEORGE HELLMAN died at Weston. He was born December 9, 1834; married February 26, 1857, Mary Fenchler. He was cordial in his address, and generous to a fault. He had a steam saw-mill, and a large body of timber land below Weston, and supplied the city with lumber. Ch: 1, John Hellman, m'd April 4, 1888, Lena Renz; 2, Henry, b. Nov. 4, 1861, m'd May 6, 1879, Sophia Ohlendorf; 3, Lillie Hellman, m'd May 3, 1883, John G. Adam.

James M. McCluer removes to Denver, and makes his headquarters there for his insurance business.

Four dram-shops in Platte City.

WILLIAM TATMAN.

Aug. 14—William Tatman died at his home, three miles west of Platte City, from the effects of having his foot crushed in the machinery of the Tracy elevator. He was born December 10, 1801, in Montgomery County, Ky.; married November 10, 1826, Lucinda Hunt, born June 10, 1808. He was a son of John Tatman and Phoebe A. Martin. He came West a few years before the war, with the Darnalls, Roberts, Sydeners, and others. He was a cordial, intelligent, and prosperous farmer. Ch:

I. *EMILY TATMAN*, b. Nov. 5, 1827; m'd Thos. Duty. They lived in Kansas.

II. *MARY E. TATMAN*, b. April 17, 1828; m'd Feb. 21, 1850, Gus. S. Elgin, b. April 4, 1829 son of Jos. Elgin and Bethenia Withers. He was killed Nov. 20, 1866, by John Biven, as has been recorded. Mrs. Elgin now lives in Platte City. Ch:

1. *Jos. M. Elgin* (ii), b. Jan. 27, 1851; m'd Nov. 22, 1881, Fannie D. Jounette. Ch: [a] William T.; [b] Lelia; [c] Jos. W.

2. *Mary A. Elgin*, b. Jan. 22, 1853; m'd Jan. 15, 1885, Ed. R. Miller. Ch: [a] W. G. Miller; [b] Mary L.; [c] Frances R.

3. *William A. Elgin*, b. Jan. 18, 1855; m'd Sept. 27, 1877, Mollie F. Callicotte, b. July 26, 1856, dr. of H. F. Callicotte and Mary A. Murray. Mr. Elgin is one of our most enterprising farmers and stock-raisers. He has served several terms as president of the county fair, and by his cordial and urbane deportment has made many admirers and friends. Ch:

- [*a*] Jas. H. Elgin, b. Oct. 20, 1878; [*b*] Dora Elgin, b. Nov. 11, 1880; [*c*] Mary H., b. Nov. 28, 1882; [*d*] Pattie K. Elgin, b. Oct. 3, 1888.
4. *James W. Elgin*, b. June 14, 1857; m'd Ella Sharp; 2 children: [*a*] Mary H. Elgin; [*b*] Wm. D. Elgin.
5. *Gustavus S. Elgin* (ii), b. Feb. 23, 1860; m'd Sept. 11, 1889, Alice M. Laurance, dr. of Coleman. Ch: [*a*] Larance (boy); [*b*] Kleona Elgin.
6. *Robt. E. Elgin*, b. March 23, 1864; m'd June 2, 1894, Dora Collins, dr. of Marion. (See.)
- III. *PHOEBE A. TATMAN*, b. Feb. 8, 1830; m'd Robt. McCown; no children.
- IV. *JAMES TATMAN*, b. Oct. 20, 1836; m'd Oct. 18, 1865, Elizabeth Story. Ch:
1. *Lou Tatman*, m'd Nov. 24, 1891, R. L. Waller (ii). (See.)
2. *Bert Tatman*. 3. *Beulah*. 4. *Guy*.
- V. *JOHN W. TATMAN*, b. April 10, 1839.
- VI. *JOSEPH M. TATMAN* (i), b. Dec. 25, 1847.
- VII. *RUSSELL M.*, b. April 15, 1843.

Aug. 18—Democratic Convention at St. Joseph nominates James N. Burnes for Congress.

Aug. 22—A grand picnic and political meeting at Edgerton. Waldron Bros. sell their mill to Havens & Co.

Wheat averages 20 bushels to the acre, and goes down to 80 cents.

NORMAN HARRIS.

Aug. 31—Norman Harris died at his home near Barry. He was a son of John Harris, and was born in Madison County, Ky., July 22, 1814; married December 26, 1848, Mary J. Woods, born in Clay. September 17, 1833; died November 16, 1896. She was a daughter of Thomas Woods, born December 25, 1802, and Elizabeth Younger, born in 1805; died April 14, 1892. Mr. Harris was a man of note and influence in his neighborhood. He was a brother of Warren Harris, of New Market. Mrs. Mary J. Harris was a handsome and accomplished lady. Ch:

- I. *ELIZABETH HARRIS*, b. in 1849; m'd John Revelle; 5 children.
- II. *ZUE HARRIS*, b. in 1860; m'd Dec. 16, 1884, John W. Mitchell. (See.)
- III. *JOHN HARRIS*, b. in 1869; m'd Mattie Wilson (dead), dr. of John Wilson, of Clay. Mr. John Harris now lives at Moberly, Missouri.

THOMAS DALE died at Parkville. He married Nancy Haynes, of Clay. He was a merchant of Parkville, and a good and honorable business man. Ch: 1, David Dale, m'd Mary Turman; 2, Milener H. Dale, m'd Kate Roberts; 3, Harvey Dale, m'd Alice Thomas; 4, Timothy; 5, Mrs. R. W. Pack (see); 6, John Dale, m'd Alice Roberts; 7, Mary; 8, Thomas A. Dale, m'd Alice Scobee; 9, Charles; 10, Henry Dale.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—A large political picnic at New Market.

Sept. 8—Frank James has been wounded, and harbored in the east part of the county.

Sept. 11—Platte City Public School opened, with Prof. Craf-
ton principal and Lela Darnall and Lizzie Brady assistants.

Sept. 12—Hot winds. Temperature 105 degrees.

M. A. Reed nominated at St. Joseph for Congress, by the
Republicans.

Democrats are organizing clubs in the county.

Forepaugh's circus at Weston.

Con. Thorp this season bought and shipped from Weston
3,000 barrels of apples.

Sept. 16—A political picnic at Hickory Grove.

Sept. 18—A long drouth ended.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 4—Clarissa, wife of Martin Baldwin, died.

MARTIN BALDWIN

Is a son of Andrew V. Baldwin and Polly Munkers, and was born in Virginia January 3, 1814. In 1816 his parents brought him to Cooper's Fort, Howard County, Mo. In 1825 the family came on to Clay County, and settled seven miles east of Liberty. In 1838 Martin came to Platte, and settled three miles north of Platte City; and married January 3, 1838 (his birthday), Clarissa Buxton, born April 28, 1814, daughter of William and Rachel Buxton, of Clay. In 1844 the family removed to the vicinity of Parkville; where Mr. Baldwin, in hale and hearty old age, still lives among loving relatives and friends.

Mr. Martin Baldwin enlisted in Captain W. J. Miller's company, Winston's regiment, and was at Springfield, Pea Ridge, and other battles. Ch:

- I. FRANCES M. BALDWIN, b. Dec. 4, 1839; m'd July 5, 1855, Weston A. Pierce, b. in Clay Feb. 19, 1828. (See.)
- II. LUCETTA BALDWIN, m'd Joseph Simpson. (See.)
- III. RACHEL BALDWIN, dead; m'd H. G. Higgins. (See.)
- IV. JOHN A. BALDWIN, b. March 17, 1848; m'd 1st, Jan. 12, 1871, Emma Summers, dr. of J. C. (See.)
- V. CLEORA BALDWIN, m'd Frank Pierce. Ch:
 1. Willard. 2. Weston. 3. Jesse Pierce. 4. Lela.
 5. Cleora (ii). 6. William. 7. Solomon. 8. Littleberry.
- VI. WILLARD P. BALDWIN. (See.) VI. GEO. BALDWIN.

Mr. Martin Baldwin married, second, October 4, 1882, Mrs. M. A. Richardson; widow of Noble; no children.

Sept. 12—Burnes and Reed, candidates for Congress, speak at Parkville.

Sept. 13—Senator Vest and Colonel J. N. Burnes speak at Weston at 7 p. m.

Apples and peaches abundant.

JOHN R. SWAIN.

Sept. 18—John R. Swain died near Platte City. He was a son of John H. Swain and Lucy Tutt, and was born in Kentucky August 21, 1821. In 1831 the family came to Madison County, Ill., and thence to Troy, eighteen miles from St. Louis, where John R. engaged in business as a merchant. In 1860 he came to Leavenworth, thence to Farley, and finally to Platte City. With R. F. Mason (see) he engaged in the dry goods business, first at Farley, and subsequently at Platte City. The firm dissolved in 1880, and in a short time Mr. Swain became an imbecile, from softening of the brain. He was an experienced merchant, and a man of affairs. He advocated improvement, and labored for the good of society. He was an ardent Presbyterian, well grounded in the Bible, and able to give reasons for his hope. He labored zealously in the church and Sunday-school wherever he lived. He was fond of children, and delighted in teaching. All loved him and I esteemed him as my best friend and my dearest companion. We worked together in the church and the Sunday-school; and in our plans of improvement and charity each looked to the other for counsel and assistance. At his death I published a poem in his honor, from which I copy a stanza:

His meek and humble spirit swayed
And cheered me on to useful deeds,—
Or led me back, whene'er I strayed,
As gently as a shepherd leads.
And when discouragements assailed,
And I grew faint before our foes,
His patient spirit never quailed,
But gathered strength as trials rose.

He was twice married; first, to Emily A. Buckley, of Troy, Ill. She died, leaving:

I. OARRIE SWAIN, m'd a Millard. II. KATE, m'd a Smith.
III. GABRIELLA SWAIN. All of them live in Minnesota.

Mr. Swain married, second, November 1, 1866, Elizabeth Loan, born August 29, 1832; died January 10, 1896. (See.) Children:

IV. LAURA SWAIN, a sweet, pure, and lovely maiden.

V. JOSEPH L. SWAIN.

Oct. 25—W. R. Wills removes from Platte City to Leavenworth, Kas.

Oct. 27—A comet appears in the eastern sky. It came so near the sun that it was divided into eight parts.

NOVEMBER.

ELECTION.

Supreme Judge—Democratic vote, 2,385; Republican vote, 851.

Congressman—J. N. Burnes (Democrat), 2,228; M. A. Reed (Republican), 898.

Representative—James Adkins (no opposition), 2,903.

County Judge at Large—Chesnut, 3,100.

County Judge Western District—D. J. Thorp, 1,622.

County Judge Eastern District—J. C. Summers, 1,264.

Sheriff—W. J. Overbeck, 3,078.

Circuit Clerk—W. H. Roney, 3,129.

Collector—John T. Owens, 3,099.

County Clerk—T. F. Warner, 3,116.

Treasurer—T. L. Thomas, 2,382; H. C. Colman, 778.

Prosecuting Attorney—J. W. Coburn, 3,049.

Assessor—J. H. Nash, 3,111.

Surveyor—W. H. Dougherty, 3,098.

Coroner—Joseph F. Coons, 3,099.

Constitutional Amendment—For, 1,433; against, 618.

Congressional District—For Burnes, 13,325; for Reed, 10,571.

The Congressional District now consists of Atchison, Buchanan, Andrew, Holt, and Nodaway. Population, 143,087.

Nov. 3—EX-GOV. WILLARD P. HALL died at St. Joseph; son of John Hall and Statira Preble, born at Harper's Ferry, Va., May 9, 1820; graduated at Yale in 1839, came to Platte City in 1840, and in 1842 removed to Buchanan. Elector for Polk in 1844. Volunteered for the Mexican War in 1846. In Congress in 1847-1853. Lieutenant-Governor of Missouri in 1864. He married, in 1847, Ann Richardson. Ch: 1, Dr. Wm. Hall; 2, Willard; 3, John. In 1863 his wife died, and in 1865 he married Ollie L. Oliver.

Nov. 4—Governor Crittenden speaks at Platte City at 1 o'clock, and at 7 at Weston.

Nov. 14—LEWIS MERITT having died, T. O. Naylor administered. Bond, \$2,000. He married Nov. 23, 1871, Mary E. Naylor. (Sec.) Ch: 1, Virg. L; 2, Mary E.

MOSES JENNINGS.

Nov. 21—Moses Jennings died near Edgerton. Ch:

- I. WILLIAM H. JENNINGS, m'd June 19, 1851, Martha J. Hayden.
- II. FRANK JENNINGS, m'd Jan. 20, 1853, Elizabeth Hayden.
- III. MARGARET JENNINGS, m'd 1st, William P. Liggett, son of John. (See.) Margaret survived, took a child's part, and m'd 2d, Ed R. Hackett.
- IV. SOPHRONIA JENNINGS, m'd Sept. 2, 1858, Rev. James Standiford. (See.)
- V. AMARANTHA JENNINGS, m'd 1st, a Davis; 2d, a Masoner; 3d, a Burnett.
- VI. JOHN JENNINGS, m'd Sis Workman.

Under a State law, the lakes and streams of Missouri are supplied with the spawn of German carp. T. F. Warner is agent for Platte, and is very active.

Nov. 25—The Tontine meet at Masonic Hall, Platte City. Present: Anderson, Belt, S. A. Gilbert, Jenkins, Park, and Darnall. Cartwright, Hunt, and Johnson commit default, and B. W. Gilbert is dead.

Nov. 29—Mrs. Altemira Yocom took morphine by mistake and died.

GEN. GEORGE P. DORRISS.

General George P. Dorris died at St. Louis. He was born in Robertson County, Ky., October 16, 1807. In early life he went to Galena, Ill., and thence to Shawneetown, Ind. In 1837 he came to Martinsville (now Platte City) and started a general store. In 1840 he paid at the sale of Platte City lots \$607 for Lot 1, Block 29. This was the highest price paid for any lot. Here he kept store for several years. He built the brick house now belonging to Jesse Collins, a half-mile south of Platte City. He also built, south of his dwelling, a heavy hewed log prison, entered by a trap-door on top. This was burned down by Doubleday's command in 1862. He was engaged in the negro trade, taking large gangs South every few months. He represented the county in 1854, and again in 1860. In the fall of 1861 he removed to St. Louis, and made that city the base of his large operations. His ventures were daring and yielded enormous profits. He became a millionaire, loaned money at usurious interest, took army contracts, and built a palatial residence on his suburban estate, which was burned after his death. His estate was inventoried at \$800,000.

Geo. P. Dorris was a son of Thomas Dorris and Polly Ann Leake, of Nashville, Tenn. Thomas Dorris was a son of Rev. Joseph Dorris, chaplain of Gen. Jackson's division of the American army in 1812. Gen. Dorris received his title by the appointment of Gov. Reynolds, of Illinois. He raised a regiment

of infantry and went to the Black Hawk War. He was large and commanding in person, being 6 feet 2 inches high, and weighing 200 pounds. He was hospitable and generous, courteous and respectful, and in all my dealings with him an upright and honorable gentleman. In society he was a remarkable personage. He was unerring in his judgment of character, and won favor and confidence by his complaisance and kindness. After he went to St. Louis, I attended to his business here, and found him just and true.

Gen. Geo. P. Dorris married Sarah Henderson (see), born December 12, 1813; died in St. Louis January 28, 1882. She possessed the money-making talent of her husband, and kept her estate separate from his. Her sound judgment enabled her to make judicious investments. She was genial and companionable, and managed her affairs with tact and shrewdness. She was murdered in her bed by her grandson, Russell Brown, with the assistance of a youth, Pat McGrew. They entered her chamber and robbed her of her finger- and ear-rings, while smothering her to stifle her cries. The boys did not intend to take her life. They were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment, but Russell escaped, and died in Canada. The children were as remarkable as their parents:

- I. JOHN DORRISS, d. when a youth in 1855, and was buried at Platte City, in a metallic coffin. March 6, 1882, his remains were exhumed, and I recognized the youth who was buried 27 years earlier. He was removed to Bellefontaine Cemetery, near St. Louis.
- II. THOMAS DORRISS, b. Aug. 9, 1839, in Platte; d. at San Antonio, Texas, of consumption, March 14, 1895. He never married, but lived on the wing between Chicago and St. Louis, with an occasional excursion to Platte City. He never forgot his old home, and scarcely a year passed that he did not send \$25 to make the children a Christmas treat. He was possessed of native intellect, and, when sober, was a splendid conversationalist. He had seen much of the world, and was well informed on the topics of the day. He was an urbane gentleman in society, and his principles were good, whatever may have been his habits.

But Gen. Dorris's will gives Thomas the income of one-third of his estate for life, and the remainder to his children, if any; and if not, then to his nephews and nieces. To evade this, Thomas adopted a boy, and then disinherited him. But if the boy became his child, Thomas could not disinherit him in this case. He next tried making a will, and then set it aside by a second will. These wills cannot pass the real estate in which he had only a life interest, but they may pass personalty not bestowed by his father. I loved Tom Dorris, but his life was a failure.

Among the beneficiaries of his wills was Annie, daughter of Judge Norton.

III. MATTIE DORRIS, d. Jan. 17, 1883; m'd May 20, 1856, Hon. Jo. A. Brown, a lawyer of distinction, who died a few years ago at St. Louis. She was brilliant, beautiful, and lovely; and when I last saw her, about 1876, she was majestic. After years of wedded bliss, she was divorced, and married R. B. Van Wicker. Her children were by her first husband:

1. *George Dorris Brown*.

2. *Mattie Brown*, m'd Arthur A. Mosher, of Kansas City; 3 children.

3. *Fannie Brown*, m'd 1st, Wallace Smith. She m'd 2d, F. C. Jerome.

4. *Russell Brown*, who is noticed above.

IV. ANNIE B. DORRIS, was sublime in her beauty, and is yet a Minerva among women. She m'd Hon. John A. Halderman, late minister to Siam, and one of the most eminent diplomatists of the day. He is a scholar and a statesman, and his name has been an honor to Kansas. But, like her sister, Annie was divorced. She lives in Leavenworth, and General Halderman in Washington City. Ch:

1. *Sallie Halderman*, amid oriental splendor and magnificence, m'd Oct. 24, 1888, Edwin E. Wilson; but after the birth of two children, and proof of disreputable dealings on his part, she forsook him.

2. *Georgia Halderman*. 3. *Annie Halderman*.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—The Bank of Edgerton is organized by Woodson & Wells, with Dr. C. C. Kemper cashier.

E. and D. Gwin have threshed 30,000 bushels of wheat, showing an average of 21 bushels per acre. It is selling at 78 cents.

Dec. 15—A. G. Beller lectures at Weston, in reply to Ingersoll.

Deposits of Parkville Bank, \$34,505.18; of the Bank of Platte County, \$150,663.96.

Dec. 18—Prof. J. D. Hastings, of Park College, commits suicide.

Dec. 25—Christmas trees at Pleasant Ridge, New Market, and Platte City, and three saloons at Platte City religiously and freely distributed egg-nog.

Dec. 29—Dan Carpenter has in the *Landmark* a good poem, entitled "Poets, Ancient and Modern." He classes me among the latter.

MARRIAGES IN 1882 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTED.

January 3—William A. Scott married Mary E. Maddox, of Ridgely.

January 14—James M. Moore married Grace Butler.

January 18—H. C. Cook married Minerva W. Price.

March 1—W. M. Heath married Mary J. Boydston.

March 5—John W. Liggett married Margaret Gaines.

April 8—James E. Holland married Mary Bellis.

July 2—David W. Logan married Sarah J. Ingram.

September 17—Henry Sloner married Nancy E. Thomas.

October 11—Ab. Thatcher married Rebecca F. Grooms.

October 15—Robert A. Kerr married Mary A. Collier.

October 17—Dr. Jos. M. Adkins married Mary A. Endicott.

October 18—W. W. Bell married Mrs. Lucy A. Wade.

October 25—Frank Wiehe married Elizabeth Meyer.

October 29—John Pitts married Mrs. Fannie Wainright.

December 7—Edwin Fox married Maggie Kennedy.

December 27—James H. Hatfield married Mrs. Margaret Noland.

1883.**OFFICERS.**

Governor, T. T. Crittenden; Congressman, James N. Burnes; Representative, James Adkins; State Senator, W. W. Bland; Circuit Judge, G. W. Dunn; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; County Justices, Chesnut, Summers, Thorp; Prosecuting Attorney, J. W. Coburn; Circuit Clerk, W. H. Roney; Sheriff, W. J. Overbeck; Collector, John T. Owens; Treasurer, T. L. Thomas; Assessor, J. H. Nash; Surveyor, W. H. Dougherty; Superintendent of Schools, James O. Stark; Public Administrator, W. C. Wells; Coroner, Joseph F. Coons.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Carmack, Forman, Herndon, Norton, Paxton, Wells, Woodson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Coffey, Guthrie, Hollingsworth, McDonald, Overbeck, Redman, Smith.

Merchants, etc.—Banister, Beaumont, Beery, Blakley, Bohart, Brady, Burnes, Burruss & Miller, Chinn, Clemings, Colman, Davis, Dearing, Ellifrit, Flannery, Fleshman, Hulett, Jenkins, Johnston, Kiefer, Krause, Kurtz (postmaster), Lutes, Mason, Mattox, Meads, Recht, Rohring, Thomas, Wheeland, Young, Zarn.

Lodges—Lodge No. 504, J. S. Brasfield, W. M.; Chapter, N. B. Anderson, H. P.; Nebraska, No. 12, W. F. Norton, N. G.
Schools—Public School, P. H. Crafton principal; Daughters' College, Gaylord president.

Banks—Exchange Bank of Wells & Co, Jack cashier; Bank of Platte City, Bohart cashier.

Fair—Chesnut president.

Preachers—J. A. Hyder (M. E.), J. E. Dunn (Chris.), Valiant (Epis.).

Newspapers—*Landmark*, Valliant editor.

At Weston: Coburn, Bonifant, Guthrie, Martin, Ferguson, Shortridge, Simpson, Allen, Bell, Bowman, Breen, Brill, Briggs, Butler, Chicago Lumber Co., Cox, Carpenter, Deitz, Doppler, Dye, Evans Furniture Co., Gabbert, Gilbert, Hartman, Howard, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Keller, Kennedy, Kirkpatrick, Kurtz, McConnell, Magers, Mauch, Moore, Moesman, Mundy, Newhouse, Noble, Noll, O'Dowd, Ohlhausen, Parr, Price (postmaster), Raileys, Rich, Ringo, Schmidt, Shenkner, Siler, Weighman, White.

Mayor—T. W. Rich.

Lodges—Lodge No. 53, J. F. Kenney, W. M.; Chapter No. 4, J. F. Kenney, H. P.; Commandery No. 2, H. H. Hedges, E. C.; Phoenix, No. 30, Frank Warner, N. G.; Platte County Protective Association, J. S. Gabbert president.

Preachers—C. W. Walls (M. E.), Hoffman (Ger. M. E.).

Newspapers—*Commercial*, Howard publisher.

Bank—Railey & Bro.

At Parkville: Ashby, Bosch, Brightwell, Bueneman (postmaster), Coffey, Ford, Fulton, Haynes, Holt, Howe, Kahm, Laughlin, Luthy, Lynch, McDonald, Mitchell, Moore, Nash, Pack, Reading, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld, Wood.

Bank—Fulton cashier.

Schools—Park College, J. A. McAfee president.

At Camden Point: W. A. Buckner (president O. S.), Farris, Herndon, Jack, Moore, Ewing (postmaster), Parrish, Purdy, Perrin, Reynolds, Stallard, Wood, Woodson.

At Dearborn: Armstrong, Arnold, Cropp, Ferrel.

At Edgerton: Beery, Bell, Boydston, Best, Campion (postmaster), Biggerstaff, Clark, Doke, De Armond, Handley, Johnston, Jones, Justus, Lott, Moody, Ralston, Scott, Shafer, Welber, Wilkerson, Worth.

At Fairlay: Brasfield, Coots, Holt, Meyer (postmaster), Johnson, Weisse.

At Hampton: Bledsoe, Dr. Smith.

At Iatan: Gittinger, Grover, Ross, Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: Barr, Nunnely (postmaster), Stafford, and Thornhill.

At New Market: Allen, Bryant (postmaster), Gregg, Goerner, Grunden, Leavel, Lowe, Morton, Simpson, Thompson, Swaney, Howerton (M. E.), Thomas (Bap.), Clay (Bap.).

At Ridgely: Chrisman (postmaster), Robinson, Sullivan.

At Settle: Skillman (postmaster).

At Tracy: Baker, Chinn, Davis, Day, Jones, Esmond, Munson, Perry, Park, McBride (postmaster).

At Waldron: Ginter, Havens & Co., Heath, McCormick, Pettillo, Simpson (postmaster).

PRICES.

Beef, \$4.75; corn, 35 cents; hogs, \$5.50; wheat, 77 cents.

PLATTE COUNTY PENSIONERS.

At \$2 per month: 1, Nathan Davis; 2, Thomas De Moss; 3, W. R. Ferrell; 4, Levi Green; 5, W. S. Kerr; 6, Phil Mock; 7, J. T. Riley.

At \$4 per month: 8, N. B. Cain; 9, C. C. Clemings; 10, Herman Martin; 11, Walton Pierce.

At \$6 per month: 12, J. A. Kennedy; 13, W. Stackle.

At \$8 per month: 14, Almeda Adams; 15, Delilah Baker; 16, Susan Beery; 17, Henry Bence; 18, Jane Brasfield; 19, Hannah Carpenter; 20, Tab. Burnam; 21, Elizabeth J. Cross; 22, Ellen Elrod; 23, H. D. Englehart; 24, Ann B. Hillix; 25, Elizabeth Hudgens; 26, Minerva Hunt; 27, Thomas Jones; 28, Margaret Kay; 29, Louisa Martin; 30, Martha J. Martin; 31, Mary Reed; 32, Easter Reese; 33, Jerry C. Sims; 34, Cecilia Sloan; 35, Martha A. Stillwagon; 36, James M. Williams.

At \$10 per month: 37, John Muelser; 38, Lucinda Perry.

At \$12 per month: 39, John Brenan; 40, W. D. Blanton; 41, Thomas Ellis; 42, George M. Jacobs.

At \$15 per month: 43, John Fulton.

At \$18 per month: 44, James B. Muckleson; 45, Sam Woods.

At \$24 per month: 46, Joseph Anderson.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Some time since, A. H. Burgess laid off a few lots in the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 54, Range 35, and called it Kimball. It is now made a station, under the name of Dearborn, on the Atchison branch of the Rock Island road, and rapidly grows. From time to time Burgess and Mrs. Stagner make additions, until Dearborn becomes a city of 500 people.

Platte City has a lyceum.

Packer's Mill has been put in complete repair, and is run by steam, as well as by water.

Deposits of Bank of Wells & Co., \$150,663.96.

Jan. 8—Scarlet fever in Platte City.

Jan. 10—The Missouri is very low and frozen over. The Ohio is damaging Cincinnati and Covington. Excellent ice harvest.

MRS. BARTHENA MOORE.

Jan. 25—Mrs. Barthena Moore, wife of James B. Moore, and daughter of Thomas Moberly, dies at her home, five miles east of Platte City. She was born in Madison County, Ky., December 30, 1816; married March 17, 1836, in Montgomery County, Ky., James B. Moore, born February 14, 1808, in Estill County, Ky., son of Lewis Moore and Fannie Davis. He died May 3, 1884. He was a large, kind-hearted, genial, and hospitable gentleman. He was an enthusiastic Mason, and a man of generosity and honor. The family came to Platte in 1851. Mr. Moore first married, in 1833, Eliza Sullivan, who died childless. Children by second wife:

- I. ELIZA MOORE, b. May 16, 1839; m'd J. R. Clements. (See.)
- II. MARTHA ANN, b. Feb. 3, 1841; single.
- III. THOMAS J. MOORE, b. May 18, 1843; m'd Jan. 15, 1873, Fannie Allison, dr. of Milton. Ch:
 - 1. Annie B. 2. Jos. C. 3. James B. (ii). 4. Jesse W.
 - 5. Renie. 6. Ticie. 7. Edward. 8. Thomas E.
- IV. LAURA MOORE, died single.
- V. JULIA T. MOORE, dead; m'd Nov. 19, 1848, John Allison, son of Milton. Ch:
 - 1. William, b. Sept. 2, 1874. 2. Stella, b. Feb. 28, 1876.
 - 3. Frank, b. July 1, 1880. 4. Mattie, b. Jan. 17, 1878.
 - 5. James M., b. Sept. 24, 1882.
 - 6. Edward, b. May 15, 1887.
- VI. JOHN W. MOORE, b. July 22, 1852; m'd Nov. 26, 1884, Fannie Daniel, b. Oct. 8, 1833, dr. of William. Ch:
 - 1. Dora Moore, b. in 1885. 2. Maud, b. Oct. 21, 1887.
 - 3. Estill, b. Jan. 28, 1890.
 - 4. Nellie, b. June 24, 1892. 5. Harry, b. Sept. 14, 1894.
 - 6. Willie G. Moore, b. Nov. 14, 1896.

Jan. 25—MILTON ALLISON died six miles east of Platte City, on the same day with Mrs. Moore (above), with whom he was closely connected by marriage of children. They were buried at the same hour, at Second Creek cemetery, in the presence of a vast concourse. Milton Allison was born in Montgomery County, Ky., January 18, 1811. See his sketch.

Jan. 26—WILLIAM McNEILL CLOUGH died at Leavenworth. He was born in Boston September 7, 1831; graduated at Harvard Law School; came with his parents to St. Charles, and thence to Parkville, in 1854, and March 21st of that year he was enrolled as an attorney at Platte City. His father was William Clough, who died at Leavenworth August 10, 1866. His brother, E. N. O. Clough, is now United States commissioner at Leavenworth. The family were decided Union men, and left Parkville for Leavenworth at the beginning of the war. William was a lawyer of distinction in Missouri and Kansas. The firm of Clough & Wheat had an immense law practice. Mr.

Clough manipulated the Platte County bonds issued to the P. & G. R. Railroad, and profited largely. He was supposed to be wealthy, but his estate proved insolvent. Mr. Clough married May 1, 1855, Mrs. Mary A. Embry, née Scott, widow of Dr. James Embry, of Parkville. She was, and still is, a beautiful and lovely woman. Ch: 1, Mollie; 2, Amanda; 3, Nellie; 4, Lucy; 5, Katie; 6, Waller; 7, Frank.

BRIDGET WHITTON died at Platte City. She was born in Scotland in 1796; came to Platte City about the close of the war, with a son, who married Vinie Hartman, and died without issue. The old lady was thus left without support, and the Missionary Society of the Christian Church cared for her while she lived, and erected a monument at her grave.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—GEORGE FRAZIER died. He was born in Ireland February 13, 1807; came to America in 1820; married September 6, 1838, Eleanor Elliott; 8 children.

Three dram-shops in Platte City and two in Weston.

Poor of Platte County—Inmates of poor-house, 10 at \$85 each; outside paupers, 18 at \$57; insane cost \$150 each.

Saloons—9 pay \$100 each.

Feb. 4—MARY V. McCORMICK, wife of J. T. McCormick, and daughter of Randolph Stallard, died at Waldron. She was born in 1848; married September 3, 1868, J. T. McCormick, born in Culpeper County, Va., August 1, 1847. Ch: 1, Lula J. McCormick; 2, Elbert R.; 3, James R.; 4, William T. McCormick. After the death of his first wife, J. T. McCormick married, second, Jennie Miller, daughter of John Miller, now of California. Mr. McCormick entered the Confederate army, and served to the end. He participated in the seven-days fight, Brandy Station, second Manassas, Gettysburg, and many other conflicts. He settled at Waldron in 1879, and engaged in the mercantile business, which he still pursues. His second wife died, and he married, third, in 1893, Lizzie Burdette. His father was J. R. McCormick, and his mother Angeline H. Corbin. He is in no way related to James A. and Frank McCormick.

Temperature 18 degrees below zero.

Feb. 6—THOMAS O'ROURKE died at Platte City. He was born in Ireland February 4, 1826, came to America in 1855, and settled at Platte City in 1857. He married in Ireland. Ch: 1, Lawrence O'Rourke, m'd Oct. 3, 1883, Mary Rich; 2, Patrick O'Rourke, m'd Oct. 10, 1883, Anna Schaback. (See.)

Feb. 12—William F. Norton and Dr. A. T. Guthrie buy the interests of Bohart and others in the Platte County Bank, and change its name to Bank of William F. Norton & Co. Bohart goes to Lathrop.

MADISON M. VALLANDINGHAM.

Feb. 15—Madison M. Vallandingham died north of Parkville. He was born in Bath County, Ky., September 8, 1817; married August 19, 1847, Jemima Trumbo. He lived on a farm and was a brickmason. He built Judge Norton's house, near Platte City. He was a Mason, a member of the Christian Church, and a man of unblemished reputation. His wife administered, giving bond for \$15,000. Ch:

I. JOHN A. VALLANDINGHAM.

II. LUCY VALLANDINGHAM, m'd March 14, 1878, R. H. Rixey. (See.)

III. BELLE V. VALLANDINGHAM, m'd Oct. 7, 1879, T. J. Slaughter. (See.)

IV. FRANK F. VALLANDINGHAM. V. JAMES M.

VI. CHAS. L. VII. IDA.

D. P. WALLINGFORD died at St. Joseph, and was buried at Weston. Two brothers, D. P. and Wm. P. Wallingford, sons of Captain John Wallingford, of Mount Gilead, Fleming County, Ky., came to Platte in 1838, with the Beans, McAdows, Dyes, and others, and located first in Marshall Township.

I. DANIEL PERRY WALLINGFORD

Married, first, Elizabeth Bean, daughter of Benjamin Bean. She died, childless, in Kentucky. He was an experienced merchant, an enthusiastic Mason, and an accomplished gentleman. He engaged in various enterprises in Weston, and accumulated property, most of which was lost or confiscated during the war. His second wife was Elizabeth Ringo, daughter of Esquire Ludwell Ringo, of Weston. Mr. Wallingford was possessed of chivalry and honor, and would sacrifice his last dollar for a friend. He was deputy sheriff under Wash. Woods, in 1862, and made an efficient officer. He also served several terms as marshal of the Weston Court of Common Pleas. An excellent bookkeeper, his life was spent chiefly in the counting-room. Ch:

I. SUE WALLINGFORD, m'd Wm. Selby.

II. ANNE WALLINGFORD, m'd John Davis.

III. MILLIE WALLINGFORD, m'd John Forsee.

II. WILLIAM P. WALLINGFORD

Was born March 1, 1820; died February 4, 1875. When I knew him, he was a gay, handsome, and brilliant youth. He married, first, October 25, 1841, Sarah A. Steele, daughter of Elder Oliver. She was born in Richmond, Ky., in June, 1824; died in 1847. Ch:

I. JOHN S. WALLINGFORD, b. May 15, 1842; m'd 1st, April 10, 1867, Nannie Allen, dr. of Thomas. He m'd 2d, Dec. 12, 1883, Mrs. Hattie Matney, née Mitchell. She is a daughter of John W. Mitchell, and granddaughter of Alex. P. Reed. Mrs. Nannie A. Wallingford's fate was noticed under date of May 3, 1882, when she died. (See.) Her children:

1. *Sadie Wallingford*, b. June 28, 1868; m'd Dec. 10, 1890, O. F. Tomlinson. Ch: [*a*] *Blanche*.
2. *Allen Wallingford*.
- II. *IRVIN WALLINGFORD*, lives in Jackson County, Mo.
- III. *RILEY WALLINGFORD*, lives in Buchanan. Ch:
 1. *Georgia*, m'd Sept. 9, 1896, Smith Gabbert.
 - W. P. Wallingford married, second, Orpha Key. Ch:
- IV. *ROBERT WALLINGFORD*, was a merchant at Camden Point, and subsequently at Edgerton. He m'd Bertie Steele, of Jackson County, Mo. Ch:
 1. *Edward Wallingford*. 2. *Ira*.
 - W. P. Wallingford married, third, Mary A. Knox. Ch:
- V. *CHARLES WALLINGFORD*, lives near De Kalb.
- VI. *BETTIE WALLINGFORD*. VII. *MOLLIE*.
- VIII. *IDA*, m'd B. F. Hoffman.

Feb. 22—General John S. Marmaduke attended the ex-Confederate meeting at the court-house.

Feb. 23—*WILLIAM GORE* having died, James Coleman administered. Bond, \$1,000. His widow, Rachel Gore, married Achilles Webb. His only child was Samuel T. Gore.

Feb. 28—The ice in the Missouri breaks up.

MARCH.

March 1—Fulton, Graden, Pack, and Broadhurst repair the Red Cross Flouring Mills at Parkville, and start them under the name of the Standard Mills.

March 13—Barney Kiefer's new house near Platte City is complete.

March 23—Prof. W. A. Buckner, principal of Camden Point Orphan School, lectures at Platte City on "Astronomy," with camera and views.

Attorneys from abroad attending circuit court: Allen, Hardwicke, and Simrall, of Liberty; S. A. Gilbert, of St. Louis; and Doniphan and Ramey, of St. Joseph.

March 28—Jarret W. Todd licensed as an attorney.

DAVID GWIN.

David Gwin died near Edgerton. He was the progenitor of the Gwin family of Platte. He was born in Tennessee in 1804. Married China Cameron, born in Tennessee in 1804. Ch:

- I. *JOHN GWIN*, went to California and died.
- II. *DEBORAH ANN GWIN*, m'd Henry Barnes. Ch:
 1. *Rachel Barnes*, m'd a Scott. 2. *William*.
 3. *Mary Barnes*, m'd Wm. Stone. 4. *John*. 5. *Ann*.
 6. *James Barnes*. They live in Kansas.
- III. *BENJ. F. GWIN*, d. in Oct., 1862; m'd Catherine Cook, dr. of Adam. Ch:

1. *Lilburn P. Gwin*, m'd Oct. 14, 1885, Mrs. Kate Snell, née Jones. Ch: [^a] Della Gwin; [^b] Georgia.
 2. *Ella Gwin*, m'd April 5, 1881, Thos. Robbins. Ch: [^a] Kate; [^b] Dow.
 3. *Narcissa Gwin*, m'd Eli Thomason. Ch: [^a] Oscar; [^b] Willis.
 4. *Lucinda Gwin*, m'd 1st, F. Hughes; no children. She m'd 2d, C. B. Cockriel. Ch: [^a] Elmer Cockriel; [^b] Katie.
- IV. ELISHA GWIN, m'd Agnes Masoner. (See.)
- V. PERRY GWIN, dead.
- VI. DANIEL MORGAN GWIN, m'd 1st, Dec. 23, 1858, Penelope Masoner; no children. He m'd 2d, Harriet Feeget. Ch:
1. *Geo. Gwin*, m'd a Rose.
 2. *Alice*.
 3. *Albert*, m'd Feb. 28, 1894, Ollie West, dr. of Green.
 4. *O. P. Gwin*, m'd Pattie Cook.
 5. *Robert Gwin*.
 6. *Serilda*.
 7. *Dama*.
 8. *Walter*.

March 31—ELI P. ANDERSON having died, John W. Page administered. Bond, \$2,000. His widow was Sarah P. Ch: 1, George; 2, Jennie; 3, Bettie Anderson, m'd a Wigglesworth; 4, Lula Anderson.

APRIL.

ELECTION.

April 1—J. L. Carmack is chosen mayor of Platte City, and Burruss, Colman, Flannery, Guthrie, and Johnston are chosen aldermen, and Allingham marshal.

School Board—Cockrill, Coffey, Colman, Flannery, Jenkins, and Zarn.

President of the fair, Thomas F. Stone.

Revenue of Weston, \$2,719.97.

A dry spring.

Miss Nannie J. Lutes opens a millinery store in Platte City.

April 9—HENRY ROBEKER died near Farley. F. Bente administered. Bond, \$2,000. He married August 11, 1881, Minnie Bente. Ch: 1, W. F. Robeker.

SMITH ADAMS.

Smith Adams died near St. Joseph. He was born August 3, 1814, in Rock Castle County, Ky.; married, first, May 12, 1825, Talitha C. Ramsey. In 1836 they came to Lafayette County, Mo., and removed thence to Ray County. February 14, 1853, Mrs. Adams died. Ch:

- I. WM. R. ADAMS, b. in Lafayette County May 15, 1841. He lives near Smithville, and is a successful breeder of fine stock. He is a large, handsome, social, and intelligent gentleman, and a Knight Templar. He m'd 1st, Lavinia E. Boseley. Ch:

1. *Martha Adams*, b. in Feb., 1862.

2. *Montgomery*, b. April 29, 1864.

Mr. Adams m'd 2d, Aug. 29, 1865, Josie H. Hardy, b. June 15, 1838. Ch:

3. *Mary T. Adams*. 4. *Olmstead*. 5. *Jennie*.

6. *Katie*. 7. *Smith Adams* (ii). 8. *William*.

II. MARY E. ADAMS, m'd J. D. Hubbard, of St. Joseph.

III. K. R. ADAMS, m'd E. Penney.

IV. ED. M. ADAMS, of San José, Cal.

In Buchanan County Mr. Smith Adams married, second, October 9, 1854, Elizabeth Adams, and removed to Platte, settling two miles southeast of Platte City, on what is now (1896) the Carmack farm. Here his wife died October 4, 1874, from the effects of a surgical operation, leaving Nellie, who married December 23, 1896, W. J. McKinney. He then returned to St. Joseph and married, third, May 5, 1875, Mrs. Martha Mansfield; no children.

April 14—Deposits of Bank of Railey & Bro., \$112,463.02; of Wells & Co., \$199,547.93; of W. F. Norton & Co., \$89,348.52; of Bank of Parkville, \$27,181.91.

G. W. BRASFIELD.

April 18—G. W. Brasfield, single, died near Beverly. His brothers and sisters were:

I. DELIA E. BRASFIELD, m'd Solomon Fulk. She still lives near Beverly. Ch:

1. *Joseph Fulk*, m'd a Randolph.

2. *David*, m'd Nettie Penick.

3. *John Fulk*, lives with his mother.

4. *Nicholas Fulk*, m'd Mary Marsh. Ch: [*a*] Joseph Fulk, m'd Dec. 19, 1890, Ida Patton; [*b*] T. W. Fulk, m'd Sept. 27, 1892, Adie Spratt; [*c*] Henry Fulk, b. May 1, 1870, m'd Lizzie Unnesseck; 1 child, Gilbert; [*d*] Paulina M. Fulk, m'd Aug. 6, 1896, E. M. Hendrix; [*e*] Laura; [*f*] Nic; [*g*] Frank; [*h*] Janie; [*i*] Belle.

II. CHESLEY BRASFIELD, m'd Polly Briggs.

III. DAVID BRASFIELD, married and died, leaving 3 children.

IV. ELIZABETH BRASFIELD, m'd John Poland.

V. JOHN BRASFIELD, married and died, leaving 5 children.

April 26—The District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met at Platte City. They speak out plainly in favor of prohibition.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

May 1—The clerk does not give the objects of expenditure, but only the fund drawn on:

The amount collected the past year.. . . .	\$50,493.09
Paid out, including interest.. . . .	37,662.52

Surplus.. . . .	\$12,830.57
County debt, May 1, 1882, less cash in treasury.. . .	\$203,887.12
Bonds outstanding, less cash on hand, 1883.. . . .	255,495.33

Increase of debt.. . . .	\$51,608.21
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This deficit may be owing in part to the work of refunding, but there is no explanation of it given.

Objects of Expenditures.

Paupers.. . . .	\$ 4,311.87
Roads and bridges.. . . .	9,917.98
Salaries.. . . .	6,163.79
Juries.. . . .	665.54
Interest.. . . .	14,479.15
Warrants and interest.. . . .	21,822.18
Financial agent.. . . .	157.50
Collecting taxes.. . . .	1,159.84
Inquests.. . . .	43.75
Contingent.. . . .	1,839.73
	\$60,056.33

These are the clerk's figures, but do not harmonize.

I make out the following direct from the records:

Expenditures in Detail.

Roads and bridges.. . . .	\$ 9,623.00
Poor	4,551.00
County Judges.. . . .	258.00
County Treasurer (Flannery).. . . .	450.00
County Treasurer (Thomas).. . . .	50.00
Assessor (Nash).. . . .	528.00
Prosecuting Attorney (Coburn).. . . .	725.00
County Clerk (Warner).. . . .	1,610.00
Sheriff (Overbeck).. . . .	1,291.00
Sheriff (Hunt).. . . .	662.00
Surveyor (Dougherty).. . . .	412.00
School Commissioner (Stark).. . . .	35.00
Juries.. . . .	802.00
Printing.. . . .	55.00
Wood.. . . .	205.00
County Costs.. . . .	479.00

Elections.....	\$ 323.00
Interest.....	14,479.15
Sundries.....	1,124.37
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	\$37,662.52

Assessments of land in Platte, \$10.36 per acre; in Clay, \$10.96; in Clinton, \$11.38; in Buchanan, \$12.99 per acre.

May 4—Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church dedicated.

The charter of Melody Chapter, No. 21, having been arrested for non-payment of dues, a new charter is issued to Platte City Chapter, No. 21.

May 5—May Day is celebrated in Kurtz's pasture at Platte City, and Miss Lou Tatman is chosen queen.

May 8—G. W. R. Chinn removes to Tracy, and Mrs. Elizabeth Swain takes the Green House in Platte City.

Krause's new dwelling on Lot 12, Block 29, Platte City, is complete.

May 10—Prairie Point school-house burned. It is rebuilt.

May 12—A heavy wind storm.

May 13—A terrible cyclone kills four persons at Kansas City and does immense damage.

W. M. Paxton is publishing weekly, in the *Landmark*, poetical tributes to his deceased friends buried in the Platte City Cemetery.

Rain lasting a week produces high waters.

May 22—Frost.

JUNE.

COMMENCEMENTS.

Graduates at Camden Point: Etta Brock, Mattie Bywaters, Verda Clay, Anna Hardesty, Emma Hardesty, Maud Madding, Bessie Parrish, Birdie Stallard.

At Daughters' College: Ella Cooper, Sallie Nash, Bushie Park.

At Park College: Robert Carson, Ella R. Doty, Wm. W. Jewett, Charles Manchester, Jemmie B. McMillan, Cora B. Sawyer.

The grade of the city of Platte City is fixed by ordinance, which is published in the *Landmark*.

The county court, in compliance with the Downing law, now charges \$325 for county and \$50 for State dram-shop license. Several saloons are closed.

June 5—Edgerton incorporated as a village, with Biggerstaff, Clark, Feagan, McPhetridge, and Moore as trustees.

June 8—JAMES W. STEELE removes to Kansas. He was a son of Elder Brice Steele, a native of Ireland, and was a brother of Elder Oliver Steele. He was born in Lexington, Ky., was a merchant at Richmond, Ky., came west in 1847 and settled in Marshall Township, after marrying in Kentucky, March 1, 1846, Sallie Hart, daughter of Col. Jack Hart. Became president of the Fair Association, a trustee and a liberal patron of Camden Point Orphan School, a zealous member of the Christian Church, a pleasant gentleman, and an enterprising citizen. Ch: 1, William; 2, John; 3, Clay; 4, Oliver C. Steele; 5, Lee; 6, Alice, m'd Jas. W. McAdow (see); 7, Bertie.

June 12—August Termier, of Weston, buys out Kiefer's confectionery stand in Platte City, and continues business.

June 20—After heavy rains, Platte River is higher than at any time since 1858.

June 21—WILLIAM WEST, of Second Creek, having died, J. B. Thompson administered. His widow was Mary R. B., who died in October, 1885. Children: 1, Charles; 2, Cora; 3, Arthur; 4, William; 5, Emma; 6, Mary B.

Floods over the whole West. The Missouri covers all but the highest bottoms, and reached its height, 21 feet 5 inches, the 26th. The Platte covered the whole bottom west of Platte City, except an acre of Dr. Baldwin's field. It touched the railroad ties at Tracy. The middle pier of the bridge was seriously damaged. Wheeland lost largely at the mill. The water was four feet over the turnpike west of the bridge. Some 4,000 acres of wheat were ruined in Platte County. The Platte was highest the 21st.

June 25—MRS. BENNIE GUTHRIE, wife of Dr. A. T. Guthrie, died at her parental home in Tennessee. Her remains were brought home for burial. She was a daughter of William Carey, a brother of Daniel, and born in Tennessee in November, 1838; educated at Rogersville College; married May 30, 1861, Dr. A. T. Guthrie. They had one child, Addie, who became insane and died October 6, 1894, leaving a large estate to go to collateral kindred.

JULY.

July 1—The law requiring physicians to report births goes into effect, but is soon repealed.

Physicians are required to exhibit their diplomas, and to take out license.

The trade dollar is now discredited, and is worth only its bullion.

Mrs. Whitton takes the Weston Exchange Hotel.

July 4—The day celebrated at Weston by fireworks. Wheat only a half-crop.

July 6—The Missouri has receded within its banks, and mails are regular.

July 8—John Wilson (colored) drowned at the Falls of Platte River.

CLEVELAND BLACK having died, his widow, Elizabeth, administered. Children: 1, John; 2, William; 3, Nellie, 4, Mary A.; 5, Elizabeth.

July 10—Platte City is connected with Weston by telephone.

July 16—Teachers' Institute at Platte City, conducted by F. W. Parsons.

JOHN SEEVER

Died in 1883. He was a native of Kentucky; married in Fleming County, Ky., Mary Davis. Came to Marshall Township in 1853. Mrs. Seever died in 1877. Children:

I. WILLIAM H. SEEVER.

II. GEO. W. SEEVER, b. in Fleming Co., Ky., Feb. 12, 1828; m'd Aug. 16, 1849, Fannie J. Gray. He was by turns a carpenter, merchant, and farmer. Ch:

1. *Mary E. Seever*, m'd Allen Merrit.

2. *Martha E. Seever*, m'd April 20, 1879, Geo. F. McAdow.

3. *Geo. Seever*, m'd a Dyer.

4. *Dora*, m'd Oct. 25, 1884, And. B. Duty.

III. JAS. H. SEEVER. IV. ELIZABETH, m'd a Whistler.

V. JOHN M. VI. MARY E. SEEVER, m'd a Duff.

VII. FRANCIS M.

CAPT. JAMES H. BERRY.

July 23—Captain James H. Berry died near Barry. He was a son of Garret Berry, and born in Madison County, Ky., August 12, 1801; came to Clay in 1833, and crossed into Platte in 1837. He was well read in history, popular science, and Bible literature; and was a tall, handsome, and interesting gentleman. He married Kitty Ann Elder, born in Madison County, Ky., April 13, 1811; died in Platte November 5, 1895. Children:

I. ANGELINE BERRY, m'd R. L. Tinsley, of Clay.

II. ADELIZA BERRY, m'd Capt. R. Fisher, of Liberty.

III. JAMES A. BERRY, was killed in the war.

IV. OSCAR BERRY, b. Feb. 24, 1838; m'd Jan. 11, 1877, Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, widow of Jeff. Moore and dr. of Eli Link. Mr. Berry was elected sheriff of Platte County in 1892, and reelected in 1894. He is a good officer and a pleasant gentleman. Ch:

1. *James A. Berry*, b. Nov. 18, 1877.

2. *Jacob L.*, b. Jan. 23, 1880.

3. *Pattie Berry*, b. April 21, 1882.

4. *John C.*, b. April 20, 1884.

V. EUGENE BERRY, m'd in 1893, Nancy Woods, dr. of Adam.
(See.)

VI. BRUTUS BERRY, m'd Aug. 10, 1888, Sena Burruss. Ch:
1. *Elizabeth*.

July 28—DR. ADDISON T. GUTHRIE died at Platte City. His epitaph reads: "Dr. A. T. Guthrie, born January 19, 1826, in Calloway County, Mo. United with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1852. Graduated as M.D. at Louisville, Ky., in 1854. Settled in Platte City, Mo., in 1855, and here his life-work was done. An exemplary Christian, and a beloved physician, he bowed in humility to the Redeemer, and was honored, trusted, and extolled by the grateful thousands to whom he administered bodily relief. 'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord—that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.'" Dr. Guthrie was genial and companionable. His greatest fault was his effort to please everybody. His first wife was Martha Williams (see), and his second Bennie Carey. His children, William and Addie, are noticed. Dr. Guthrie was a Knight Templar. His estate amounted to \$25,000.

July 29—The new M. E. church at Dearborn dedicated.

THE TODD FAMILY.

I have been furnished with the following data taken from the family bible of the late Major William Todd, now in the possession of Mr. Hatch Todd:

Major William Todd was born June 7, 1794; died March 29, 1861; married December 8, 1818, Paulina Fugate, born July 31, 1801; died December 31, 1842. Their children: 1, Martha Ann Todd, born September 11, 1819; 2, Eliza H. Todd, born July 21, 1821; 3, Marion Todd, born August 10, 1823; 4, Mary Jane Todd, born November 24, 1825; 5, Frances M. Todd, born December 24, 1827; 6, Risley Todd, born March 13, 1830; 7, Ann Maria Todd, born February 16, 1832; 8, Marcus L. Todd, born July 5, 1834; 9, William L. Todd, born May 28, 1837; 10, Albert H. Todd, born August 7, 1840; 11, Geo. J. Todd, born December 19, 1842.

Major William Todd (i) married, second, May 16, 1844, Lucy B. Ware.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—The great exposition at Louisville opened.

Aug. 3—The *Commercial* is superseded by the *Chronicle*. H. Howard sells his paper to J. B. Mundy and his residence to G. M. Doppler. The first number of the *Chronicle* is issued by Mundy.

Aug. 6—Tracy is incorporated as a village, with Bundy, Chinn, Hedges, Patton, and Ryan as trustees.

Eight dram-shop licenses granted by the county court.

Aug. 11—A grand picnic at Linkville. J. W. Cumberland presided. Addresses by A. D. Burnes, Dan Carpenter, J. W. Coots, and W. M. Paxton.

ED. C. OHLHAUSEN.

Aug. 19—Ed. C. Ohlhausen, superintendent of the Platte City M. E. Sunday-school, having determined to leave, the school passed complimentary resolutions, and selected Aug. Wheeland to succeed him. Mr. Ohlhausen was a son of Henry A. Ohlhausen and Margaret Myers, who came from Germany. Ed. C. was born May 13, 1819; dead; married, first, February 1, 1838, Ann M. Ellis, who was born in 1820, in Kentucky, and died in 1876. He then married Mrs. Susanna Garvin, née Smith. His children were, by his first wife:

- I. NANCY A. OHLHAUSEN, m'd a Gresser.
- II. WM. H. OHLHAUSEN, b. Sept. 12, 1841; m'd Harriet Johnson. He is a miller at Weston, and a man of enterprise and influence. Ch:
 1. Charles. 2. John. 3. William.
- III. JONATHAN A. OHLHAUSEN, m'd 1st, an Ellis, and 2d, a Cord.
- IV. MARY OHLHAUSEN, m'd Wm. Duriden. V. EDWARD.
- VI. MARGARET OHLHAUSEN, m'd a Robinson.

Aug. 25—Workmen are repairing the middle pier of the Platte City bridge, and Wheeland is paid \$16 per day to open his flood-gates to reduce the stage of water.

Aug. 27—Thirty-five additions to the Christian Church at New Market, under the preaching of Elder Samuel Lowe.

Aug. 28—The fair. The *Landmark* issues a daily. An ex-Confederate reunion on the grounds.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—New mail route from Kansas City to Edgerton, by way of Barry, Linkville, and Smithville.

W. F. LEIPARD having died, Theo. Lentz administered. Children: 1, Nancy M. Leopard; 2, Florence; 3, Anna; 4, Minnie.

Sept. 2—HENRY SMITH died in Lee Township; born in 1799; married in Ireland Margaret ———, born September 15, 1810; died October 25, 1885; came to Platte in 1840; 5 children.

Sept. 7—Prof. P. H. Crafton commences to edit a column in the *Landmark* devoted to Education; and Prof. W. A. Bowen edits a like column in the *Chronicle*.

Sept. 18—GEO. POWER having died, Moses McComas administered. He lived in Preston Township. Children: 1, The children of Sarah E. Walling; 2, Henrietta C. Smith; 3, Marion W. Power; 4, Edith E.; 5, Wade H. Power.

EDWARD CLARKE.

Sept. 24—Edward Clarke died near Hampton. He was born in Fayette County, Ky., May 2, 1790, and was a son of Thomas Clarke, of Virginia, and Jane Ford, of Bourbon County, Ky., a descendant of the Keiths, of Scotland. He married in 1815, Hannah McIlvaine, born in Maryland in 1791, a daughter of Archibald McIlvaine. They came to Clay in 1826, and thence to Platte in 1837. I first met Mr. Clarke in 1839. He was then a hearty, genial gentleman of the olden time. He told me we were related through the Keiths, and he always treated me as one of his own blood. Children:

- I. THOMAS R. CLARKE purchased Lot 3, Block 29, Platte City, erected a store-house, and for a time sold goods in Platte City. He died in August, 1849.
- II. NANCY CLARKE, m'd Nov. 15, 1842, D. S. Slaughter, of Linkville, b. April 30, 1820, in Mercer Co., Ky. He came to Clay in 1836, and to Platte in 1843, and entered a splendid quarter-section of land, where he now resides. The land has never been sold, mortgaged, or in any manner incumbered. Ch:
 1. *Thos. J. Slaughter*, b. Oct. 20, 1850; m'd Oct. 7, 1879, Belle Vallandigham. He was the first postmaster at Linkville, and was a merchant there for many years; and by courtesy and generosity has made himself a general favorite. Ch: [^a] Mat. S. Slaughter, b. Aug. 13, 1880; [^b] Clarke Slaughter, b. July 29, 1882; [^c] Grace Slaughter, b. Dec. 7, 1884.
 2. *Jesse Slaughter*, m'd Dec. 10, 1891, Kate Burkhead.
 3. *Edw. C. Slaughter*, m'd Belle Allison, dr. of Milton. Ch: [^a] Fannie Slaughter, m'd Dec. 12, 1894, Wm. R. Hardesty; [^b] Jessie Slaughter.
 4. *Hope Slaughter*, m'd Rev. J. J. Felts.

Mrs. Nancy Slaughter died, and Mr. Slaughter m'd 2d, Dec. 10, 1857, Nancy Hodges (see), dr. of Samuel.
- III. WILLIAM CLARKE, m'd Jorinda Young. They live in California.
- IV. CHARLES CLARKE, b. April 20, 1820; went to California in 1849. Sold goods and kept hotel. Returned in 1871; m'd Jan. 17, 1878, Nannie Hoy, dr. of Samuel. (See.) They live five miles southeast of Platte City. He is a farmer, and bears a good name for truth and honor. No children.
- V. DAVID M. CLARKE, b. March 8, 1822, in Richmond, Ky.; m'd March 11, 1854, Susan A. Clarke, b. May 27, 1834; d. March 9, 1863, dr. of Chas. Clarke, of Kentucky. She was a cousin of her husband, and born, reared, and married in Boyle Co., Ky. David made the trip to California in 1849, returned in 1853, and settled six miles southeast of Platte City, where he yet resides. Mr. Clarke m'd 2d, July 9, 1865, Elizabeth J. Crain, b. Jan. 21, 1847, a dr. of John S.

and a native of Fleming Co., Ky. Mr. Clarke is gentle and dignified in his manners, and kind and social in his temperament. Deafness deprives him of the pleasures of society. Children by his first wife:

1. *Mildred (Mary) E. Clarke*, b. June 30, 1855; m'd Feb. 11, 1888, Rev. Harry Foster. Ch: [^a] Harry C.; b. April 13, 1891.
2. *Jennie Clarke*, b. Feb. 1, 1857; m'd Feb. 2, 1881, Louis Dedman. Ch: [^a] Robt. C., b. Sept. 30, 1882.
3. *Jos. W. Clarke*, b. Dec. 16, 1869; m'd Oct. 20, 1886, Maggie Redman, dr. of Dr. E. C. They live three miles north of Platte City. Ch: [^a] Jas. R. Clarke, b. June 20, 1889; [^b] Joe Clarke, b. in Feb., 1894.
4. *James T. Clarke*, b. April 2, 1861.
5. *Sue Clarke*, b. March 21, 1863; m'd Oct. 5, 1887, Eli B. Black, b. Aug. 9, 1862. Ch: [^a] Edgar C. Black, b. March 16, 1892.

Children by second wife:

6. *Edward Clarke*.
7. *Hannah*, m'd March 5, 1896, W. T. Hope. (See.)
8. *Albert*. 9. *Flora*. 10. *Eugene R*.

VI. ARCHIBALD CLARKE, m'd March 15, 1853, Lydia T. Parker. They live in Kansas City. 7 children.

VII. JANE T. CLARKE, m'd Nov. 17, 1848, Jos. Clarke, of Kentucky.

Sept. 25—Prof. Wylie Montjoy becomes principal of the Camden Point Orphan School.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—Apples abundant, and selling at \$2 per barrel.

A severe storm at Leavenworth unroofed the tower of the cathedral.

Letter postage is reduced to 2 cents.

Mrs. Whitton gives up the hotel at Weston, and E. J. Breen takes it.

Oct. 20—W. H. Roney removes from Weston to Platte City.

W. S. Herndon removes from Platte City to Stewartsville. The bar pass complimentary resolutions.

Horace Van Fossen removes from Weston to Tracy, and becomes local agent for the Chicago Lumber Co.

Oct. 31—Shipments from Weston in October: Wheat, 25 car-loads; lumber, 5; apples, 17; hogs, 20; furniture, flour, and hemp, 30.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 1—James Monroe Cockrell (see) commits suicide by hanging, at his home, one mile south of Platte City.

Dr. Wilson Coots locates at Weston.

Tracy has shipped since January 1st, 38,000 bushels of wheat, 620 beeves, 3,250 hogs, 420 barrels of apples.

Packer's Mills are running day and night.

Nov. 8—H. CLAY MCGEE, a former citizen of Platte, after shooting his wife and daughter, takes morphine and dies, in Jackson County, Mo. He lived near Camden Point until the close of the war, returned to Kentucky, was tried for murder, and then settled in Jackson County, Mo. His life was a tragedy.

Nov. 11—MRS. ELLA BONE, wife of Rev. D. F. Bone, and daughter of Rev. Joseph Devlin, dies, and is buried at Richmond. She was born January 19, 1849; married November 30, 1869, Rev. D. F. Bone, born August 5, 1843, in Carroll County, Mo., son of Levi S. Bone, born February 16, 1812, and Catherine J. Burrow. He was ordained to the Methodist Episcopal ministry September 14, 1868. He served with General Price in the Southern army, and has been frequently assigned to circuits in Platte. Ch: 1, Joseph M. Bone, b. Sept. 19, 1870; 2, Charles S. Bone, b. Sept. 11, 1872; 3, Fannie L., b. April 4, 1874; 4, Frank Bone, b. Aug. 19, 1876; 5, Annie L., b. Aug. 22, 1879.

Apples—Thus far Weston has shipped 11,575 barrels. Gano, near Parkville, gathered 2,500 bushels, and T. Gustin sold the fruit of his orchard for \$705.

Nov. 16—The *Landmark* is filled with local correspondence.

Captain W. J. Miller is rebuilding his house, on Block 36, Platte City.

The C. W. Mission Society are holding meetings in the country.

Many Platte County people have gone to Kansas City, and made money by the boom in real estate. J. H. Connelly, R. P. Tribble, W. A. White, W. S. Carey, John Walker, and others, think they have made fortunes in Kansas City property.

Nov. 18—A joint stock company is building a creamery at Tracy.

The Methodist Episcopal church at Edgerton dedicated.

JOHN F. WOODSON was killed by Thomas Tipton, at Camden Point. Tipton was tried for murder, but not convicted. Woodson was a son of Ben J. Woodson (see), and was born in Knox County, Ky., in 1843; married October 22, 1871, Jennie Davidson. Ch: 1, Ben R. Woodson; 2, Mary B.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—Elder Tate organizes the Christian Church at Edgerton.

Dec. 3—JOHN W. PALMER having died in Marshall Township, H. P. Palmer administered. Bond, \$1,500. Ch: 1, John A.; 2, Nettie. His widow's name was Martha.

Dec. 25—Christmas tree and literary entertainment at Platte City. A tree and a pleasant time at "Flint Lock," much disorder at Weston, and worse conduct at Edgerton.

Dr. R. P. C. Johnston's residence in Dearborn complete.

Dec. 27—JOHN SIMMONS died near Linkville. He was born in Tennessee December 4, 1853; married in 1875, Alice Stafford, sister of Dame. Ch: 1, John Simmons; 2, Alice; 3, Mary.

The store of Boydston & Field, in Edgerton, burned.

Public installation of Masonic officers of Platte City Masonic Lodge, No. 504; a banquet at the Swain House, and address by N. B. Anderson.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Dec. 31—The official records show that in the past six months there have been 195 births, 130 marriages, and 68 deaths.

Apples shipped from Platte this season were 40,671 barrels, costing \$2 per barrel.

MARRIAGES IN 1883 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTED.

January 5—George Burt married Anna M. Pullins.

January 5—George W. Rich married Mary Muirs.

February 1—Charles Endicott married Mar. E. Koonse.

February 7—Alex Winn married Jennie Brink.

February 15—Alvin Justus married Martha Colley.

March 15—Charles W. Stone married Emma C. Harris.

May 13—A. H. O'Dowd married Lizzie Baker.

June 7—G. N. Dick married Mary Abel.

July 3—Marcus B. Roberts married Ella Ralston.

September 19—W. M. Gregg married Emma Moore.

September 23—H. B. Mayo married Mrs. Mary C. Kilgore.

October 31—Charles E. Fish married Nettie Foley, daughter of Andrew.

December 28—Jeff D. Richardson married Elizabeth S. Dooley, daughter of John.

1884.

OFFICERS.

Governor, T. T. Crittenden; Congressman, James N. Burnes; Representative, James Adkins; State Senator, W. W. Bland; Circuit Judge, G. W. Dunn; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; County Justices, Chesnut, Summers, Thorp; Prosecuting Attorney, J. W. Coburn; Circuit Clerk, W. H. Roney; Sheriff, W. J. Overbeck; Collector, John T. Owens; County Clerk, T. F. Warner; Treasurer, T. L. Thomas; Assessor, J. H. Nash; Surveyor, W. H. H. Dougherty; Superintendent of Schools, J. O. Stark; Public Administrator, W. C. Wells; Coroner, Joseph Coons.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Carmack, Coots, Forman, Harrington, Norton, Paxton, Roney, Wells, Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Coffey, Hollingsworth, McDonald, Overbeck, Records, Smith.

Merchants, etc.—Beaumont, Blakley, Brady, Burnes, Clemings, Colman, Dearing, Ellifrit, Flannery, Jenkins, Johnston, Krouse, Kurtz (postmaster), Lutes, Mason, Meads, Miller, Recht, Rohring, Termier, Thomas, Wheeland, Young, Zarn.

Lodges—Masons, No. 504, J. S. Brasfield, W. M.; Chapter No. 21, S. C. Woodson, H. P.; Commandery No. 9, N. B. Anderson, E. C.; Nebraska, No. 12, Wm. Forman, N. G.

Fair—T. F. Stone president, A. L. Smith secretary.

Schools—Public School, Crafton principal; Daughters' College, F. G. Gaylord president.

Christian Woman's Missionary Association—Cyn. Cockrill president.

Preachers—J. H. Duncan (Chris.), H. Tanquary (M. E.), T. R. Valliant (Epis.), C. W. Blake (Pres.).

Banks—Wells & Co., W. F. Norton & Co.

At Weston: Coburn, Guthrie, Bonifant, Coots, Martin, Shortridge, Simpson, Allen, Bell, Bowman, Breen, Briggs, Brill, Butler, Cox, Carpenter, Deitz, Doppler, Dye, Evans Furniture Co., Haberman, Hartman, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Keller, Kenny, Magers, Mauch, Moore, Mundy, Newhouse, Noble, Noll, O'Dowd, Ohlhausen, Parr, Payne, Price, Raileys, Rich, Schmidt, Shenkner, Weiser.

Mayor—L. W. Rich.

Preacher—J. L. Gilbert (M. E.).

At Parkville: Brightwell, Bueneman (postmaster), Childs, Coffey, Ford, Fulton, Haynes, Holt, Kahm, Luthy, Lynch, Mitchell, Moore, Nash, Pack, Standard Mills, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld, Wood.

Bank—Fulton cashier.

Schools—Park College, J. A. McAfee president.

Lodges—Compass, No. 120, W. T. Noland, W. M.

Preacher—Hedgepeth (M. E.).

At Camden Point: Farris, Dr. Herndon, Jack, Moore, Parish (postmaster), Ewing, Perrin, W. Montjoy (president), Purdy, Reynolds, Stallard.

At Dearborn: Armstrong, Arnold, Cropp, Ferrel (postmaster), Foster, Dr. Johnston, Wells.

At Edgerton: Bell, Beery, Breckenridge, Biggerstaff, Boydston, Campion (postmaster), Clare, Clark, Davis, Doke, De Armond, Handley, Jennings, Johnston, Dr. Jones, Kerr, Kemper, Lampton, Lewis, Mays, Miller, Missemer, Moody, Owens, Pack, Ralston, Scott, Shafer, Tate, Webber, Wilkerson.

Bank—Kemper cashier.

At Farley: Brasfield Holt, Meyer, Weisse; Fidelity Lodge, No. 399, L. Harrington, W. M.

At Hampton: Bledsoe (postmaster).

At Iatan: Abbott, Gittinger, Dr. Grover, Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: Nunnally (postmaster), Slaughter, Stafford, Thornhill.

At New Market: Allen, Bryant (postmaster), Gregg, Leavel, Lowe, Lawrence, Middleton, Brown, Martin, Sampson, Thompson, Preachers—Thomas, Howerton.

At Ridgely: Chrisman (postmaster), Gustin, Robinson.

At Settle: Skillman (postmaster).

At Sugar Lake: B. E. Moore (postmaster).

At Tracy: Baker, Chinn, Day, Davis, Esmond, Ham, Jones, McBride (postmaster), Perry Lumber Co.

At Waldron: Baker, Havens, McCormick, Pettillo, Simpson (postmaster), Waldron.

PRICES.

Butter, 20 cents; cattle, \$4.25; eggs, 10 cents; hogs, 5 cents; potatoes, 50 cents; wheat, 85 cents.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Elder J. H. Duncan entered on his duties as pastor of the Platte City Christian Church.

Shipments from Edgerton in 1883—106,960 bushels of wheat, 17 cars of hogs and cattle, 167 cars of apples, or 7,180 barrels.

Bank Deposits—Bank of Edgerton, \$49,985.17; Bank of Norton & Co., \$87,972.25; Bank of Wells & Co., \$133,516.65.

ISAAC C. PACKER.

Jan. 15—Isaac C. Packer died at his home at Bee Creek Mills, and was buried at Leavenworth. He was born in Carroll County, Ohio, in 1824, moved to Illinois in 1853, to Kansas in

1856, and to Platte in 1868. He bought the old Johnson Mills, and put them in complete repair, building a substantial rock dam, and adding new machinery and steam power. He built a large and costly brick house, which is the homestead of his worthy and thrifty family. The mill was sold by his heirs, and subsequently burned. He was a millwright, and full of life and enterprise. He died just as his plans of enlarged usefulness were nearly complete. His sons inherited the energy of their father; have paid his debts, hold his estates, and are progressive and useful citizens. He married Sarah Rosenberry, who yet lives. Ch:

I. DANIEL WEBSTER PACKER, is the head of the family, who find a comfortable home in their costly residence at the old mills.

II. ROSA A. PACKER, m'd March 2, 1882, Kimble Thomas, son of William Thomas and Elizabeth Guire. Mr. Thomas has devoted his life to the culture of fruit, and his nurseries are extensive. He has lately removed to Clinton County. Ch:

1. *Laura.*

III. BENJ. F. PACKER. IV. LAURA J.

V. JOHN H. PACKER.

Jan. 5—Temperature here, 26 degrees below zero; at Jefferson City, 34 degrees below.

The stone building, at the corner of Main and Water Streets, Parkville, burned. It belonged to Colonel G. S. Park, and was used by the students of Park College.

Jan. 10—Judge E. H. Norton is proposed as a candidate of the Democratic party for governor, but declines.

Fine sleighing.

Subscriptions for the Tracy creamery, \$4,000. The building is erected, and machinery put in place, but after a few years is dismantled, and left to rot. It was a total loss to the stockholders.

A telephone is in operation between Tracy and Platte City.

Jan. 22—The Missouri is frozen, and teams are crossing on the ice.

Jan. 26—C. J. Nesbitt issues the *Edgerton Courier*, 24 columns, \$1.50.

Jan. 31—Temperature on the 2d, 8 degrees below; 3d, 6 degrees below; 6th, 8 degrees below; 10th, 20 degrees below; 16th, 4 degrees below; 24th, 12 degrees below; 25th, 26 degrees below.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—Jesse J. Blakley bought the Jesse Morin property, east half of Block 37, Platte City.

D. K. Cox bought the James W. Steele farm, 210 acres, for \$10,300.

L. M. Graves bought the Palmer farm, 80 acres, for \$2,100.

The saloons in Edgerton close.

ABSALOM H. WALLER.

Feb. 4—Absalom H. Waller died at his home near Smithville. He was born in Fauquier County, Va., November 25, 1817, came to Platte in November, 1839; married April 14, 1842, Marian Nash, born in Woodford County, Ky., April 6, 1820; died June 5, 1896. He was a substantial farmer, a cordial gentleman, and an exemplary Christian. Ch:

I. MARGARET V. WALLER, m'd Sept. 10, 1861, Garland C. Clardy (see), b. Dec. 26, 1836; 9 children.

II. SOLON C. WALLER, b. Aug. 25, 1847; d. Jan. 2, 1892.

III. MARTHA A. WALLER, m'd March 25, 1890, James R. Rice, son of Chas. (See.) She is his second wife. He m'd 1st, Aug. 28, 1873, Laura Miller, dr. of D. A. Ch:

1. *Edith Rice.* 2. *Charles.* 3. *Flora.*

IV. NANCY K. WALLER, m'd Dec. 17, 1884, Jeff Silvey. (See.)

V. SYLVANUS WALLER, m'd Jan. 27, 1886, Mollie B. Yates.

Feb. 5—D. L. ARNOLD having died, his widow, Mary A. Arnold, administered. Bond, \$4,000. Ch: 1, Soloma, m'd a Malcolm; 2, Henry W. Arnold.

The Platte County Protective Association met in semi-annual convention at Weston. It was organized ten years ago to catch horse-thieves.

Feb. 8—MARGARET CHILDS, wife of James Harrison Childs, and daughter of Maltsberger, died near Waldron. She was born in Greene County, Tenn., May 28, 1849; married November 12, 1878, J. H. Childs. Colonel Childs is one of the energetic and enterprising citizens of the lower part of Platte; keeps himself well informed on the topics and markets of the day, and is always ready to venture upon any enterprise that promises success. He has married again.

DIANA PRATT.

Feb. 9—Diana Pratt, wife of Thomas S. Pratt, died near Barry. She was a daughter of Younger Arnold, and was born in Woodford County, Ky., in 1820; married April 21, 1839, Thos. S. Pratt, born March 6, 1813, son of William Pratt, of South Carolina, and Sue Reading, of Scott County, Ky. William Pratt was a soldier of the War of 1812. Mr. T. S. Pratt is an Odd Fellow, and possesses intelligence, virtue, and honor. Ch:

I. MARY PRATT, m'd Alfred Arnold.

II. WILLIAM PRATT. III. ANDREW PRATT.

IV. THOMAS R. PRATT. V. JOSEPH R.

VI. EDGAR PRATT. VII. WHITFIELD.

VIII. SUSAN J. PRATT, m'd Samuel Blackmore.

All but the last are non-residents.

Feb. 14—The Ohio, at Cincinnati, is 70 feet 2½ inches above low-water. The floor of Broadway Market is 5 feet under water --perhaps the highest ever known; damage immense.

The Dramatic Club at Camden Point performed "Among the Breakers."

Feb. 22—Ex-Confederates hold their annual meeting at the court-house.

August Wheeland makes a general assignment to Arch. Woodson.

MARCH.

March 1—Judge William Chesnut, president of the county court, resigns, and R. L. Waller is appointed to his place.

The county court announced that no dram-shop licenses would be granted, except on a petition of two-thirds. Two-thirds of the taxpayers of Platte City remonstrated against dram-shops.

Edgerton has been incorporated one year, has been greatly improved, has sidewalks and street crossings, and is rid of dram-shops.

English sparrows found in all our towns.

CAPT. GEO. S. STORY

March 4—Captain George S. Story died. He lived many years in Weston, commanded Company K in Colonel Moss' "Pawpaw" militia, ran a hack between Weston and Platte City, was marshal of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, was burned out accidentally December 16, 1872. He was intelligent, cordial, and generous, and his daughters were handsome and lovely. He married Mary Moseby, who died December 10, 1896. Ch:

I. ELIZABETH STORY, m'd Oct. 18, 1865, Jas. Tatman (See.)

II. REBECCA STORY, m'd July 3, 1867, R. T. Ellifrit. (See.)

III. FANNIE STORY, m'd July 29, 1873, H. M. Park, son of John. They removed to southwest Missouri.

IV. ELLA STORY, m'd Nov. 2, 1875, T. A. Gilbert. (See.)

The *Landmark*, under Valliant's management, has become an admirable country newspaper. It is full of local news, correspondence, literature, and poetry. He lets both sides be heard on every question, and is not determined to make his own views too prominent.

Revival in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Parkville, under the preaching of Mr. Hedgepeth.

March 7—Misses Laura and Katie Denton and Miss Laura Smith have good poems in the *Landmark*.

DR. ALEX. MARSHALL ROBINSON.

March 10—Dr. Alex. Marshall Robinson died at Platte City. He was buried in our cemetery, beside his last wife. His epitaph is: "Born in South Carolina, November 17, 1802; died May 10, 1884. Representative in 1848, and Speaker. State senator in 1834, 1852, 1856, secretary of Senate in 1840, superintendent of Indian affairs in 1857. A beloved physician, an affectionate husband, a tender father, and a generous friend."

The epitaph of his last wife is: "Catherine A. Robinson, born May 15, 1810; died July 21, 1883. Farewell, dear mother, a long farewell; your sorrows and sufferings are o'er. May each of us so live that we may join you on the beautiful shore." Dr. Robinson was a cousin of my grandfather, and was named for him. I was proud to claim him as a relative, and always showed him the esteem he so richly merited. Few modest men in the West have been so honored, trusted, and loved; and his generous heart failed to claim his dues, insomuch that he died poor. He was twice married. His first wife was Louisa Basye, of Bourbon County, Ky., whom he married in 1822. She left a son, A. M. Robinson (ii), of Texas. Dr. Robinson married, second, in 1833, Catherine Ann Hughes, of Richmond, Mo., born as stated above. Her children:

- I. JOHN M. ROBINSON. (See.)
- II. WALLER L. ROBINSON, d. July 1, 1891, single.
- III. CHARLES ROBINSON, went to Daviess County, Mo.
- IV. LUCY ROBINSON, m'd May 12, 1868, Jas. H. Chinn. (See.)

SAMUEL FORD.

March 11—Samuel Ford died. He was born November 9, 1799, in Madison County, Ky.; came to Howard County, Mo., where he married Margaret Higgins, born in 1806, daughter of Josiah. (See.) She died in October, 1877. Ch:

- I. JOSIAH P. FORD, b. in Howard Sept. 25, 1826; d. April 9, 1889. The family came to Platte in 1838, and settled near Parkville. He m'd July 4, 1855, Minerva Estes, dr. of John, of Clay. He went to California in 1849, and spent three years. His widow still lives. Ch:
 - 1. *Margaret Ford*, m'd A. G. Galbraith. Ch: [^a] Maud Galbraith; [^b] Joseph; [^c] John; [^d] Leda.
 - 2. *John V. Ford*. 3. *Elizabeth*, m'd Wm. Ebbs.
 - 4. *Sallie*. 5. *Dorcas Ford*. 6. *Samuel P*. 7. *Dee Ford*.
- II. LUCRETIA FORD, m'd Talton Gibbs.
- III. BARBARA FORD, m'd Martin V. Reese, of Kansas.
- IV. BEN F. FORD, m'd Jane Reese, of Oklahoma. Ch:
 - 1. *John S*. 2. *Jacob J. Ford*. 3. *Robert B*.
 - 4. *Isabella*, m'd Robert McClung.
 - 5. *Franklin Ford*. 6. *Chris. Ford*.
- V. PLEASANT T. FORD, b. Jan. 22, 1846; m'd April 9, 1872,

Nancy M. Johnson, dr. of David. Mr. Ford lives at the old homestead. Ch:

1. *May Ford*, m'd Feb. 19, 1896, E. S. Palmer.

2. *John J.* 3. *Grace T. Ford*.

VI. JOHN J. FORD, b. Aug. 2, 1848; m'd Jan. 2, 1868, Letitia Mooneyham, b. in 1846, dr. of Jos. Mr. Ford was a soldier of Shelby's brigade in the war, and served four years, rising to the rank of first lieutenant. Ch:

1. *Katie Ford*, m'd Feb. 24, 1896, Chas. E. Cole.

2. *Joseph.* 3. *Samuel.* 4. *James H.* 5. *Charles.*

6. *Arch. A.* 7. *Nora.* 8. *Mary M.*

VII. HERMAN FORD. VIII. ELIZABETH FORD.

March 11—Talmage lectured at Kansas City in reply to Ingersoll, and some of our people attended.

March 12—Dr. Jos. M. Holt, of Farley, removes to Newark, Missouri.

CHARLES RICE.

March 16—Charles Rice died at his home, two miles west of Platte City, and was buried at Pleasant Ridge. He was born in Shelby County, Ky., January 11, 1801. In early life he was a tanner, but from the age of 40 he was a farmer. He married in September, 1826, Mildred Shepherd. She died August 16, 1885. In 1850 they went to Hendricks County, Ind., and thence to Platte in 1853. He was a man of mind and thought, of fixed principles, strong convictions, and religious turn. He was a Baptist, and took a decided stand in all church affairs. He was never absent from a church meeting. When I knew Mrs. Rice she was a handsome, refined, and lovely old lady. He bought the Tribble farm, two miles west of Platte City. His estate was considerable, and in his lifetime he divided it equitably among his children. Children:

I. NANCY RICE, m'd Nep. B. Lober, b. April 26, 1820, a worthy farmer living near her father. Ch:

1. *Mollie Lober*, m'd Jeff. Lyons. Live in Leavenworth County; 5 children.

2. *Sallie E. Lober*, m'd Oct. 17, 1871, Jos. F. Nower, b. in 1837; d. in May, 1884. Ch: [^a] Phoebe A.; [^b] Charles R.; [^c] Alva F. Nower; [^d] Nannie B.; [^e] Jos. M.

3. *Hattie J. Lober*, m'd March 13, 1871, John H. Busey. Ch: [^a] Beulah Busey; [^b] Clay.

4. *Annie Lober*, m'd Nov. 12, 1873, Wm. B. Smalley; d. in Dec., 1888. Ch: [^a] Anna; [^b] Joseph; [^c] Lula; [^d] William Smalley; [^e] Belle; [^f] Nellie; [^g] Estelle; [^h] Andrew Smalley; [ⁱ] Henry C.

5. *Charles N. B. Lober*, m'd Adie Hon. They live in Leavenworth; 4 children.

6. *James A. Lober*, b. Jan. 15, 1839; m'd Feb. 6, 1884, Tillie Todd, dr. of Jarret. Ch: [*a*] N. B. Lober (iii); [*b*] John; [*c*] Frank W. Lober; [*d*] Margaret B.
 7. *Henry C. Lober*, m'd Feb. 3, 1892, Katie Cook, dr. of Wm. Ch: [*a*] William Lober; [*b*] Andrew.
 8. *John S. Lober*, b. June 14, 1861; m'd Oct. 20, 1886, Amney Allen, dr. of Wm. Ch: [*a*] Lara; [*b*] Josie; [*c*] Nannie; [*d*] Robt. D.
 9. *Robert D. Lober*, b. Sept. 15, 1863; m'd Dec. 23, 1890, Emma Pence, dr. of Jaa. Ch: [*a*] Ruth.
 10. *Andrew J. Lober*.
 11. *Joanna Lober (Jodie)*, m'd March 9, 1887, Thomas B. Elley, b. Dec. 21, 1846. Ch: [*a*] Nannie; [*b*] Mattie; [*c*] Robert.
- II. ELIZABETH RICE, dead, m'd Jan. 24, 1867, Perry H. Collins. (See). Ch:
1. *John T. Collins*, m'd Anna Kennedy.
- III. JAMES R. RICE. (See.)
- IV. SARAH RICE, b. Sept. 13, 1833; m'd Sept. 13, 1854, Simeon Dudley Tinder, b. Nov. 9, 1832, in Shelby Co., Ky., son of Jeremiah Tinder, b. in Woodford Co., Ky., Nov. 9, 1808, and Catherine Radford, b. in 1809 in Shelby Co., Ky. Mr. Tinder came to Platte in 1854, after having lived in Indiana 17 years. He is an intelligent and thriving farmer, and lives southeast of Platte City. Ch:
1. *Mildred A. Tinder*, b. Oct. 14, 1855; m'd March 14, 1877, David H. Cole, b. Jan. 18, 1848; d. April 16, 1895. Ch: [*a*] Florence Cole; [*b*] Edison Cole; [*c*] Frankie O. Cole.
 2. *Mary E. Tinder*, b. Aug. 7, 1858; m'd Nov. 18, 1880, Jesse M. Jones. Ch: [*a*] Thos. D. Jones; [*b*] Jesse M. Jones.
 3. *Katie D. Tinder*, b. May 21, 1867; m'd March 2, 1892, Middleton Payne, b. June 27, 1867 (second cousin of Ewell). Ch: [*a*] Ernest Payne.
 4. *Nannie F. Tinder*, b. Nov. 1, 1872.
- V. MARY S. RICE, b. in Sept., 1839; m'd Feb. 28, 1859, James L. Miller, b. in Marion Co., Ky., March 9, 1835. His parents were Lewis Miller (see) and Agnes Anderson. He is an intelligent farmer and a zealous Baptist. He now owns the Rice homestead of 320 acres of unsurpassed fertility in that garden-spot known as "Hackberry." Mrs. Miller is a lovely woman and an exemplary housekeeper. Ch:
1. *Lizzie Miller*, m'd Dec. 4, 1882, Chas. H. Settle. (See.)
 2. *Sallie Miller*, m'd Nov. 10, 1886, Jesse L. Collins. (See.)
 3. *Charles B. Miller*, b. Aug. 6, 1864; m'd May 11, 1893, Laura G. Tebbs (see), b. May 20, 1870. Ch: [*a*] Bethene, b. Jan. 24, 1894.
 4. *Mollie Miller*, b. in 1860; d. Jan. 6, 1884; m'd Oct. 20, 1880, B. F. Whiteley; no children. (See.)

5. *Jane L. Miller.* 6. *Rice Miller.* 7. *Wardie* (girl).

8. *Edith Miller.*

VI. ANNIE RICE, b. in 1844; dead; m'd Oct. 6, 1865, John L. Miller. Ch:

1. *Chas. Miller*, m'd Florence Smith. Ch: [^a] Artie.

2. *Mildred Miller*, m'd Jacob McFall. Ch: [^a] Frank;
[^b] John McFall.

3. *Sudie Miller*, m'd Geo. Bradley. Ch: [^a] Lena;
[^b] Lois; [^c] Nannie.

4. *Nannie.*

5. *Jessie*, b. Nov. 5, 1874; m'd Sept. 7, 1894, L. G. Frix.

6. *Rowlett.*

Mr. John L. Miller m'd 2d, Nov. 19, 1884, Sue A. Fulton.
Children:

7. *Jefferson Miller.* 8. *Rosie.* 9. *John.*

VII. GABRIEL ANDERSON RICE, b. Oct. 14, 1849, in Shelby Co., Ky.; m'd 1st, Aug. 20, 1879, Susie (Pinkie) Cole, dr. of James. (See.) She died June 27, 1890, leaving:

1. *Lena*, b. May 12, 1881.

Mr. Rice m'd 2d, Nov. 24, 1892, Eddie Oldham, dr. of F. M.

VIII. EDITH RICE, m'd W. O. Busey. (See.)

March 21—Much interest is manifested in the proposed route of the Maple Leaf Railroad, leading through the county from St. Joseph to Kansas City, and an effort is made to draw the road by way of Tracy.

March 26—The Missouri is filled with ice from the Yellowstone.

March 28—The first number of the *Argus* is issued at Platte City by Non. Thomas and W. T. Nelson.

APRIL.

April 1—John L. Carmack reelected mayor of Platte City.

James Adkins elected president of the Fair Association.

W. A. Bowen elected superintendent of schools.

JAMES JACKSON BAKER died. He was a son of Albert R. Baker and Julia F. Singleton, and was born in Fauquier County, Va., Oct. 1, 1855. He came with his father to Platte in 1860, and the father and son formed a partnership and sold goods at Waldron and Tracy. He married at Waldron, December 18, 1878, Ella Nicholson. Ch: 1, Julia; 2, Jennie J.

His father, Albert R. Baker, was a son of Daniel Baker and Nancy Lawrence, and was born in Rappahannock County, Va., September 17, 1828; married December 14, 1857, Julia F. Singleton. They have removed West, where they are doing well. Mr. Baker is an active and sprightly business man. He at one time

ran for probate judge. Two children of A. R. Baker live: 1, Marion Baker; 2, Albert R. (ii).

April 5—DR. WILLIAM T. REDDISH died at Berry. He was born April 12, 1835. He was a good physician, and a lovely Christian character. His son, Joseph C. Reddish, married November 29, 1893, Emma L. Skinner.

The temperance question is agitated in Platte City by Elder John H. Duncan and others. A remonstrance against dram-shops is signed by a majority of the tax-payers, and, for a few years, we were rid of saloons.

The county court orders bridges at Skinner's Mill, and at Rule's, on Smith's Fork.

April 7—JOHN RYAN died at Tracy, aged 63. He was born in Ireland, and kept a hotel and saloon at Tracy. He left an only child, John W. Ryan, now a saloon-keeper at Weston. He married April 24, 1884, Sophia A. Pew.

The Missouri River overflowed low bottoms, and reached 17½ feet above low-water. A large part of East Leavenworth fell in, and Leavenworth Island was nearly swept away.

April 10—A daily mail now between Platte City and Beverly. A hack meets the 11 o'clock train from Kansas City.

C. L. Banning has shipped from East Leavenworth over 100 cars of wheat.

LEROY COX, aged 57, died at New Market.

April 19—A public meeting is held at the court-house to try to bring the Maple Leaf Railroad by way of Tracy.

William W. Williams (Bud) died at New Market. He was born December 19, 1826.

THE WILLIAMS FAMILY.

William Williams (i) came from Kentucky, and died many years ago. His children were:

- I. NANCY WILLIAMS, d. in 1894; m'd Mart. Spencer, in Kentucky, and removed to Buchanan. One of their children is Judge O. M. Spencer, of St. Joseph.
- II. BETSY WILLIAMS, m'd Isaac Stobaugh, of Buchanan.
- III. SARAH WILLIAMS, m'd Nicholas Owens, son of John Owens, of Clay. They had only one child, Sarah, who m'd J. W. Williams, and d. in Jackson County. Sarah Owens (i) m'd 2d, Malcom Clark. (See.)
- IV. JENNIE WILLIAMS, m'd Peter Loar, of Buchanan.
- V. JENKINS WILLIAMS, m'd Mattie Haddix, of Buchanan, and died. The widow m'd Isaac Thompson.
- VI. WILLIAM HENRY WILLIAMS, m'd Thannie Hurst. Their dr., Reb. F. Williams, m'd Philander Thompson, son of

Isaac, who committed suicide near Dearborn in 1895; 6 children. W. H. Williams' dr., Easter, m'd G. W. Campbell, and d. in Jan., 1896.

VII. JOHN W. WILLIAMS, m'd Julia Burgess, who died, and he m'd 2d, Sarah Owens (ii) above. The great event of his life was his trial and acquittal March 5, 1852, of the murder of Alf. Spencer. He had by his first wife:

1. *John M. Williams*, b. April 29, 1848; m'd 1st, June 27, 1869, Linie Finney. After her death he m'd 2d, July 3, 1879, Alice B. Campbell, and had 1 child: [a] Flora Williams.

VIII. WILLIAM W. (BUD) WILLIAMS, b. Dec. 19, 1826; m'd Dec. 2, 1847, Louisa Asher. Ch:

1. *Esther A. Williams*, m'd Wm. B. Baughman.
2. *Martha J. Williams*, m'd T. J. Bashford. Their dr., Frankie, m'd Dec. 27, 1896, Chas. Crook.
3. *Mary F. Williams*. 4. *Edith M.*
5. *Lydia*, m'd J. L. Johnson. 6. *John S. Williams*.
7. *Julia*, m'd S. S. Cox. 8. *Lora*, m'd a Woods.

IX. ANN WILLIAMS, m'd John Baughman.

April 20—Dr. B. F. Records removes from Liberty to Platte City.

April 22—Two-inch snow.

Stringtown—What is it? Where is it? Now it is revealed that it is a blacksmith shop, five miles south of Platte City, near which are several inhabitants.

Barry is trying to get a turnpike to Kansas City.

April 23—Tracy is applying to be made a school district, separate from Platte City.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Total receipts, \$61,374; total expenditures, \$67,123.46; increase of debt, \$5,748.94.

Interest paid, \$38,640.98, leaving other expenses \$28,482.48. Clinton County expended only \$16,878.10.

The clerk makes the county debt \$282,000. Last year he made the debt \$255,495.33, while in 1882 it was only \$203,887.12. The clerk's statement is unsatisfactory.

Levy—County, \$1.20; State, 40 cents.

School Commissioner's report—Children between 6 and 20, 5,906; attendance, 5,550. Salaries of teachers: males, \$57 per month; females, \$39. Value of school property, \$36,100. Receipts of public moneys, \$6,332.30; receipts from taxation, \$22,536.44; paid out, \$29,305.75.

May 1—DR. GEORGE W. SMITH died at Platte City. He was born in Scott County, Ky., January 14, 1838; son of Garland and Elizabeth Smith (see), and brother of Asa L. Smith. The family came in 1854, and settled near Camden Point. George W. read medicine with Dr. T. L. Thomas, graduated at St. Louis Medical School in March, 1862, practiced two years at Farley, and in 1864 came to Platte City; was a partner for several years of Dr. H. B. Callahan, engaged in the drug business, and held the office of postmaster at Platte City. In 1880 failing health caused him to sell out to his brother, Asa L. Smith, and T. L. Thomas (ii). He never married, but was a crusty old bachelor. He left \$30,000 for distribution among his heirs, who were: 1, Asa L. Smith; 2, Thomas R. Smith; 3, Emma A. Parrish; 4, Joseph; 5, William T. Smith.

Dearborn is on a boom. The Maple Leaf Railroad is to cross the Atchison branch of the Rock Island Railroad at Dearborn; a church, Masonic hall, and bank are going up; there are 54 houses, and a population determined in their opposition to saloons.

The Missouri is falling. The bottom between Beverly and the Missouri River bridge is falling in, and the railroad is rip-rapping.

May 12—The Churches of Christ of Buchanan, Clinton, Clay, and Platte met in convention at Platte City, with a three-days program. Wiley Montjoy, of Camden Point, was moderator. Among others there were present: Dr. A. M. Collins, Cameron; Joseph Lowe, Lathrop; J. W. Tate, Edgerton; G. W. Longan, Plattsburg; W. C. Rogers, Cameron; J. H. Duncan, Platte City; L. T. Stagner, Dearborn; and A. A. Beery, Smithville.

C. C. Dail has in the *Landmark* a good poem, entitled "The Curse of a Departed Spirit."

May 15—Dramatic reading at Weston, by M. S. Clemens, of Camden Point.

May 17—Heavy rain, with hail, near Parkville, damages wheat.

May 22—Ascension Day observed by Sir Knights of Platte City. Collation at J. S. Brasfield's; sermon by J. E. Dunn; banquet at the hall, and N. B. Anderson elected E. C.

May 25—G. R. Tanner appointed county assessor in the place of J. H. Nash, deceased.

Stephen Johnston & Bro. succeed Burnes & Johnston in the dry goods business at Platte City.

The R. I. & P. Railway Co. lease of Mrs. C. Cockrill, at Tracy, a rock quarry, to supply stone for their rip-rapping at Beverly, and run to it a switch from their main track.

May 26—The Platte County Medical Association meets at Platte City. Present: Drs. Baldwin, Bonifant, Barr, Coffey,

Coots, Brown, Esmond, Martin, McDonald, Records, Redman, Sampson, Simpson. Bonifant was elected president.

JUNE.

COMMENCEMENTS.

Graduates at the Orphan School: Verdie Clay, Mollie Dodson, Mattie Dykes, Lizzie George, Becca Grimes, Claudia Triplett.

At Daughters' College: Birdie Adkins, Carrie Chiles, Alice McClain.

At Park College: Simeon Goblet, Lucy H. Hindman, Anna E. Handley, Clel. B. McAfee, James A. McKay, Frank P. Miller, Mary A. Palmer, Byron E. P. Prugh.

Dr. Middleton removes from New Market to Kansas City, and Dr. J. S. Brown opens an office at New Market.

June 8—Judge William Chesnut buys of Nancy Johnston her residence on Lots 7 and 8, Block 29, and removes into Platte City.

JULY.

July 1—W. M. Paxton, with his daughter, Miss Phoebe Paxton, started on a round of visits to relatives in Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, and Maryland, gathering, by the way, facts and figures for his proposed volume on "The Marshall Family," which appeared early in 1885.

Prof. W. A. Banister elected principal of the Public School at Platte City, with Misses Colman and Brady as assistants.

OFFICIAL REPORTS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Births, 417 in the last six months, and among them eight pairs of twins; males, 211; females, 206; whites, 390; blacks, 27. Average age of fathers, 34; of mothers, 27 years.

Deaths—Whites, 138; blacks, 15; total, 153.

An effort is being made to have public sales of stock at Platte City the first Monday in each month.

July 4—The day was observed—nowhere!

July 7—Normal Institute at Weston, conducted by R. D. Shannon.

July 11—A fine rain.

Cleveland, Blaine, and St. John are the Presidential candidates. A Cleveland club is formed at Platte City.

July 26—A great mass-meeting of Democrats at Platte City instructed for Marmaduke for governor, and Burnes for Congress.

AUGUST.

Aug. 5—SEBASTIAN BOLINGER is run over and killed by the cars at East Leavenworth.

Saloons at Platte City are refused license because of a remonstrance signed by a majority; yet Baker continues to sell openly, in defiance of law.

Picnics everywhere.

The west wall of the Baptist church at Platte City is replaced, and the house thoroughly repaired.

Aug. 9—HARRY LEE, while drunk at Tracy, is run over and killed by the cars.

Wheat is only a half crop.

Aug. 23—Republican County Convention at Platte City.

PRICE STARK.

Aug. 26—Price Stark died at his home near Camden Point. He was born in Kentucky July 28, 1806; married, first, Elmerene Ellis, daughter of Waller Ellis. She died in Kentucky, and he married, second, in Platte, November 13, 1856, Mrs. Lucy B. Barnes, widow of Allison Barnes, and mother of Helen O. Barnes, wife of Dr. E. McD. Coffey. She was born May 26, 1829; died August 2, 1889. All of Mr. Stark's children were by his first wife:

I. WILLIAM F. STARK, b. March 5, 1837; d. Jan. 2, 1894, in Iowa; m'd May 1, 1868, Annie Stamper. Ch:

1. *John E. Stark*, b. in 1871; m'd 1st, in 1887, Belle Mark. She d. July 5, 1890, and he m'd 2d, July 23, 1892, Maggie Hamilton.

Dr. W. F. Stark was a surgeon in the Southern army for four years.

II. MARTHA (MATTIE) STARK, b. in Scotland County, Mo., Aug. 29, 1846; m'd Sept. 26, 1862, Jas. H. Bywaters. They were divorced. Ch:

1. *Lucy P. Bywaters*, b. Oct. 25, 1863; m'd Feb. 28, 1884, D. F. Cravens, b. Aug. 20, 1856. Ch: [^a] Delbert, b. Aug. 28, 1886; [^b] Dona M., b. March 16, 1889.

2. *O. F. Bywaters*, b. April 21, 1866 m'd April 21, 1892, Belle Woodson, dr. of John. (See.)

3. *W. K. Bywaters*, b. June 5, 1868.

4. *Annie E. Bywaters*, b. Feb. 2, 1870; m'd Nov. 19, 1888, Willie Wilson, son of M. B. Ch: [^a] Andrew O., b. Sept. 25, 1890.

5. *Mattie E. Bywaters*, b. Nov. 8, 1874.

Mrs. Martha E. Bywaters (Stark) m'd 2d, June 14, 1892, Thomas J. Carson (see), b. Feb. 19, 1832.

III. JAMES O. STARK, an elder of the Christian Church, and at one time school commissioner of Platte County. He is intelligent and sprightly.

IV. THEO. P. STARK, b. in Scotland County, Mo., March 15, 1849; m'd Dec. 11, 1884, Sallie Pope, dr. of Almanzer. Ch:

1. *Willie E. Stark.* 2. *James F.*

V. MARY E. STARK, b. June 26, 1851; m'd Oct. 3, 1872, Dr. W. J. Overbeck. (See.)

Aug. 29—Sarah H. Graves died. She was the widow of

JAMES L. GRAVES,

Who was born in 1803; died in 1874. He was the son of Esom L. Graves, of Virginia, and removed to Jackson County, Tenn. James L. married Sarah Hollaman, born in Wilson County, Tenn., in 1804; died August 29, 1884. They left Tennessee in 1844, reached Iatan May 1st, and settled near that place. Ch:

I. LEONIDAS M. GRAVES, b. in 1829; d. Dec. 30, 1894; m'd 1st, Martha B. Powell. Mr. Graves lived in Marshall Township, and was esteemed and trusted. Ch:

1. *William.*

2. *Mary Graves*, m'd Feb. 14, 1882, William Love.

3. *Delilah Graves*, m'd John Knight, of Illinois.

4. *Mattie Graves.*

Leonidas M. m'd 2d, Oct. 24, 1878, Maggie Shouse. (See.)

II. IRA E. GRAVES, m'd Cynthia A. Lovelady. (See.)

III. WILLIAM G. GRAVES, m'd Phoebe Kincaid. Ch:

1. *Sallie E. Graves*, m'd Dec. 26, 1881, Jesse S. Barbee.

2. *Everett B. Graves*, m'd Dec. 28, 1882, C. B. Winburn.

3. *Robert Lee Graves*, m'd Feb. 20, 1895, Susie Siler.

4. *Hattie Graves.*

5. *Nannie*, d. March 12, 1884; m'd Dec. 16, 1882, Allen A. Hillix. Mr. Hillix m'd 2d, Feb. 24, 1890, Eva D. Stagner.

Mr. W. G. Graves m'd 2d, Sept. 19, 1878, Mrs. Ella J. Cook. Ch:

6. *Gracie Graves*, m'd Robt. Murdock (ii).

7. *Trot Graves.*

IV. SERENA GRAVES, dead; m'd Joel Owens, d. in May, 1874. Children:)

1. *Elizabeth Owens*, m'd Ben Lee.

1. *Jas. G. Owens*, lives in California.

V. CHRIS C. GRAVES, b. Oct. 11, 1840; m'd Dec. 1, 1868, Nannie E. Siler, dr. of Philip, b. in 1848. Mr. Graves served in the Confederate army from the beginning to the end of the war; was at Springfield, Vicksburg, Baker's Creek, and Kenesaw Mountain, and was wounded three times. He now takes a leading part in the civil and religious matters of his county. Ch:

1. *Lula Graves.* 2. *Delia Pattie.* 3. *Lora Lee.*

4. *Forest.* 5. *Artie Graves.* 6. *Sue.* 7. *Thurman Graves.*

VI. LAFAYETTE GRAVES, m'd Elosia Clark. Ch:

1. *Dee Graves.* 2. *Newton Graves.* 3. *Fannie.* 4. *Fay.*

VII. NEWTON B. GRAVES, m'd Jan. 17, 1871, Louisa Wells, dr. of Henry. (See.)

Aug. 30—JESSE MORIN died. I have already written his sketch, but as our first representative and first circuit clerk, and as he filled many positions of honor and trust, his death is entitled to be noticed in its proper place.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 2—Colonel James N. Burnes nominated by the Democrats for Congress, at Maryville, by acclamation.

Hog cholera prevalent. W. P. George lost 100 hogs.

Apples bring 90 cents per bushel at Tracy.

Sept. 15—Colonel Burnes and General Craig speak at Platte City.

Sept. 22—JOHN UNMESSIG having died, Theo. Lentz administrators. Bond, \$6,000. His widow was Bertha, and children: 1, Ferdinand; 2, Fannie Oswald; 3, R. A. Unmessig; 4, Henry; 5, Albert.

Sept. 24—WILLIAM H. CONN having died, Levi D. Smith administrators. Bond, \$2,500. Ch: 1, Martha; 2, Edwin; 3, Robert; 4, Levi; 5, Mary.

Sept. 25—JONATHAN LAWLESS, apprehended, tried, and convicted, is sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for the murder of English.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—Democratic muddle: James Adkins, L. Shepard, and R. N. Harrington charge each other, in the public prints, with party treason, and each proves the others are guilty.

Thomas Moran and family leave for south Missouri.

Oct. 4—Democratic primary election nominates: for representative, Adkins; for county justices, Shouse, Summers, and Waller; for sheriff, R. W. Pack; for treasurer, T. L. Thomas; for prosecuting attorney, Coburn; for public administrator, W. C. Wells; for assessor, J. Synnamon; for surveyor, D. T. Polk; for coroner, N. Lutes.

Oct. 6—ALEX. ANDERSON having died, G. W. Crobarger administrators. Bond, \$1,000. Heirs: 1, Children of Catherine Tribble; 2, Archie Anderson; 3, John Anderson; 4, Armilda, m'd G. W. Crobarger. (See.)

H. Huvendahl exhibited a pumpkin at the fair weighing 124 pounds, and J. B. Wells exhibited another weighing 173 pounds.

The bank building at Edgerton is finished.

Oct. 14—ANDREW HENSON having died, D. J. Thorp administers. Bond, \$1,000. He was born March 10, 1796. His wife, Sarah, was born June 21, 1796; died January 13, 1882. Ch: 1, Albert Henson; 2, Mary, m'd an Elliston; 3, Abner; 4, Andrew Henson (ii); 5, Sally; 6, Aaron; 7, Archibald; 8, Alonzo; 9, Alvin; 10, Allen. The names of all the boys commence with A.

Oct. 22—Governor T. T. Crittenden speaks at Platte City.

Oct. 23—Fire at Platte City on the north side of Block 30, facing Main Street. Sufferers: W. C. Bell, \$350; Mrs. M. E. Comfort, \$100; N. Lutes, \$800; Anderson, Carmack, and Coots, \$100 each; L. Dearing, \$600; E. H. Norton, \$400; W. Fleshman, \$800; Ida Baker, \$400.

Oct. 25—Democratic festival at Leavenworth. Seventy-five mounted men from Platte attend.

The *Landmark* gives a column to Prof. Banister to edit in the cause of education.

NOVEMBER.

THE ELECTION.

President—Cleveland, 2,692; Blaine, 1,046.

Governor—Marmaduke, 2,637; Ford, 1,017; Brooks, 62.

Congressman—Burnes, 2,630; Kelly, 1,036.

Representative—Adkins, 2,552; Luthy, 1,082.

County Justices—R. L. Waller, 2,685; C. L. Banning, 1,030; C. P. Summers, 1,182; G. W. Noland, 653; B. P. Shouse, 1,455; P. Thomas, 436.

Prosecuting Attorney—Coburn, 2,848.

Sheriff—R. W. Pack, 2,785; Cochran, 935.

Collector—J. T. Owens, 2,679; H. Meads, 1,030.

Treasurer—T. L. Thomas, 2,692; John Zarn, 1,033.

Surveyor—D. T. Polk, 2,913.

Assessor—J. Synnamon, 2,701; Dunbar, 1,053.

Public Administrator—W. C. Wells, 2,665; J. W. Magee, 1,034.

Coroner—N. Lutes, 2,682; Mays, 1,040.

For Stock Law, 1,866; against Stock Law, 1,375.

The State Vote.

President—Democratic, 235,972; Fusion, 202,261; Prohibition, 1,506.

Governor—Marmaduke, 219,015; Ford, 207,893; Brooks, 10,449.

Vote of the States.

Cleveland, 4,474,982; Blaine, 4,451,981; Butler (Greenback), 173,371; St. John (Prohibition), 150,369.

Nov. 1—Fire at Weston. Sufferers: R. D. Allen, \$1,000,

Lewis Siler, J. A. Price, Masonic Lodge, Railey & Bro., B. Bonifant, R. T. Ellifrit, W. T. Shortridge, L. W. Rich, S. T. Mason. Total damage, \$30,000. Daniel Linn was burned to death.

The National Historical Society issue proposals for histories of Platte and Clay counties, in one volume of 1,100 pages, at \$12. The volume as delivered consists of sketches of the subscribers, who tell their own stories, interlarded with extravagant praise, for which the \$12 paid. There are also sketches of historic scenes and events, colored by the prejudices, principles, and politics of the narrator. There is no index, no system, and no order in the narratives. The most valuable portion is found in the dates of birth, marriage, and death in the biographical sketches.

BRIDGES.

Nov. 10—The county contracted with Insley, Shire & Co. for two iron bridges, to be constructed by February 1, 1885—the one over Platte, at Union Mills, for \$8,500, and the other over Smith's Fork, at Chapman's ford, for \$3,500.

Nov. 13—FREDERICK MAGERS died at Weston; born in Hanover, Germany, June 28, 1805; married Louisa Kuhlman, born August 28, 1808; died December 10, 1848. Came to America in 1840, and settled on Pleasant Ridge. Mr. Magers married, second, March 6, 1849, Dorothea Helford, who survived him; born in Germany, May 14, 1816; died March 14, 1896. Children: 1, Frederick Magers; 2, William Magers, b. Feb. 11, 1832; d., single, Oct. 11, 1888; 3, Lewis W. Magers; 4, Louisa, m'd Augustus Winzer; 5, Henry C. Magers, of Winchester, Kas.; 6, Dora Magers, the only child of his second wife.

Elder A. M. Collins makes a series of temperance lectures at Platte City.

The young people of the vicinity of Burruss' school-house have an interesting debating society, with R. L. Stone president, and F. Hillix secretary.

Nov. 17—SOL. R. DYER having died, F. M. Page administered. Bond, \$1,000. His widow is Alice, and their child is Neely Dyer.

The Stock Law having been adopted by vote at the late election, the county clerk gives the statutory notice in the *Landmark*.

Nov. 22—MRS. LUCY MILLER, wife of Captain Warner J. Miller, died at Platte City. She was a daughter of Jesse Miller (i), of Rappahannock County, Va., and born February 16, 1824; married May 7, 1844, W. J. Miller, and came to Platte in 1852, settling six miles southeast of Platte City. They removed into Platte City in 1880. See sketch of W. J. Miller. .

Mrs. Eliza Spicer died at her home on Second Creek. She was the wife of

HIRAM SPICER.

Born in Bourbon County, Ky., February 19, 1803; died in Platte April 28, 1887. He was an estimable and hard-working farmer. They came to Platte in 1843. Mrs. Spicer was a Hansford, and we will presently notice that family. Children:

- I. WILLIAM SPICER.
- II. ELIZABETH, m'd Jan. 24, 1852, Eli J. Link. (See.)
- III. JOHN SPICER, went to California, married, and died.
- IV. MARY H. SPICER, m'd E. B. Burkhead, of Lincoln Co., Mo.
- V. AMOS H. SPICER, m'd Sarah A. Smith, dr. of Wm.
- VI. MAHLON SPICER, went to the Indian Nation.
- VII. NANCY SPICER, m'd Nov. 12, 1873, Ed. H. Berry, an Englishman; 3 children.
- VIII. LUCY SPICER, m'd Dec. 1, 1870, Wm. Wallace Rule (i), who died in Dec., 1889, leaving:
 1. *Lena R. Rule.* 2. *Wm. H.* 3. *Emmet M. Rule.*
 4. *Wallace.* They live in Clay.
- IX. GEO. W. SPICER, b. Nov. 26, 1847; m'd March 12, 1874, Mary Elmore, b. Jan. 4, 1855. Ch:
 1. *Ola Spicer.* 2. *John.* 3. *Geo. W. (ii).*
 4. *Elmore Spicer.* 5. *A babe.*
- X. BEN F. SPICER, b. Aug. 5, 1851; m'd May 10, 1873, Elizabeth Arnold, dr. of John T.
- XI. MARTHA A. SPICER, m'd Nov. 22, 1877, Reuben R. Smith, son of William. Both dead. 1 child.

THE HANSFORDS.

Four daughters of William Hansford, of Bourbon County, Ky., came to Platte:

- I. ELIZA HANSFORD, m'd H. Spicer (above).
- II. FRANCES HANSFORD, m'd Eli Link (i). (See.)
- III. NANCY HANSFORD, m'd March 4, 1849, in Boone Co., Ky., Col. Gideon W. Thompson, b. in Todd Co., Ky., Feb. 28, 1823. His parents, Robert Thompson, of North Carolina, and Eveline Roberts, lived in Kentucky. The father died in 1857. In 1844 Col. Thompson settled in Platte, on the line of Clay. He possesses intelligence, courage, and spirit. His name is often suggested for sheriff and for higher offices. At the first call he raised a company for the South, and served four years, rising to the rank of colonel. He fought at Lexington, Pleasant Ridge, Springfield, Helena, Little Rock, etc. Mrs. Thompson died a few years ago. She was one of the "excellent women" of Solomon, and at our fairs bore off more premiums than any other female. Col. Thompson stands high in the Masonic order. Ch:
 1. *Martha Thompson*, m'd Geo. Sutton.
 2. *Elizabeth*, m'd D. A. Chance. (See.)
 3. *James*; lives in Jefferson Co., Kansas.
 4. *Gideon*; lives in Georgetown, Colo.

Col. Thompson married, second, Grace Wood, née Nicol. (See.)

IV. PATSEY HANSFORD, was deformed; never married; and although her home was in Kentucky, she spent much of her time with her sisters in Platte. She died in 1890.

Nov. 25—THOMAS L. THOMAS died in Platte City. He had just been elected and qualified as treasurer of the county. There were several applicants for the position, and A. R. Jack received the appointment.

Nov. 26—Thanksgiving. The funeral of T. L. Thomas diverted attention from the annual supper of the Christian Women's Missionary Society, but they made \$101.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—The Missouri, after leaving only a slough opposite Weston, has returned to our side of the island.

R. W. Pack removes from Parkville to Platte City.

D. T. Polk (i) buys of Dr. Jas. A. Baldwin the large frame dwelling in Block 36, Platte City, for \$2,250. Dr. Baldwin removes to the Morin house, on the northeast corner of Block 26.

Wm. H. Hunt removes to Leavenworth.

Dec. 3—Thomas Jones celebrates his 100th birthday. A large party from Platte City visits him.

Dec. 8—The Masons of Weston let out a contract for a hall and store-room, for \$3,193.

Johnson & Bros., having purchased the *Edgerton Courier* of Chas. J. Nesbitt, lease it for one year to West & Stiff.

Meritt Newby raised on an 11-acre field an average of 89 bushels of corn.

Drunkards make nights hideous in Weston.

Dec. 11—A Christian Women's Temperance Union having been formed in Platte City, the *Argus* gives them a column of its paper to advocate its cause; but when they denounced the out-laws who were openly selling liquor in Platte City without license, the editors refused to print their articles. Misses Jane Colman and Anna Paxton were the editorial committee.

MRS. MARY (PARK) GAYLORD.

Dec. 25—Mrs. Mary (Park) Gaylord, wife of Prest. F. G. Gaylord, died, and is buried in the Marshall Cemetery, Platte City. She was a daughter of the Rev. Thomas Ballew and Fannie Hubbard, and was born in Madison County, Ky., November 19, 1812; married, first, November 6, 1832, Elihu Park (i), and bore for him:

I. ELIZA J. PARK, b. Aug. 22, 1833, in Irvine, Ky. She m'd Senator John M. Price, of Atchison, Kansas, a distinguished lawyer and politician. Ch:

1. *Nannie Price*, m'd Jan. 10, 1878, F. L. Vandergrift.

2. *Mollie Price*, m'd Jan. 10, 1876, C. B. Singleton.

The Price family reside in Atchison, and move in the highest social, literary, and political circles.

- II. THOMAS W. PARK, b. in Madison Co., Ky., Oct. 12, 1842; came to Platte with his mother in 1857; received from his foster father a finished classical and literary education. His adventures during the war added experience to his other acquirements, and after his return, he started the *Reveille*, a weekly Democratic newspaper, at Platte City, which he continued until June 2, 1871, when it was consolidated with the *Landmark*. November 15, 1866, he married the lovely and accomplished Maggie E. Baxter, at that time teacher of music in Daughters' College. She is a daughter of John Baxter, a pioneer of Clay, and Sarah Wallis, born in 1812; died January 12, 1879. Mrs. Park is highly accomplished in literature, music, and art. Major Park continued to edit the *Landmark* until February, 1881, when he surrendered the tripod to Valliant.

After serving as a private and lieutenant in Gen. Sterling Price's division of the Southern army, Mr. Park returned from the South, studied law, graduated from the law department of the University of Louisville, Ky., and was admitted to the bar November 16, 1867, but has given little attention to his profession. His title of major he acquired on the military staff of Governor Woodson.

At the November election in 1870 he was chosen county clerk, and made an excellent officer. In 1874 he was reelected, but March 27, 1877, resigned in favor of Col. Jas. H. Chinn. In 1890 Mr. Park was appointed chief clerk in the office of the secretary of state of Missouri, which position he still retains. His abilities are manifest in the various documents, reports, and publications which of late years have emanated from that office. He is a sprightly, chaste, and forcible writer, and his ready and trenchant pen is admired, as well as feared. He is an orator, and no one is more ready nor more interesting in a post-prandial address. As an editor, he was spirited, energetic, and fearless. He has two sons just verging into manhood:

1. *Fred G. Park*, b. March 21, 1868; a brilliant young man.

2. *Guy B. Park*, b. June 10, 1872.

- III. H. OLAY PARK, b. March 2, 1845; m'd Dec. 24, 1867, Mrs. Lizzie A. Miller, widow of F. L. Miller and daughter of C. P. Armstrong. (See.) Mr. Park has edited several newspapers, and has shown talent, energy, and sprightliness.

Mrs. Mary Park married, second, November 10, 1855, Prof. F. G. Gaylord, and proved an active helpmeet and diligent matron in her husband's schools. Prof. Gaylord did not long sur-

vive his beloved wife, and we will soon have the duty of giving him a favorable notice.

Dec. 25—Christmas tree in the Christian church and one at the opera house, where Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians united.

Dec. 27—Rawley Masonic Lodge, No. 204, at Dearborn, dedicated their hall.

Dec. 31—Elder John H. Duncan reports to the Christian Church at Platte City the results of his year's work: Baptized and restored, 16; lost by letter and by death, 8; visits made, 225; church collections, \$430.71.

Edgerton shipped, in 1884, 62,700 bushels of wheat.

Copley Hall, Park College, finished. Accommodates 100 students.

MARRIAGES IN 1884 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

March 2—George Jones married Matilda Denney.

March 6—John W. Brink married Octavia Griffith.

April 10—Charles Meyer married Elizabeth Weihe.

April 17—Jonas R. Winburn married Cora N. Barbee.

August 28—Geo. B. McAdow married Mary Boton.

November 19—Noah Miller married Luella B. Fulton.

November 17—Rev. Wm. Voss married Alice H. Haines.

December 10—Richard W. Calvert married Elizabeth M. Brashear.

1885.

OFFICERS.

Governor, John S. Marmaduke; Congressman, Jas. N. Burnes; State Senator, H. F. Simrall; Representative, James Adkins; Circuit Judge, G. W. Dunn; Prosecuting Attorney, J. W. Coburn; Circuit Clerk, W. H. Boney; Treasurer, A. R. Jack; Surveyor, D. T. Polk; Public Administrator, W. C. Wells; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; County Justices, Shouse, Summers, and Waller; Sheriff, R. W. Pack; Collector, John T. Owens; County Clerk, T. F. Warner; Assessor, J. Synnamon; Superintendent of Schools, W. A. Bower; Coroner, N. Lutes.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Burnes, Carmack, Coats, Forman, Harrington, Norton, Paxton, B. Woodson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Coffey, McDonald, Overbeck, Records, Redman.

Merchants, etc.—Ed. Anderson, Banister, Beaumont, Breen, Bros., Bryant, Burruss, Clemings, Colman, Flannery, Hulett, Jenkins, Johnston, Krause, Kurtz (postmaster), Lutes, Mason, Meads, Recht, Rohring, Termier, Young, Zarn.

Lodges—Lodge No. 504, J. S. Brasfield, W. M.; Chapter No. 21, A. J. Colman, H. P.; Commandery No. 9, N. B. Anderson, E. C.; Nebraska, No. 12, J. J. Esmond, N. G.

Mayor—J. L. Carmack.

Fair—James Adkins president.

Schools—Daughters' College, F. G. Gaylord president; Public School, W. A. Banister principal.

Preachers—Blake (Pres.), Jermaine (Chris.), Jones (Bap.), Valliant (Epis.).

Banks—Exchange Bank of Wells & Co., Jack cashier; W. F. Norton & Co.

At Weston: Coburn, Bonifant, Martin, Shortridge, Price, Simpson, Allen, Baker, Bell, Bowman, Breen, Briggs, Brill, Butler, Cox, Carson, Deitz, Doppler, Evans, Haberman, Hartman, Ikenhans, Jacquemin, Keller, Kenney, Kurtz, Magers, Mason, Newhouse, Noble, Noll, O'Dowd, Ohlhausen, Parr, Price (postmaster), Raileys, Rich, Rolle, Schmidt, Shenkner.

Preachers—Rucker (M. E.), Howell (Chris.), Burnett (Bap.).

At Parkville: Brightwell, Bueneman (postmaster), Coffey, Childs, Fulton, Haines, Holt, Kahm, Linn, Luthy, Mitchell, Noonan, Standard Mills, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld, Wood.

Schools—Park College, J. A. McAfee president.

Preacher—E. P. Foster (Pres.).

Lodges—Compass Lodge, No. 120, W. T. Noland, W. M.

At Camden Point: Buckner, Ewing, Farris, Herndon, Moore, Parrish (postmaster), Perrin, Reynolds, Owens, Stallard.

Lodges—Lodge No. 169, R. M. Parrish, W. M.

Schools—Orphans' School, W. Montjoy principal.

Preachers—Everett (Bap.), Montjoy (Chris.).

At Dearborn: Armstrong, Arnold, Bruce, Cropp, Ferrel (postmaster), Johnston, Miller, Sampson.

At Edgerton: J. M. Moore (mayor), Beery, Bell, Biggerstaff, Breckenridge, Campion (postmaster), Clark, Clare, Cumberlandford, Davis, Doke, De Armond, Handley, Jennings, Johnston, Jones, Justus, Kerr, Lampton, Lewis, Mays, Mills, Missemmer, Ohlhausen, Owens, Pack, Scott, Shafer, Stiff, Wallingford, West, Wilkerson.

Preachers—Tanquary (M. E. S.).

At Farley: Brasfield, Meyer (postmaster), Weisse.

Lodges—Fidelity Lodge, No. 339, L. Harrington, W. M.

At Hampton: Bledsoe (postmaster).

At Iatan: Abbott, Gittinger, Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: Nunnally (postmaster), Dr. Barr, Slaughter, Thornhill, Elder B. C. Stephens.

At New Market: Brown, Bryant (postmaster), Gregg, Lawrence, Leavel, Lowe, Martin, Simpson, Thompson.

At Ridgely: Chrisman (postmaster), Gustin, Dr. Robinson, Dr. Rupe.

At Settle: H. C. Skillman (postmaster).

At Tracy: Baker, Chinn, Davis, Day, Esmond, Hamm, McBride, Perry, Phoenix Mills.

At Waldron: Ginter, Heath, McCormick, Pettillo, Simpson (postmaster), Waldron.

PRICES.

Beeves, \$4.50; corn, 40 cents; hogs, 4 cents; potatoes, 50 cents; wheat, 75 cents.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Hog cholera on Bee Creek.

Shipments of Apples—From Weston, 12,270 barrels; Iatan, 7,000; Tracy, 9,140; Edgerton, 10,280; Dearborn, 7,500; total from the west half of the county, 46,250.

EXPENDITURES OF PLATTE COUNTY, 1884.

Assessor	\$ 444.80
Bridges	1,727.34
Bonds retired	5,100.00
Bonds registered	58.65
Bonds, commission on	1,768.67
County Clerk (Warner)	1,866.39
County Judges	332.25
County Treasurer (Thomas)	567.00
Court-house	258.17
Criminal costs	1,311.79
County printing	43.60
Elections	359.15
Insane	1,932.35
Inquests	45.34
Interest	39,800.00
Jurors and witnesses	727.75
Miscellaneous	113.20
Paupers	2,631.38
Roads	4,940.06
Road damages	85.65
Road Commissioner	165.15
Prosecuting Attorney	600.00
Stationery	295.73
School Commissioner	35.00
Sheriff and jailer	731.92

Total \$65,941.34

Jan. 10—T. W. Park is appointed secretary of the Bureau of Statistics of Missouri.

Jan. 16—The Waldron Mills burned. They were the property of Havens & Co.

Of Platte City when without saloons, the *Weston Chronicle*, an anti-prohibition paper, says: "It is one of the most orderly towns in the State."

Jan. 20—Weather intensely cold. Good ice. Good sleighing.

MRS. ELIZABETH BURNES died at Platte City. She was the wife of Colonel F. Burnes (see), and daughter of Jesse Summers. She possessed not only grace and beauty, but brilliance and amiability. She was a zealous Methodist, and a leader in every good work. After her death I dedicated four stanzas to her honor, and here reproduce one of them:

How well I remember thy warm salutation,
Thy pleasing address and encouraging smile!
Kind Nature had formed thee to fill any station
That called for intelligence, fancy, or style.
How often I've met thee in charity's labors,
And witnessed thy diligence, judgment, and skill!
Admired by strangers—beloved by thy neighbors,
The world gave thee praise for thy hearty good-will.

S. C. Woodson sells his bank shares and other estate in Platte City, and with his brother, A. M. Woodson, settles permanently at St. Joseph.

Jan. 26—The fall of Khartoum in Upper Egypt, and the death of Gordon.

Laura and Kate Denton are writing some beautiful poems for the *Landmark*.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—Park College has 225 students.

A semi-weekly mail is established between Platte City and Parkville, by way of Hampton.

Feb. 5—JAMES ADKINS died at Jefferson City. Our representative, he was at his post. A committee of the Legislature attended the funeral at the Platte City cemetery. The governor appointed February 21st for the election of a successor.

The Methodist Episcopal Church and the Christian Church each build a house of worship at Ridgely.

Mrs. Laura Hurlbut, née Swaney, commences a continued story in the *Landmark*, entitled "The Stolen Heiress." She is a chaste and interesting writer. The family now reside in Kansas.

Valliant and Paxton are discussing prohibition in the *Landmark*.

Cow Island, if any of it is left, is now attached to the Missouri shore, and Iatan is in the interior. Weston has again lost the main channel of the Missouri.

The World's Exposition at New Orleans is attracting our people. Among the visitors are A. J. Colman and wife, Marion Collins, Jane Colman, James Flannery, E. J. Miller, Mrs. Thos. Quinn, Anna and Phoebe Paxton, Tillie and Laura Tebbs, E. O. Waller and wife, R. L. Waller, Mrs. W. C. Wells, Cam. Wells, Ben, Harry, and William Lott, Benton Elliott, George Kitchen, Browning Mitchell.

Feb. 12—John S. Duncan is called on to run for the Legislature, to fill the place of James Adkins, deceased, but declines. The race is left to McRuer and Boydston.

Feb. 16—Temperature 16 degrees below zero.

Feb. 19—"Ingomar" performed at Platte City by the home club. By invitation the club afterwards perform at Weston and at Liberty.

Feb. 21—Election of representative to fill Adkins' place: J. T. McRuer received 1,224 votes, and James N. Boydston 682 votes.

Feb. 25—Rev. T. R. Valliant went to Maryland to visit relatives, and to Washington to witness Cleveland's inauguration.

MARCH.

CRIME IN CLAY COUNTY.

March 1—There is not a single criminal case on docket, except such as came by change of venue from other counties. In August, 1884, the grand jury brought in no bill of indictment, though their investigation was exhaustive. At the February term, 1885, there was no one in jail, and none bound over. There are no saloons in the county.

Postage, heretofore 2 cents per half-ounce, is now 2 cents per ounce.

James W. Babcock's house burned.

Progressive euchre is the rage.

Saloons are licensed only in Platte City, Weston, and Tracy. At the latter place they refuse to pay town taxes.

Dr. Records (Uncle Ben) is editing a column in the *Landmark* in support of temperance, but is very tender towards saloons.

AMANDA ABBOTT.

Amanda Abbott, wife of Joseph Osborn Abbott, died near Iatan. Her maiden name was Brady. She was born at Rockport, Ind., January 9, 1822; married March 21, 1840, J. O. Abbott, born in Montgomery County, Ky., December 11, 1810; died January 3, 1894; son of Joseph Abbott (i), b. June 20, 1784; mar-

ried June 13, 1805, Rhoda Masterson, born September 4, 1786. Joseph O. Abbott came to Platte in April, 1842, after sojourning a few years in Ohio, and subsequently in Indiana. He was a successful farmer, and commanded the esteem and confidence of his neighbors. Ch:

- I. ALLEN H. ABBOTT, b. Feb. 14, 1841; d. Nov. 29, 1889; m'd Feb. 20, 1868, Lucy Parsons, dr. of James.
- II. ANNIE E. ABBOTT, b. Oct. 9, 1844; m'd Nov. 26, 1868, Jas. A. Gittinger, a merchant of enterprise and integrity, who sold goods at Iatan, and in Sept., 1887, opened a store at Dye, and became its first postmaster. His son, J. N. Gittinger, m'd Nov. 7, 1893, Lucy V. Blakley, dr. of Jesse J. (See.)
- III. HIRAM B. ABBOTT, b. Sept. 18, 1851; m'd Margaret McAdow, dr. of James A. and gd. dr. of John McAdow (i). (See.)
- IV. GRACE ABBOTT, m'd an Alexander. They live in Kansas.
- V. CHAS. EDWIN ABBOTT, b. Oct. 28, 1858; m'd Dec. 3, 1879, Emma White, dr. of John A. He graduated at Lombard University, Ill. Ch:
 - 1. Inez V. 2. Gertrude L.
- V. WILLIAM P. ABBOTT, b. Jan. 23, 1861; m'd Jan. 9, 1884, Azuba Constance Graves. (See.) Mr. Abbott has removed to Kansas. He is a chaste speaker, and possesses much sprightliness.

March 10—GEORGE R. WOOD died at Camden Point. He was born in Owen County, Ky., October 30, 1832; married October 4, 1860, Lizzie, daughter of Nimrod Arnold, and foster dr. of John J. Arnold. She was born October 12, 1884; died July 10, 1890. He came to Platte in 1855, and was a merchant at Camden Point in 1874-77, and a trader in stock and produce to his death. His children: 1, Emmett A. Wood, b. April 23, 1870, a merchant at New Market; 2, Virgie A. Wood, b. July 30, 1882.

Bank Deposits—W. F. Norton's Bank, \$50,507.28; Railey & Bro., \$84,955.23; Exchange Bank of Wells & Co., \$75,716.00.
Weston is raising funds to bore for coal.

March 16—Judge Dunn, of the circuit court, did not arrive until Tuesday, and sheriff sales advertised for Monday had to be continued until next term.

March 21—WILLIAM MOORE died at his home on Second Creek. He was born in Anderson County, Ky., August 13, 1812; married October 7, 1834, Elizabeth A. Carrote, of Woodford County, Ky., and came to Platte in 1843. Ch: 1, Mary E.; 2, Lewis P.; 3, Nancy A.

March 23—J. L. Carmack, mayor of Platte City, by proclamation, calls upon the people of the city to clean out their alleys, and to vaccinate their children.

Indictments for selling liquor without license. The grand jury finds 43 indictments against Harvey Baker, and he is fined \$40 on 31 of the indictments; but execution is stayed in 21 cases. That means that the circuit court exercises the pardoning power.

March 25—Allen McDowell, Masonic lecturer, is instructing the county lodges.

William Ohlhausen puts the Holladay Mills at Weston in complete order with rollers.

Elder Joseph Lowe gives a course of temperance lectures at Platte City.

SIMEON COLLIER.

Simeon Collier died in Marshall Township. He was born in Kentucky August 20, 1804, educated in Maysville, Ky.; married September 11, 1827, Elizabeth Burkshire, who died March 2, 1871. Mr. Collier was an enterprising and successful farmer near New Market. Oh:

I. ROBERT S. COLLIER, m'd Margaret Fulton, dr. of Hugh. Children:

1. *Mary Collier.* 2. *Elizabeth.* 3. *Thomas.* 4. *James.*
5. *Wade.* 6. *Annie.* 7. *Cleo.*

II. NANCY JANE COLLIER, m'd A. A. Downing, who was deputy collector under Sheriff Ogden, and a man of business. The family removed to Kansas.

III. THORNTON S. COLLIER, m'd July 6, 1892, Mary B. Bigham.

IV. ASENATH COLLIER, m'd Jas. A. Gault, b. March 27, 1835. in Maysville, Ky.; studied law, entered the Confederate army, and fell in battle in 1864. His dr., Mary Elizabeth Gault, m'd Archie Fulton.

V. HANNIBAL COLLIER. VI. AMELIA COLLIER.

March 28—The first number of the *Parkville Independent* issued by Gharky & Tucker.

APRIL.

ELECTIONS.

April 1—J. L. Carmack is reelected mayor of Platte City, and Edwards, Hunt, and Mason were chosen aldermen. A vote was taken, and resulted favorably to dividing the school district, and making Tracy separate from Platte City. Zarn and Blakley were chosen school directors. An additional tax was voted down; and it was decided not to build a colored school-house.

James Dye was chosen president of the fair, and E. C. Cockrill secretary.

T. C. Munson was elected school commissioner.

Weston elected C. D. Noble mayor.

Platte City has no saloons, no marshal, and no preacher.

State school moneys appropriated to Platte, \$9,428.79.

Baker & Colman are building an opera house and two large store-rooms on Block 30, Platte City; and F. Krause is building a block of stores and offices on Block 29, Platte City.

April 10—JOHN C. BERRY died near Grayson. He was born in Fayette County, Ky., April 17, 1817. He settled, in 1838, eight miles east of Platte City; married April 14, 1844, Susan Rogers, daughter of General William Rogers. He was a brother of James H. and William G. Berry. None of his posterity remain in Platte. Though a farmer, his education was superior, his reading general, and his literary taste cultivated.

Breen retires, and Mrs. Annie Gabbert takes the Exchange Hotel at Weston.

April 15—FERD. LAMAR commits suicide near Pleasant Ridge, by shooting himself in the brain. He married October 15, 1877, Louisa Beck, and left a child, Sophia Lamar.

DR. GEO. W. FIELD.

Dr. George W. Field died at Platte City. He was born in Bourbon County, Ky., March 30, 1818. His parents were John Field and Elizabeth Early. The father died when the son was an infant. He graduated at the Ohio Medical School June 24, 1840. With his mother he came to Clay County in 1837, and thence removed to New Market. February 14, 1854 he married Lucy E. Duncan, daughter of Judge Edward P. In 1878 he removed to the Tebbs farm, two miles east of Platte City. He was an excellent physician, and did a large business. His estate amounted to \$50,000. He was a man of sound judgment, and in his profession there were few superiors. Quiet and thoughtful, his words were few, but always pointed. He owned the Tracy Mills for a time, was interested in the Bank of Platte County, and was ready to embrace and engage in any enterprise that promised a good return. I thus wrote of him:

Few men have exercised more thought,
Or used so well their reasoning powers;
His plans were laid, and measures wrought
By mental toil in weary hours.
His intellect, with culture's grace,
Gave form and force to what he said;
Complaisance sat upon his face,
And dignity adorned his head.

Mrs. Field lives in Platte City. She is yet a handsome and dignified matron. Ch:

I. DESDEMONA J. FIELD, b. Aug. 25, 1856; d. March 15, 1893; m'd Aug. 3, 1876, John L. Carmack, son of Geo. W. Carmack and Martha D. Washington, of Campbell County,

Ky., Nov. 11, 1846. When a youth he entered the Confederate army, and served with distinction. After the war he came West, and settled at New Market. The handsome, intelligent, and chivalrous young man gained the affections of the people. He studied law, and was scarcely admitted to the bar before he was brought forward as a candidate for prosecuting attorney. In November, 1876, he was elected over Forman and Reynolds, the vote standing: Carmack, 1,325; Forman, 953; and Reynolds, 761. Thereupon he removed to Platte City, where he has since resided. In April, 1882, Mr. Carmack was elected the first mayor of Platte City, after the town had become a city of the fourth class. In 1884 he was reelected, but resigned before the end of his term. In 1890 he was elected probate judge, and reelected in 1894. Prior to his becoming probate judge, he practiced law, in partnership with Senator N. B. Anderson. This firm was regarded as one of the most eminent in the State. Judge Carmack lives within a stone-throw of my house, and our families have been intimate. Mrs. Carmack was tall and beautiful. She suffered long, and died in St. Louis, whither she had gone to have the care of the most eminent physicians. When I saw her fair and familiar face lying to one side, as if listening, and the legend "At Rest" upon her casket, I retired and wrote three stanzas in her honor, entitled "Loveliness in Death," and had them printed for her funeral. I copy the first stanza:

Is this fair form before us dead?
 Or do we on the living gaze?
 See how she gently turns her head,
 To listen to our words of praise.
 No mark of pain afflicts her brow—
 A smile has settled on her face—
 How sweetly she is sleeping now!
 In heaven she 's found a resting-place.

Judge Carmack m'd 2d, April 25, 1895, Mrs. Mollie Gabbert, née King, the widow of the late George Gabbert. She is a lady of grace, beauty, and amiability. Judge Carmack's children by his first wife are:

1. *Geo. Ward Carmack*, b. Dec. 11, 1877. He is writing in his father's office, preparatory for a professional life.
2. *John Leon Carmack*, b. Oct. 7, 1879.
- II. EDWIN A. FIELD, b. July 14, 1858; m'd Dec. 23, 1888, Annie L. Royston.
- III. PASCHAL E. FIELD, b. July 7, 1860; m'd Nov. 7, 1884, A. E. Carrington. Ch:
 1. *Warder*. 2. *James*. 3. *Lucy*. 4. *Tennie*.

IV. WILLIAM S. FIELD, b. Feb. 2, 1862.

V. LIZZIE B. FIELD, b. Feb. 22, 1864; m'd April 20, 1886, Ed. L. Anderson, b. June 1, 1853.

VI. DR. GEORGE J. FIELD, b. May 7, 1868.

VII. DR. JOHN T. FIELD, b. Nov. 11, 1876.

VIII. LULA FIELD, m'd Feb. 14, 1897, O. G. Ballard.

April 23—J. L. Carmack, mayor of Platte City, resigns, and N. E. Wilkinson is appointed in his place.

We will now take up the whole

DUNCAN FAMILY.

Frederick Duncan was born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1770; married Susan Stallard, born in 1780, daughter of Randolph Stallard (i), a captain in the Continental army. They were the ancestors of the Duncan family of Platte. We notice four of their children:

I. EDWARD PENDLETON DUNCAN.

He married Fannie Luttrell, and came to Platte in 1836. They settled near New Market, and in 1858 he was elected a representative from this county. In 1856 he was elected a member of the county court. He was a courtly and intelligent gentleman, of wealth, integrity, and influence. Oh:

I. RICHARD F. DUNCAN, m'd Dec. 21, 1859, Sarah Ann St. John, dr. of Noah. Oh:

1. *Frank*. 2. *Albert*. 3. *William*.

4. *Etta*, m'd Oct. 27, 1890, Chas. A. Carson.

5. *Remus E*. 6. *Boss*. 7. *Coleman Duncan*.

8. *Randall (ii)*. 9. *Dovie*.

II. LUCY DUNCAN, m'd Feb. 14, 1854, Dr. G. W. Field (i). (See.)

III. VIRGIE A. DUNCAN, b. in 1834; m'd March 15, 1857, E. R. George. He is a prosperous farmer, residing near Dearborn, and is much esteemed for sound judgment and business qualifications. His parents were Peyton George, b. in 1800, in Fauquier County, Va., and Aletha Carson, b. Dec. 20, 1801, in Spottsylvania County, Va. Oh:

1. *Dulcie George*, m'd Feb. 4, 1885, W. E. Miller, b. May 19, 1852, son of Capt. Warner J.

2. *Wardie George*, m'd John Moseley.

IV. MARY DELIA DUNCAN, m'd 1st, Wm. E. Minor. (See.) She was divorced, and m'd 2d, Sept. 14, 1872, David R. Stallard, b. Jan. 17, 1836, son of Albert G. (see) Stallard, b. in Rappahannock County, Va, July 13, 1813, and of Sallie Luttrell, b. Dec. 23, 1807, and m'd Dec. 31, 1833. Mr. D. R. Stallard is president of the Bank of Camden Point, and is highly regarded in financial circles.

V. JAMES BURRELL DUNCAN, m'd Nannie Guthrie; dead. Children:

1. *Mona Duncan*, m'd Arch. Roy. 2. *David*. 3. *James*.
4. *Lucy E.*, m'd Jan. 29, 1890, Alonzo Drais. Children:
[a] *James Drais*.

James B. Duncan has married again, and lives in Denver.

VI. *FANNIE DUNCAN*, m'd W. P. George. (See.) They live near Camden Point. Ch:

1. *Ida George*, m'd April 5, 1881, Thos. Bywaters.
2. *Wm. B. George*, lives in Montana.
3. *Lizzie A. George*, m'd March 7, 1886, Perry A. Ballard, b. Dec. 21, 1863. (See.)
4. *Clifton George*, m'd Mattie D. Jones, dr. of Elder A. B.
5. *Oswell George*.

VII. *EDWARD WILLIS DUNCAN*, m'd Lavinia Duncan, dr. of Harrison. Ch:

1. *Sallie Duncan*. 2. *Myrtle*. 3. *Agnes*. 4. *Lucy*.
5. *Hattie Duncan*. 6. *Edward*. 7. *Ben*. 8. *Maggie*.

After the death of his first wife, Judge Ed P. Duncan m'd 2d, Melvina Connet, and after her death he m'd 3d, Agnes McCormick; no children.

II. JOHN RANDALL DUNCAN,

Was born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1821; married in 1843, Mildred J. Duncan, born March 2, 1821, dr. of Marshall and Polly Duncan. John R. and his wife, Mildred J., live at Camden Point, honored and revered by neighbors and a widely diffused posterity. They came to Platte in 1844. They possess wealth, intelligence, integrity, and Christian faith. They have distributed their lands to their children, and are enjoying comfort and seclusion. Ch:

I. *JAMES L. DUNCAN*, m'd Sallie Williams, in Texas. Ch:

1. *Ed. R. Duncan*. 2. *Lilian*. 3. *Lula*.
4. *Randall*. 5. *Duff*.

II. *CAMILLA DUNCAN*, m'd 1st, Jas. Dulin. Ch:

1. *Robt. M. Dulin*, m'd Nov. 8, 1890, Mary Rush Boydston, dr. of Thomas.
 2. *Beulah*. 3. *Mary Dulin*. 4. *Jimmie Dulin*.
- Camilla m'd 2d, Henry Thorp, and had:
5. *Blanche Thorp*. 6. *Jane*. 7. *Bertha*.
 8. *Russell Thorp*.

III. *MILDRED DUNCAN*, dead; m'd 1st, Feb. 23, 1873, Lieut.

L. C. Ransdall. Ch:

1. *Lena Ransdall*. 2. *Duncan*. 3. *Randall*.
- Mildred m'd 2d, Hugo Wilkinson. Ch:
4. *Luella Wilkinson*.

IV. *ISABEL DUNCAN*, dead; m'd Dec. 27, 1876, Marcellus Stallard.

V. *HELEN A. DUNCAN*, m'd John Buchanan. Ch:

1. *Maggie*. 2. *Annie*.

VI. WILLIAM MARSHALL DUNCAN, b. March 8, 1859; m'd Jan. 4, 1880, Annie T. Smart, dr. of Thos. A., of Kansas City, b. Dec. 28, 1861. He is a farmer, residing near Dearborn. Ch:

1. *Thomas Duncan*, b. Dec. 1, 1880.
2. *Lillie Lee Duncan*, m'd Sept. 2, 1896, Oscar M. Halfried, b. Jan. 15, 1882.
3. *Bessie B.*, b. Sept. 19, 1884.
4. *John R. Duncan*, b. June 7, 1888.
5. *Alta*, b. Dec. 3, 1890.

VII. JOHN STERLING DUNCAN, m'd Emma Maupin, dr. of Richard. Ch:

1. *Mary Duncan*. 2. *Grace*. 3. *Marshall*.
4. *John Samuel Duncan*.

VIII. ED. LEE DUNCAN, b. Nov. 8, 1864; m'd Dec. 23, 1891, Lottie Trumbo, dr. of John. Ch:

1. *Chas. M. Duncan*, b. Oct. 28, 1892.

III. ELDRIDGE DUNCAN,

Lived in Virginia. He was the father of

I. ROBERT DUNCAN, father of

1. *Robert L. Duncan*, m'd Nov. 10, 1890, Grace M. Meads, dr. of Henry (See.)

IV. MADISON DUNCAN,

Lived and died in Virginia.

R. M. STAFFORD.

April 25—R. M. Stafford died at his home near Dearborn. He was born November 20, 1808, in Virginia, and was a son of John Stafford and Nancy Muncy; married June 18, 1837, Cynthia Burgess, daughter of John, born December 23, 1819, in Lawrence County, Ky. Ch:

- I. ISABEL JANE STAFFORD, b. April 10, 1838; m'd H. C. Clay, son of William.
- II. JAMES B., b. Dec. 7, 1839; m'd May 17, 1866, Malissa Grable. They live in Buchanan; 8 children.
- III. NANCY M. STAFFORD, b. July 21, 1841; m'd Jas. Harris.
- IV. COR. G. W., b. July 12, 1843; m'd Caldwell Vaughn.
- V. ELIZABETH ANN STAFFORD, b. Jan. 5, 1847; m'd Geo. Miller.
- VI. BEN W., b. July 29, 1849; m'd Agatha Bryant.
- VII. JOHN R. STAFFORD, b. April 30, 1850; m'd Mary Kirkman.
- VIII. EMMA S., b. Feb. 12, 1853; m'd Doc Brinton.
- IX. ANNA C. STAFFORD, b. April 5, 1858; m'd William McInterf.

April 28—John T. McRuer moves from Parkville to Platte City.

Lewis Dearing builds a warehouse for machinery on Block 30, Platte City.

A good rain.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Receipts.....	\$63,025.86
Ordinary expenses.....	\$23,908.36
Paid School Fund.....	1,460.00
Bonds retired.....	5,000.00
Interest paid.....	20,539.92
Costs collecting.....	1,563.87
	52,472.15
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	\$10,553.71

Indebtedness.

Bonds at 10 per cent.....	\$ 9,800.00
Bonds at 6 per cent.....	272,200.00
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	\$282,000.00
Paid since.....	\$5,000.00
Funded since.....	3,800.00
	8,800.00
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	\$274,200.00

Assessment, \$5,436,243. Levy—State, 40 cents; county, 90 cents.

May 1—The bottom below Parkville is rapidly falling in the Missouri River and the railroad is rip-rapping.

The Afghan War is raging.

A four-inch sewer laid for the jail, but proved worthless—too small.

Robert M. Mason purchases J. F. Flannery's interest in the grocery house of Mason & Flannery.

May 18—The County Medical Society met at Dr. Record's office. Dr. Coffey was chosen president.

The Todds Creek Christian Church near Brasfield's is complete.

May 22—The ladies of Dearborn gave a pleasant moonlight festival.

May 23—Bill Hodges cut the throat of Jim Lamar (both colored) in the street of Weston. Lamar died instantly. Hodges was sent to prison for ten years.

May 27—A heavy hail storm at Todds Creek, followed by abundant rain.

JUNE.

GRADUATES.

June 1—At the Orphans' School: Nellie Fox, Lulu McCormick, Adah St. John, Laura Snider, Eva Stagner, Susie Todd, Mollie Ward.

At Park College: Geo. W. Bell, Lizzie C. Blake, Georgie H. Boyd, Carrie E. Canfield, Mary J. Henderson, Rosanna M. Moore, Hugh Taylor, Maggie M. Vance.

At Daughters' College: Mollie Bennett, Eva Gabbert, Lena Magee, Fannie Oldham.

Allen Talbott, aged 15, son of Judge T. H. Talbott, drowned in Platte River, below the falls. His body was recovered.

A heavy storm, causing Bee Creek to overflow and do much damage.

Rev. R. H. Jones, Baptist, closed a meeting at Edgerton, with 78 additions.

Wheat was injured by the past cold winter and does not look well.

The *Landmark* and the *Argus* are at war.

Cleveland (Democrat) having been elected President, a change of federal officers is expected. The post-office at Platte City is a coveted prize, and many candidates present their claims, but all retire except Mrs. Beaumont and W. T. Jenkins. Petitions are circulated and committees appointed, until Mrs. Beaumont finally succeeds, as will appear.

John Mundy and Ed. Breen are contending for the Weston office. The latter finally prevails.

The "History of Platte" written by Gatewood for the National Historical Co. is now delivered to subscribers for \$12. There is much valuable material, strung together without system and without index. It flatters all who pay for it.

Platte City has erected over Gehenna an air-line plank walk to the graveyard.

A turnpike from Platte City to Barry is discussed.

June 19—The Missouri is at its height—17½ feet above low water.

Hon. R. P. C. Wilson, an alumnus of Centre College, Ky., by invitation attended the Commencement, and addressed the literary societies. Old Centre is the *Alma Mater* of Mr. Wilson, his son Francis, W. C. Baker, G. W. Broadus, Thos. Moran, E. H. Norton, and W. M. Paxton.

June 28—A terrific storm near Waldron. Granville Owens was killed, Mr. Alexander fatally injured, others wounded, and much property destroyed.

GRANVILLE L. OWENS

Was a son of Webster Owens and born in Rockcastle County, Ky., in 1818. (See Webster Owens.)

John Tudor, son of S. W. Tudor, killed by a runaway team.

Pabasco Thomas returns to Indiana.

JULY.

July 1—Wheat is but a half-crop, and fruit unpromising.

The brickwork of the Krause block in Platte City is complete.

Excitement in Weston over saloon licenses. Remonstrances are presented to the county court, and many indictments found. Much sickness prevails.

A four-weeks Normal Institute commences at Weston, conducted by Prof. J. L. Hallowell.

Ed. L. Anderson opens a furniture store in Platte City, under the new opera house.

The war between Beaumont and Jenkins for the post-office 8th of August, and observed at Platte City and Weston.

July 4—Celebrated at the fair ground—racing—brass band from Dearborn—rain—scatterment.

July 6—CHARLES A. BEALL died at his home, a mile north of Tracy. He came from Maryland in 1874. His wife died in 1883. Both buried in Weston. Children: 1, Ben R. Beall; 2, Helen Beall; 3, Henry; 4, Alice; 5, Waller M.; 6, Ralph.

John Stultz shoots and kills Wm. Simmons at Weston.

July 11—The county paid off \$25,000 of bonds.

Geo. Sims comes from Weston to clerk for E. L. Anderson, in his furniture store in Platte City.

July 15—Sam Jones holds a camp-meeting at Plattsburg, and many from Platte attend.

July 23—General Grant died. Memorial services set for the 8th of August, and observed at Platte City and Weston.

Subscriptions are made and instruments bought for a brass band at Platte City.

July 29—A thunder storm. Lightning killed stock for Thos. Flannery and S. B. Herndon.

Mrs. Lou Dunbar receives the commendation of the people of Weston for her zeal and success in the management of the public schools of that city.

AUGUST.

Aug. 8—Picnic in the college yard at Camden Point.

W. P. Naylor's house struck by lightning.

Aug. 9—Central Hotel at Plattsburg burned.

D. D. Cravens is appointed postmaster at Camden Point.

Aug. 10—Mrs. George Sims, at Platte City, stunned by lightning, and the creamery struck at Tracy.

Mrs. William Maget shot and severely wounded by John Mynott, who escaped.

John Zarn buys publicly the John Bane farm of 350 acres, three miles south of Platte City, at \$11.05 per acre.

R. F. Mason sold his farm near Packer's Mill to D. A. Miller, at \$50 per acre. He buys the Spencer house in Platte City, and comes to town.

Aug. 13—John T. McRuer is licensed as an attorney.

Aug. 15—Picnic in E. R. George's pasture, near Dearborn; addresses by A. G. Beller and Hamp. Cook.

Aug. 17—Hamp. Cook lectured on "Temperance" at Platte City.

Sanders McComas buys E. C. Cockrill's residence in Platte City, at \$1,450, and Mr. Cockrill is preparing to move to Kansas City in the spring.

Aug. 20—R. L. Waller (ii) purchases a half interest in W. T. Jenkins' grocery store in Platte City.

MRS. MATILDA J. BONIFANT.

Aug. 27—Mrs. Matilda J. Bonifant, wife of Dr. B. Bonifant, and daughter of James Leachman, dies at Weston. She was married to Dr. Bonifant October 29, 1855. Ch:

I. ADA BONIFANT, m'd in 1878, Rudolph O. Shenkner, b. Nov. 16, 1851, a partner of Jacquemin in the mercantile business at Weston. Ch:

1. Anna J. Shenkner. 2. Matilda S. Shenkner.
3. Benj. B. Shenkner.

II. MARY BONIFANT, d. Feb. 11, 1897.

Aug. 26—Picnic in Dean's pasture, at New Market, addressed by Gabbert, Coots, and others.

MRS. MATTIE MOSS.

Mrs. Mattie Moss, wife of H. H. Moss, and daughter of B. A. Trent, died near Farley. She was born in Kentucky, June 30, 1839; married December 16, 1860, H. H. Moss, born in Knox County, Ky., Dec. 30, 1836; After residing in Daviess County, Mo., whither he had come from Kentucky, Mr. Moss settled on the Platte, above Farley, in 1860, where by industry he has acquired a large farm. He is highly esteemed for his sound judgment, integrity, and honor. Ch:

I. ANGELINE MOSS, m'd Sept. 25, 1881, Walter R. Bledsoe. (See.)

II. FANNIE MOSS, m'd Feb. 7, 1881, W. Ben Fulcher, b. April 2, 1851, son of Jacob. (See.)

III. ADA B. MOSS, b. April 16, 1867; d. Oct. 14, 1896; m'd April 18, 1888, John T. Kennett.

IV. MOLLIE MOSS, m'd Sept. 23, 1886, Robt. L. Fulcher, b. Dec. 3, 1864.

V. ANNIE MOSS.

Mr. H. H. Moss married, second, February 12, 1887, Bettie Carson.

Aug. 31—Deposits of Exchange Bank of Wells & Co., \$58,160.91.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—E. J. Breen, the new postmaster of Weston, takes charge of the office, and Colonel J. A. Price retires.

Uncle Ben (Dr. Records) still edits his temperance column in the *Landmark*, and he does splendidly. But he avoids prohibition.

Sept. 2—Miss Frankie Wells entertains a party of her young friends, to bid them farewell, as she is going to Lexington, Ky., to attend school.

Wells & Co. sell the Edgerton Bank to a company composed of S. C. Woodson, J. W. McAlister, and Dr. C. C. Kemper. The latter is cashier.

Sept. 4—The Parkville Glee Club entertains Weston.

Sept. 5—The house of B. D. Adkins, 6 miles southeast of Platte City, is burned.

Benton Gabbert becomes a Democrat.

Sept. 11—C. C. Dail, a young lawyer of Wallace, publishes in the *Landmark* an excellent poem, entitled "The Spirit's Message." His frequent contributions in prose and poetry show talent.

The Platte City Christian Women's Temperance Union are in earnest and hold frequent meetings.

Sept. 13—Elder W. L. Jermane preaches his first sermon at Platte City.

Sept. 15—The Platte City opera house is complete, and the "Pleasure Party" is performed.

Judge G. W. Dunn, at Plattsburg, is indicted by the grand jury of Clinton for drunkenness and neglect of official duty. He comes forward, makes acknowledgments, and the case is dismissed.

Sept. 18—The *Landmark* contains an analysis of the waters of Norton's Spring, and Dr. Record's recommendations.

The Krause block of business stores and offices is complete.

Sept. 24—Elder Jermane holds an interesting meeting at the Christian church in Platte City.

ROBERT PEYTON SMITH ELLEY.

Robert Peyton Smith Elley died at Weston. He was a son of George Ed. Elley, of Scott County, Ky., and was born January 20, 1812; married September 13, 1838, Cassandra Quinn, born May 21, 1821; died June 6, 1882. Mr. Elley came to Platte in 1841, and purchased a large and fertile tract of land on Bee Creek, now possessed by his children. He was a gentleman of superior social qualities, and a generous heart; indulgent to his family and friends, and pure and true in all his transactions. His good nature was imposed on, and the war cost him a portion of his estate. Ch:

- I. GEO. ED. ELLEY, b. June 4, 1840. Lives at West Line. Mo. He served under General Price in the Confederate army, and was at the battles of Springfield, Pea Ridge, and Carthage. He m'd in 1881, Appa Franklin; no children.
- II. ELIZA J. ELLEY, b. Feb. 22, 1842; dead. She was beautiful, sprightly, and spirited. Her soul was enlisted for the South, and she was so outspoken and fearless that a prison would not subdue her. She m'd Oscar J. Murray. Ch:
 1. *Mary Murray.*
- III. THOMAS B. ELLEY, b. Dec. 21, 1845; m'd Jodie Lober. (See.) He served under General Price in the Civil War. He lives on Bee Creek, and has a splendid farm.
- IV. ANNIE B. ELLEY, b. Feb. 13, 1848; m'd Nov. 3, 1871, Virgil Wilhoite, son of Obed Wilhoite and Elizabeth Searcy.
- V. ROBT. P. S. ELLEY (ii), b. May 21, 1850; m'd June 4, 1896. Nona Powell. He was elected, in November, 1894, treasurer of Platte, and reelected in 1896. He lost a leg accidentally. He married in 1896 Nona Powell.
- VI. KATE ELLEY, b. Dec. 10, 1852; m'd Andrew J. Calvert. (See.)
- VII. CASSIE ELLEY, m'd John E. Darst. (See.)
- VIII. MATTIE E. ELLEY, b. July 15, 1859; m'd Jan. 23, 1888, S. Richard Pope.

HENRY M. PARROTT.

Henry M. Parrott died at his home on Bee Creek. He was born in Abingdon, Va., May 2, 1816; married in January, 1843, Elizabeth Hickman. They came to Platte in March, 1850. Mrs. Parrott was born in Virginia March 20, 1824, and died July 3, 1892. Ch:

- I. JOSEPH H. PARROTT, m'd Amelia W. Overbeck. (See.)
- II. WILLIAM M. PARROTT, m'd Nov. 14, 1873, Sue Cunningham, dr. of Judge W. E. They went to Clinton County.
- III. SUSAN M. PARROTT, d. June 13, 1894; m'd in Jan., 1864, James Pence, b. in Scott County, Ky., Sept. 21, 1838. He

is a son of Joseph Pence and Sally Chism. They live in Liberty, Mo. Ch:

1. *Ella E. Pence*, m'd Jan. 28, 1889, John W. Miller. (See.)
2. *Emma R. Pence*, m'd Dec. 23, 1890, Robt. D. Lober. (See.)
3. *Jos. H. Pence*. 4. *Etta M. Pence*.

THE PARROTTS.

Three brothers came to Platte, Henry, Joseph, and David V. Parrott, and engaged in the mercantile business at Weston. We have noticed Henry M.

II. DAVID V. PARROTT,

Was born in Virginia October 8, 1820; died in Weston July 5, 1886; married, in Virginia, Sarah _____, who was born August 19, 1824; died March 1, 1854, childless.

III. JOSEPH V. PARROTT,

Married November 14, 1846, Poca Railey (i), dr. of Daniel.

WILLIAM CONNAWAY.

Sept. 26—William Conaway died at his home near Barry. He was born in Virginia in 1805, removed to Indiana, and there represented his county in the State Legislature. He was one of the earliest settlers of Platte, and selected a home on the Garrison road, two miles west of Barry, in one of the loveliest spots on the beautiful prairie. He was one of the intelligent men selected for justices of the peace by the county court of Clay. I sometimes attended his courts, and was pleased with his gravity and sound judgment. He represented Platte County in 1846-7, as a Democrat, and stood in intelligence in the fore-rank of his associates. Ch:

I. DANIEL CONNAWAY, m'd July 14, 1870, Elizabeth Wilson. He was a merchant and an enthusiastic Mason.

II. ELIZABETH CONNAWAY, m'd Sept. 23, 1845, Jesse Reno, a man of brilliance and poetic genius. They live in Buchanan.

III. JOHN CONNAWAY, single. IV. ANDREW J. V. WALTER A.

Sept. 28—James F. Flannery opens a grocery house in Platte City.

Sept. 29—Rev. L. Pulliam, the new Methodist preacher, takes the Platte City parsonage, and the people "donate" him.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 3—The county court contracts for an iron bridge at Iatan, and orders three new cottages for the poor-house.

A heavy frost.

Prof. W. A. Thornburg edits the educational column of the *Landmark*.

Norton & Bros. open a bank at Missouri City, and Charles Norton takes charge of it.

Oct. 5—Editors of the county papers meet at Platte City, and form a Press Association. Valliant is chosen president.

Hog cholera is destructive.

The magnetic pole has changed in this locality, from 10 degrees east, to 9 degrees east. The county was originally surveyed at 10½ degrees east.

Oct. 8—John Zarn having purchased a storehouse in Platte City, on Lot 5, Block 29, removes into it.

Mrs. A. P. Linn, widow of a Methodist Episcopal minister, is appointed postmaster at Parkville in place of Bueneman.

Oct. 12—Henry Zonne settles at Platte City as a merchant tailor. He was born in Holland October 13, 1822, came to America in 1856, and settled at Buffalo. He married Maria De Graaf; but she was his second and present wife. He married, first, Petronella Smallingberg, who left three children, living, respectively, in Minnesota, Illinois, and Kansas.

W. T. Nelson buys out Non. Thomas, and becomes proprietor of the *Argus*.

The prisoners open the jail in some unexplained way, and one of them named Williams reaches Beverly, where he is captured.

Elders Collins and Tate make 156 converts at Smithville.

Oct. 25—Camden Point is revived by the preaching of Elders Jermane and Tate, and 80 join the Christian Church.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 10—New mail service between Platte City and Beverly. The mail is now carried by hack, leaving Platte City at 3 and returning at 6.

The Bible Society establish a depository at Parkville, with 55 different editions of the Bible and parts of it.

Nov. 13—Baptist Sunday-school Convention at Weston.

Apples almost a failure, but W. R. Keller has bought at Weston 1,400 barrels.

T. C. Monson, superintendent of schools, has organized reading circles at Platte City and other places.

Nov. 15—Circuit court, G. D. Dunn judge. Grand jury: 1, Nic Benner; 2, Wash. Bradley; 3, W. H. Cook; 4, W. H. Hall; 5, Stephen McComas; 6, W. J. Miller; 7, H. H. Moss; 8, Abner

Naylor; 9, W. H. Rixey; 10, W. D. Standiford; 11, G. R. Tanner; 12, W. C. White.

Nov. 16—Byron Woodson examined and admitted to the bar.

Nov. 20—Bill Hodges sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for killing Jim Lamar. Both were colored.

Miss Cora Erwin was granted a verdict of \$10,000 damages against R. E. Jacobs for breach of promise. But the case was then compromised.

BRANCH PENITENTIARY.

The governor having been authorized to locate another penitentiary, Weston holds an enthusiastic meeting and makes liberal offers and promises to secure the institution, but in vain. Platte County has never received anything from the State.

WALLACE JACKSON died at Atchison, aged 70; married July 13, 1847, Eunice Malott. He settled, in 1837, five miles north of Platte City. At the beginning of the war he raised a company under Governor Jackson's first call, and was sworn in at St. Joseph. He never returned to Platte to make it his home. He had a brother named James.

Nov. 26—Union thanksgiving at the M. and P. church in Platte City. The Christian Women's Missionary Society had their supper at the opera house.

Nov. 30—The Weston depot burned. C. B. Kurtz retires, and Mrs. Beaumont takes the Platte City postoffice.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 3—The Platte City Dramatic Company perform "She Stoops to Conquer," and on the 4th, "Damon and Pythias."

Dec. 4—ANTON SCHMIDT died at Weston. He was born in Germany January 28, 1819. He was wealthy. His wife was Margaret, and their children: 1, Joanna Victor; 2, John Schmidt; 3, Peter; 4, Frank Schmidt; 5, George.

Lycurgus Shepard is in Washington, D. C., said to be applying for office—consul or surveyor.

Twenty-five unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Dearborn.

Dec. 18—Park College Glee Club give an entertainment at Platte City.

Edgerton *Courier* exit.

Dec. 19—Mrs. H. H. Black died at Ridgely. H. H. Black was a son of

CHRISTOPHER HARRIS BLACK,

Who was born February 17, 1816, in Kentucky. Coming to Missouri in 1838, he settled on a farm adjoining Ridgely, and made two additions to the town. He married, first, February 4, 1840, Elizabeth Banta. (See.) Ch:

I. ROBERT H. BLACK, m'd Elizabeth Newman, dr. of D. D. (See.)

II. FANNY BLACK, m'd Stokely Holland, and went to Colorado, where she died, leaving:

1. *Dee Holland.*

III. HENRY HARRY BLACK (see), b. Feb. 13, 1847; m'd Feb. 13, 1873, Julia Lucinda Burnham, d. Dec. 19, 1885. Ch:

1. *Lula Black*, b. Oct. 16, 1873; m'd Nov. 5, 1891, W. J. Newman. (See.)

2. *Fannie Black*, b. Aug. 16, 1875; m'd Henry Newman. (See.)

3. *John Black*, b. July 2, 1878; m'd Jan. 24, 1897, May Snell.

Mr. H. H. Black m'd 2d, Mrs. Mary J. Marchant, née Burnham, sister of first wife. She died, and he m'd 3d, Mrs. Eliza J. Goodwin, née Burnett. No children by second and third wives.

IV. MAHALA BLACK, m'd Thos. Standiford, son of Thos.

Mr. Chris. H. Black married, second, Mrs. Susan Daily, née Burnham, and had:

V. WILLIAM BLACK, m'd Belle Beery, dr. of John A. (See.) Children:

1. *Clyde Black.* 2. *Norris Black.*

VI. HARRIET BLACK, m'd William Sullivan. They live in Clay; 9 children.

VII. MAGGIE E. BLACK, m'd Feb. 12, 1885, M. E. Barnard. Ch:

1. *Chris. B.*

Dec. 20—Fifty additions to the Baptist Church at Weston, under the preaching of Elder J. J. Burnett.

W. H. KIDWELL having died, Thomas D. Rose administered. His widow was Mary A., and their children: 1, Edward; 2, Albert; 3, Frederick.

Dec. 24—Christmas trees at Platte City; the Baptists at their church, and the Methodists and Presbyterians at the opera house.

Dec. 31—Bank Deposits—Edgerton Bank, \$44,743.60; Wells & Co., \$71,999.24.

MARRIAGES IN 1885 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

February 1—W. H. Shields married Hettie J. Pierce.

February 4—George L. Kirk married Annie M. Thornhill.

February 11—William Cook married Nannie Pennington.

March 9—Rev. Henry Barton married Nannie E. Campbell.

March 12—Robert Roberts married Bettie Harris.
 March 19—Charles A. Newport married Susie A. Todd.
 March 22—J. C. Cook married Kate Moore.
 April 10—Samuel Ferrel married Mollie Story.
 May 12—R. D. Duncan married Ada Corbin.
 May 18—M. Clay Dunlap married Ida Crook.
 September 22—Daniel B. Fox married Ella E. Martin.
 September 29—William Fitzgerald married Elizabeth J. Snider.
 October 3—George Hall married Lucy Green.
 November 25—Eugene Spratt married Eva Chesnut.
 November 25—Price Kirkpatrick married Lula Gabbert.
 December 30—George W. Wallis married Mary J. Hughes.

1886.

OFFICERS.

Governor, J. S. Marmaduke; Congressman, J. N. Burnes;
 State Senator, H. F. Simrall; Representative, J. T. McRuer;
 Circuit Judge, G. W. Dunn; County Justices, Shouse, Summers,
 and Waller; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; Prosecuting Attorney,
 J. W. Coburn; County Clerk, T. F. Warner; Circuit Clerk, W. H.
 Roney; Sheriff, R. W. Pack; Collector, J. T. Owens; Assessor,
 James Synnamon; Treasurer, A. R. Jack; Surveyor, D. T. Polk;
 Superintendent of Schools, C. F. Monson; Public Administrator,
 W. C. Wells; Coroner, N. Lutes.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Burnes, Carmack,
 Coots, Forman, McRuer, Norton, Paxton, Todd, Woodson,
 Wilson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Coffey, Hollingsworth, McDonald,
 Overbeck, Records, Redman.

Merchants, etc.—Anderson, Beaumont (postmaster), Blakley,
 Breen Bros., Clemings, Colman, Dearing, Flannery, Hulett, Jen-
 kins, Johnston, Krause, Kurtz, Lutes, Mason, Meads, Miller, Pack
 & McRuer, Recht, Rohring, Termier, Waller, Wilkinson, Young,
 Zarn.

Fair—James Dye president.

Preachers—Pulliam (M. E.), Jermane (Chris.), Buchanan
 (Bap.), Valliant (Epis.).

Lodges—Platte City, No. 504, A. J. Colman, W. M.; Chapter
 No. 21, J. L. Carmack, H. P.; Nebraska, No. 12, W. H. Bane,
 N. G.

Mayor—N. E. Wilkinson.

Schools—Public School, W. A. Banister principal; Daughters' College, F. G. Gaylord president.

Banks—Exchange Bank of Wells & Co., Jack cashier; W. F. Norton & Co.

Newspapers—*Landmark*, *Argus*.

At Weston: Coburn, Bonifant, Coots, Martin, Price, Allen, Breen (postmaster), Bell, Brill, Deitz, Doppler, Evans, Gabbert, Haberman, Hartman, Hedges, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Keller, Kenney, Kurtz, Magers, Mauch, Newhouse, Noble, Noll, O'Dowd, Ohlhausen, Ringo, Rich, Schenkner, Siler.

Mayor—C. D. Noble.

Lodges—Weston, No. 53, G. M. Doppler, W. M.; Chapter No. 9, H. H. Hedges, H. P.; Commandery No. 4, Hedges, E. C.; Phoenix, No. 30, Jo. Anderson, N. G.

Preachers—W. L. Davis (M. E.), J. J. Burnett (Bap.), J. C. Howell (Chris.), F. Houser (Ger. M. E.).

Bankers—Railey & Bro.

Newspapers—*Chronicle*, Mundy editor.

At Parkville: Bueneman, Dr. Coffey, Ford, Fulton, Free-land, Haynes, Dr. Holt, Kahm, Linn (postmaster), Luthy, Mitchell, Moore, Noonan, Standard Mills, Ringo, Summers, Threlkeld, Wood.

Park College—J. A. McAfee president.

Bank—W. J. Fulton president.

At Camden Point: Cravens (postmaster), Ewing, Farris, Herndon, Hamblin, Owens, Parrish, Perrin, Stallard.

Orphans' School—W. Montjoy principal.

At Dearborn: Armstrong, Arnold, Bashford & Smith, Chesnut & Stagner, Ferrel, Doke, Johnston, Miller.

At Edgerton: Beery, Biggerstaff, Breckenridge, Clark, Cumberford, Davis, Doke, De Armond, Handley (postmaster), Jennings, Johnston, Jones, Kerr, Lampton, Lewis, Mays, Moore, Miller, Ohlhausen, Pack, Royston, Scott, Shafer, Wallingford, Wilkinson.

Preachers—Jones (Bap.), Tanquary (M. E. S.).

Bank—Kemper cashier.

At Farley: Brasfield, Meyer (postmaster), Weisse.

At Hampton: Bledsoe (postmaster).

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: Dr. Barr, Slaughter, Elgin, Johnson, Stafford.

At New Market: Brown, Bryant, Laurance, Leavel, Lowe, Martin, Thompson.

At Ridgely: Chrisman (postmaster), Robinson, Rupe.

At Settle: Skillman (postmaster).

At Sugar Creek: Woolson.

At Tracy: Adkins, Colman, Chinn, Davis, Day, Elgin, Jones, Miller, Perry, Todd, Van Fossen.

At Waldron: Ginter, McCormick, Pettillo, Simpson (postmaster), Waldron.

JANUARY.

COUNTY EXPENSES IN 1885.

Assessor.....	\$ 56.03
Bridges.....	14,477.98
Bonds retired.....	25,000.00
County Clerk.....	1,822.04
County Treasurer.....	525.00
County Judges.....	433.85
Court-house and jail.....	1,847.96
Criminal costs.....	683.02
Elections.....	295.00
Insane.....	2,194.75
Jurors and witnesses.....	1,110.15
Miscellaneous.....	66.48
Paupers.....	2,084.24
Roads.....	4,065.77
Road damages.....	145.00
Road Commissioner.....	341.05
Prosecuting Attorney.....	632.25
Stationery.....	548.19
School Commissioner.....	35.00
Sheriff and Jailer.....	694.04
Interest.....	2,076.75
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Jan. 1—John B. Flannery, of Parkville, removes with his family to Colorado.

Jan. 2—Perry Fleshman died one mile east of Platte City.

THE FLESHMAN FAMILY.

John Fleshman and Catherine Rhinehart were parents of three sons, Perry, Larkin, and Royall. We will take them up in order:

I. PERRY FLESHMAN,

Was born in Greenbrier County, Va., November 11, 1814, and died in Platte January 2, 1886; married Emily Bruffy, born in 1820. They came to Platte in 1845, and settled one mile east of Platte City. Mrs. Fleshman, in generous and graceful widowhood, dwells at the old homestead: Ch:

I. MARTHA (MAT) FLESHMAN, m'd Nov. 1, 1875, S. M. Goshong. They live two miles east of Platte City. Ch:

1. *Alvin Goshong.* 2. *Perry.* 3. *Earl.*

II. WILLIAM (BUCK), was killed Aug. 20, 1893, by Davis Hatton. He m'd in Nov., 1874, Georgia Shackelford, widow of Archie Shackelford, and dr. of G. W. Mayo. (See.) William was a saloon-keeper, and kept bad company. He married a second time, and was divorced. His children were by his first wife. (See.)

III. JOHN H. FLESHMAN, m'd Martha Ratliff, dr. of Jas. (See.)

IV. NANNIE FLESHMAN, m'd 1st, Jas. Coots, who d. in 1883, and she m'd 2d, March 13, 1884, John W. Ratliff, b. June 27, 1855. Ch:

1. *William Ratliff*, b. in 1885. 2. *Bessie*. 3. *Ivy Ratliff*. 4. *Mark*. 5. *James*.

V. MARY FLESHMAN, m'd Dec. 25, 1883, William H. Fleshman, son of Royall. Ch:

1. *Lola*. 2. *Ivy*. 3. *Fred*.

II. LARKIN FLESHMAN,

Was born in Greenbrier County, Va., December 9, 1816, and died in Platte City July 10, 1893. He received a good education in the "Old Field" schools of his native State. He came to Callo-way County, Mo., entered a store as a clerk, and taught school. He married, December 14, 1843, Mrs. Mildron J. Williams, née Suggett. Her only child was by her first husband, and was the first wife of Dr. A. T. Guthrie (see), and mother of William Guthrie. (See.) Mrs. Fleshman died November 6, 1849. During the remainder of his days Mr. Fleshman lived a secluded life, in the care of servants. He kept a small store, off and on, in Platte City, built the Fleshman Hotel, and at intervals kept it; was deaf, yet studied law, was licensed, but from infirmity of hearing did little business; made money, purchased several farms east of Platte City, and invested largely in Platte City property; had no intimate friends, but kept his own counsel; built a costly dwelling in Platte City, and there died, granting, by will, a large part of his estate to an old negro woman, "Aunt Violet," who had been his housekeeper for many years, and leaving the remainder to his nephews and nieces, children of his brother Perry.

III. ROYALL FLESHMAN,

Never came West. He married Elizabeth Hoke. Two of their sons came to Platte in 1880:

I. WILLIAM H. FLESHMAN, has just been noticed.

II. ROYALL FLESHMAN (ii), was killed July 23, 1889, by Thos. Shepherd, who was tried for murder and acquitted, Aug. 23, 1889. Royall Fleshman's (i) other children remained in Virginia.

Jan. 7—Temperature 20 degrees below zero.

Rev. Robert White, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Weston, closed a protracted meeting, with 39 additions to the church.

Good ice harvest.

Jan. 20—Samuel D. Brady appointed postal clerk on the C., R. I & P. Railway between Atchison and Cameron.

Jan. 25—James H. Chinn appointed doorkeeper for the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C.

SENATOR D. R. ATCHISON.

Jan. 26—Senator D. R. Atchison died on his farm in Clinton. He was born in Frogtown, Ky., August 11, 1807. He studied law, came to Clay County, Mo., in 1830, was a member of the House of Representatives of Missouri in 1834 and 1838. He was judge of our circuit in 1841, was appointed to the United States Senate in October, 1843, and subsequently elected, serving from December 4, 1843, to March 3, 1855. General Atchison earned his military title and honors from serving in the Missouri militia during the Mormon War. From 1841 to 1856 his home was in Platte City. When here he boarded with Elisha Green. In 1856 he repaired to his Clinton farm, built a fine residence, and lived in retirement until his death. He was large, commanding, dictatorial, and sometimes profane; an uncompromising Democrat, a plu-perfect pro-slavery man, and often boisterous, but always generous. I was a Whig, and he had no patience with a political opponent. He advised the colonization of Kansas to widen the area of slavery; and in the border strife of 1856-7 he counselled and directed the Missourians in their invasion of that territory. He possessed superior judgment and native mind, with but little culture. He had slight respect for woman, and never married. Beneath a rough exterior lay a kind and indulgent heart.

THE ATCHISON FAMILY.

William Atchison was born in Pennsylvania February 2, 1770. He was Senator Atchison's father, and Alex. Atchison, an emigrant from Ireland, was his grandfather. His brothers and sisters were:

- I. BEN ALLEN ATCHISON, b. June 27, 1811; d. in Sept., 1856; m'd Margaret Baker. Ch:
 1. *John C.*
- II. WILLIAM ATCHISON, b. Oct. 26, 1813; d. June 7, 1871. He m'd, successively, Catherine and Sarah Baker. Ch:
 1. *David R. Atchison* (ii). 2. *John B.* 3. *William.*
 4. *L. C.* 5. *B. A. Atchison.* 6. *J. F.* 7. *Catherine.*
 8. *Mary H. Atchison.*
- III. ALEX. ATCHISON (ii), b. Nov. 18, 1815; d. in 1867, single.
- IV. MARY ATCHISON, b. in 1818; d. June 13, 1880; m'd Madison Allen. Ch:
 1. *William Allen.* 2. *F. R.* 3. *Catherine.*
- V. REBECCA ATCHISON, b. in 1820; d. in 1873, single.

Jan. 28—The *Argus* contains General James Craig's letter exposing Colonel James N. Burnes' erratic course during and after the war, but Craig doesn't tell that a judgment of death for treason hung over Burnes like the sword of Damocles.

Jan. 31—Zerelda Tinder, wife of James W. Tinder, and daughter of Richard and Sarah Gaines, née Adams, died at her

home five miles south of Platte City. She was born in Woodford County, Ky., September 25, 1826, and came with her parents to Clay in 1842, where her father died. The family in 1843 came to Platte, where she married, January 27, 1848, James W. Tinder.

JAMES W. TINDER (ii)

Was born in Woodford County, Ky., December 25, 1825. His father was Lewis Tinder, born in 1795, son of James (i), a native of Virginia. The mother of James W. (ii) was Mary Grimsley, sister of the distinguished Thornton Grimsley, of St. Louis. James W. came to Platte in the fall of 1842, and engaged in farming. He is tall of person, has a commanding presence, genial disposition and sound judgment. He went with Doniphan to New Mexico as a teamster, leaving Fort Leavenworth June 1, 1846. Subsequently he went to California, and returned by the Isthmus and New York. He has seen much of the world, and his experience makes him an interesting companion. Ch:

I. LARKIN E. TINDER, b. June 14, 1857; m'd 1st, Dec. 20, 1877, Charlotte Jones, dr. of Lewis. She d. May 22, 1881, leaving:

1. *William Tinder.* 2. *Ella.*

Larkin E. m'd 2d, Oct. 13 1890, Cynthia A. Perkins, dr. of Dabney, b. Feb. 4, 1871. Ch:

3. *Zerelda.*

II. MOLLIE TINDER, b. in Jan., 1859; m'd Oct. 11, 1890, Wm. Yates.

III. STERLING P. TINDER, b. May 10, 1861.

IV. SALLIE TINDER, b. Jan. 22, 1863; m'd March 14, 1878, John McGuire, b. Feb. 1, 1856. Ch:

1. *James A. McGuire.* 2. *Jesse.* 3. *Lula McGuire.*

4. *Jessie.*

V. GEO. TINDER, b. May 13, 1868.

VI. LULA, b. in 1870; m'd Taylor Babcock. (See.)

VII. JAMES R. TINDER, b. Sept. 9, 1864; m'd Nov. 6, 1885, Laura Odell, b. March 8, 1863; d. June 17, 1894. Ch:

1. *Ernest.* 2. *Robert.* 3. *Lollie Tinder.*

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—WILLIAM PRATHER having died, J. W. Carson administered. Bond, \$6,000. His widow was Jane, and their only child Fannie, who married a Kidd.

Feb. 4—J. H. McGUIRE, of Edgerton, bleeds to death from an accidental pistol shot in the thigh.

Feb. 8—The press and printing material of the Edgerton *Courier* are removed to Plattsburg.

Feb. 9—JOHN KILPATRICK died at his home, six miles north of Platte City. Was born in Donegal County, Ireland;

came to the United States in 1853, and settled in Platte in 1866. He leaves a widow, but no children.

Park College has 330 students.

Feb. 12—Miss Birdie Almond, elocutionist, at Platte City.

ADAM C. WOODS.

Feb. 17—Adam C. Woods having died, Ed. B. Land administered. Bond, \$4,000. He was a typical pioneer, fond of mirth and hilarity, generous and hospitable, ready to risk his life for a comrade, smiling at his own troubles, and weeping over the afflictions of a friend—sharing his last crust with want and prodigal while he had a dollar. Such was Adam C. Woods. He was born in Madison County, Ky., March 8, 1811. He was a son of William Woods (see), born February 22, 1775, in Culpeper County, Va.; died in Platte in April, 1844. Adam C.'s mother was Ann Woods, born in Greenbrier County, Va., March 10, 1776. The family were among the earliest emigrants from Virginia to Kentucky, and Archibald Woods (i), the ancestor of the family, was killed at the disastrous battle of the Blue Licks. Adam C. Woods married September 9, 1830, Mary Wilson, daughter of John and Elizabeth, and born in Kentucky October 20, 1813; died September 16, 1880. I will let the patriarch tell the story of his life:

"I was only six years old when we came to Missouri, but I remember the trip. We came in a wagon; crossed the Mississippi, and came to St. Charles and thence to Howard County, and settled at Wolf-lick, four miles north of Old Franklin. Keel-boats were common, and I remember some steamboats. There was no danger from Indians in Howard County. Old Fort Hempstead was near our house, but it was abandoned. My father (William) volunteered and went up to old Fort Osage, to quiet some Indian troubles. I witnessed the hanging of W. O. Short, March 27, 1824, for murder. My father entered 160 acres, and cleared 30 acres. In February, 1825, we moved in two wagons to Clay County, and entered 160 acres, one and a half miles east of Barry, north of the road to Liberty, now (1882) owned by James Woods and Mr. Rogers. My father then entered a fractional quarter of 108 acres, upon which Glen O. and Peter H. Burnett built their store. The land now belongs to M. T. Samuel. This place my father gave to his son William. He entered another quarter, which he gave to me. Mr. Johnson now owns it. When we first came to Clay our neighbors were Joseph Todd, Mrs. Wilson, Robert Cain, John Gumm, David Hunt, and William Brown. The Burnetts lived six miles south, and John Broadhurst lived three miles south. The Moselys, Searcys, and Williams came the next fall.

"The Iowas, Sacs, and Foxes would come down from Roubidoux sometimes to hunt and beg. The Delawares and Shawnees would sometimes cross the Missouri, and winter in Platte,

erecting wigwams. They sometimes cultivated a field in the prairie, in Green's Bottom, enclosing with brush and poles.

"I was at the Fort in 1827. The soldiers were in tents. I remember when the road was opened to Barry. We crossed at the Falls of Platte, before Martin was there. The soldiers crossed the Missouri in bottoms of barges."

Children of Adam C. Woods:

- I. ANN WOODS, b. Oct. 17, 1833; m'd Sept. 4, 1855, Thomas Chevis, who kept a tavern in Barry in 1840; 6 children.
- II. WILLIAM W. WOODS, b. July 6, 1836; m'd Martha Cox; no children.
- III. ELIZABETH WOODS, b. Dec. 25, 1838; m'd H. T. Ham, who was assessor of Platte in 1870-71. He is a carpenter and contractor, and now lives in Kansas City. Ch:
1. *Kate B. Ham*, m'd Dec. 4, 1873, B. F. Williams.
Mr. Ham has no other children.
- IV. SARAH JANE WOODS, b. March 10, 1840; d. in 1895; m'd Geo. W. Williams; 6 children—one is Wm. W. Williams, of Clay.
- V. NANCY WOODS, b. March 31, 1842.
- VI. ARCHIBALD WOODS (iii), b. March 29, 1845; dead.
- VII. JAMES B. WOODS, b. in 1853.
- VIII. MALCOLM T. WOODS, b. in 1855; went to Utah and m'd Louisa ———.

Feb. 20—T. R. Valliant is appointed a manager of the Lunatic Asylum No. 2, at St. Joseph.

Park College commences to erect McCormick Chapel, with capacity to seat, in floor and gallery, 1,000 people. The *Park College Record* is sent weekly to 8,000 persons, gratuitously. It is well edited, and the success of the institution is largely due to it.

MARCH.

March 7—Teachers' Institute at Weston.

March 11—There is some ill-blood between Valliant and Mundy over county printing, which was given to the *Chronicle*.

March 16—W. D. SAUNDERS having died, C. M. Siler administered. Bond, \$12,000. He was a prosperous farmer of Marshall Township. He married Louisa Plummer, who survives. Children: 1, H. W. Saunders, m'd Mildred Kindred; 2, James, m'd E. Jerome; 3, Mary H., m'd Feb. 18, 1875, E. E. Siler; 4, Emily Saunders, m'd 1st, Henry Williams; 2d, John Barrow, dead; 5, Ben P. Saunders, b. March 18, 1875; m'd 1st, Myra Keller; 2d, Florence O. Eder; 6, Lucy Saunders, m'd Wash G. Horton; 7, Amanda Saunders, m'd Sterling Rose; 8, Eliza Saunders, d. Jan. 16, 1886; m'd Dec. 31, 1884, Thos. Dyer; 9, W. G. Saunders, m'd Phoebe Dyer; 10, John E. Saunders, single.

March 20—RICHARD ALLEN was found dead in his bed

at Weston. He was a Catholic, and was born in Ireland May 21, 1812; married in New York, September 15, 1852, Honora Duggan. They came to Weston in 1859. Children: 1, Mary Allen, a teacher; 2, Honora; 3, Richard D. Allen (ii), druggist, now of Kansas City; he married September 25, 1892, Mrs. Alice Woods.

MRS. MARY LIZETTE BELLER

March 22—Mrs. Mary Lizette Beller died in Weston. She was the widow of Anton Beller, and born in Baden December 22, 1806. They came to America in 1841, and Mr. Beller died in 1846. Mrs. Beller's maiden name was Münzer. The widow and children then came to Weston. Children:

- I. AUGUSTUS G. BELLER, b. in Baden Feb. 14, 1830; came with his mother to Weston in 1846; learned the blacksmith trade. Married Dec. 1, 1851, Melville Cummins, dr. of Eli G., b. in 1831. When the war broke out Mr. Beller cast his fortunes on the side of the Union, and did good work for the cause. He studied law and was admitted to the bar Sept. 9, 1862. Started the *Border Times* Feb. 13, 1864, and continued it until July, 1871. July 3, 1865, he received the appointment of probate judge of Platte. April 20, 1869, he was appointed postmaster of Weston. April 1, 1863, he was chosen mayor of Weston. The *Border Times* is a monument to his loyalty. His political life has been consistent. He had the courage to condemn slavery when danger, as well as contumely, assailed him. His denunciation of secession, his condemnation of the South, were bold and defiant. He never hesitated nor temporized in his defence of the Union, though traduced, spurned, and scorned by his enemies. His life exhibited a moral courage unequalled by any anti-slavery man of the county.

Mr. Beller never practiced law. For some years he was mail agent on the C., R. I. & P. Railway. But of late years he has devoted his life to the Baptist ministry. He has boldly advocated prohibition. He is a zealot in every moral or religious cause. He is kind and liberal in his sentiments, and no narrow sectarian view forbids him to labor with others. Platte County owes him a debt of gratitude, for had he not stayed the impetuous Southern sentiment of our people, they might have suffered from fire and sword. His outspoken loyalty was our shield. Ch:

1. *Vincent A. Beller*, m'd Nov. 3, 1882, Jesse Risk. (See.)
2. *Emma M. Beller*, m'd Feb. 3, 1880, Jas. B. Rogers, of Marshall, Texas.
3. *Angie J. Beller*, m'd June 1, 1896, Wm. M. Rose.

II. S. C. BELLER.

March 26—Missouri River 14 feet 9 inches above low water.

March 30—Elders Buchanan, Felts, and Tutt, of the Baptist Church, hold a meeting at Platte City, and baptize 11.

APRIL.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

C. D. Noble, mayor of Weston; H. J. Baker, mayor of Platte City; Coots, Edwards, Hunt, Mason, Mattox, and Zarn, aldermen.
R. P. C. Wilson president of the fair, B. F. Whiteley clerk.
Platte City voted an additional levy for schools.

PLATTE CITY FINANCES.

Balance from last year	\$371.27
Taxes collected	398.83
Other sources	239.76
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	\$1,009.86
Returned to Cemetery Fund	\$ 60.52
Miscellaneous	81.36
Streets and bridges	146.00
Paid Clerk	58.85
Paid Marshal	90.30
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	\$437.03
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Balance in treasury	\$572.83

Platte City school bonds outstanding, \$2,500.

Tracy now has a school-house and a place for preaching.

April 3—LEWIS DEMOSS died north of Parkville; born in Fleming County, Ky., Oct. 12, 1812; married Delilah ———, who died in February, 1887. Children: 1, Lewis Demoss (ii); 2, Jasper; 3, Nancy, m'd a Williams; 4, Emily Demoss, m'd a Kingsley; 5, Amanda, m'd Dr. Jas. Hawkins; 6, Sarah Alice Demoss m'd Dec. 28, 1876, John W. Noland; 7, John Demoss, m'd Sarah Naylor, dr. of Alfred.

April 16—Hail storm east of Platte City covered the ground two inches deep, and killed pigs and poultry.

April 18—ALLEN H. COX died at Weston. He was born in Cumberland County, Va., April 3, 1804. In 1809 the family moved to Kentucky, and in 1847 Mr. Cox came to Platte. The same year he married Phœbe Larrimore, a native of Madison County, Ky. She died in 1849, leaving a son, William E. Cox, now of New York city. In 1852 Mr. Cox married, second, Mrs. Angeline Jones, née Campbell, of Buchanan County. In 1880 they removed into Weston, where he died. He was a man of wealth, virtue, and honor.

April 19—The County Medical Society meet at Weston. Present: Coffey, president, Bonifant, Herndon, Hawkins, Martin, Redman, Shortridge.

April 23—B. J. Bless buys the *Weston Chronicle* of Mundy, and becomes editor.

MAY. COUNTY FINANCES.

Receipts from all sources	\$52,426.55
Balance in treasury	34,416.44

Making	\$86,842.99
Bonds paid	\$31,000.00
Warrants paid	28,654.35
Interest on bonds	15,387.75
Other expenditures	2,791.06
	\$77,833.16

Balance in treasury	\$9,009.83
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Total State assessment	\$681,718,380
Total county assessment	4,459,294

County Indebtedness.

Bonds at 6 per cent	\$245,000
Bonds at 10 per cent	1,000
	\$246,000

School Funds.

Township	\$20,200
County	8,728
	\$28,928

Estimates of Wealth of Citizens.

Abner Whiteley, \$400,000; C. Cockrill, \$300,000; W. M. Couch, \$150,000; Jas. Draiss, \$100,000; J. C. Alderson, \$75,000.

Peach trees in many cases were killed by the severe winter.

May 2—Children's Day observed at the Christian church in Platte City, by literary exercises.

May 4—Bank Deposits—W. F. Norton & Co., \$45,819.53; Bank of Edgerton, \$45,672.67.

LAWSON MAUZEY.

May 10—Lawson Mauzey died near the Junction. He was the son of Jacob Mauzey, and was born in Bourbon County, Ky. He married Clarissa McClary, daughter of Robert. He possessed sound judgment, energy, and wealth. Oh:

- I. THOS. J. MAUZEY, b. Oct. 1, 1854; m'd April 26, 1873, Ann Eliza Chesnut, dr. of Samuel, of Mercer County, Mo., and cousin of Judge Wm. Chesnut. Oh:
 1. *Elmer H. Mauzey*, b. March 20, 1877.
 2. *Myrtle*, b. June 26, 1882.
 3. *Theophilus Mauzey*, b. Feb. 22, 1886.
 4. *Emma*, b. Aug. 28, 1891.
 5. *Ethel Mauzey*, twin with Emma.
 6. *Edna Mauzey*, b. Sept. 18, 1893.

- II. FRANK MAUZEY, (twin), b. Oct. 1, 1854; m'd in 1874, Amelia (Millie) Bowles. Ch:
 1. William. 2. Albert. 3. Lizzie. 4. Elgie.
 5. Fannie Mauzey. 6. Earl. 7. Nellie. 8. Owell.
 9. Lewis.
- III. MARTHA MAUZEY, b. in 1856; m'd Dec. 2, 1874, Jas. L. Walters. Ch:
 1. Albert Walters. 2. James. 3. Melvin.
 4. Robert. 5. Lizzie Walters.
- IV. MARY MAUZEY, m'd Pat Cox. She died leaving:
 1. Robert. 2. James Cox.
- V. WILLIAM MAUZEY, m'd Minnie Walters, dr. of W. K. (See.) Ch:
 1. Mattie Mauzey. 2. Verdie.
- VI. GEO. MAUZEY, m'd Sept. 22, 1886, Lottie Justus, dr. of Emery Justus and Caroline Collier. Ch:
 1. Mary. 2. Howard. 3. Frank Mauzey. 4. A girl.
- VII. SARAH F. MAUZEY, b. June 13, 1862; d. June 22, 1894; m'd Sept. 10, 1879, Levi P. Cox, son of Levi. Ch:
 1. Mollie Cox. 2. Lucy. 3. Minnie.
 4. Carrie. 5. Mattie. (Twins.)
- VIII. LUCINDA MAUZEY, m'd Jan. 11, 1887, W. F. Fightmaster. Ch:
 1. Bessie. 2. Artie. They have gone to Oklahoma.
- IX. ROBERT MAUZEY, m'd Oct. 25, 1892, Ella Deetz. Ch:
 1. Jacob Mauzey.

May 10—Cincinnatus Lodge, No. 265, I. O. O. F., chartered at Dearborn.

The Cumberland Presbyterian church at Dearborn complete.

May 11—A terrific storm visits Parkville, unroofing several buildings. The *Independent* issues an extra, showing the damage. There were 28 persons killed at Kansas City, and one span of the Missouri River bridge blown down.

May 14—A "mum social" given at the Swain House, Platte City, by the C. W. T. Union.

The *Independent* attacks viciously Assessor James Synnamon's official work, but the *Landmark* successfully responds.

May 20—Isaac Packer's heirs sell their mill to G. V. Hughns, but it is soon burned, and proves a total loss.

Dr. J. Ferrel, W. H. Kimsey, and W. A. Fox have separate articles in the *Landmark* advocating an appropriation for an iron bridge at Gow's Ferry, above Farley. The bridge was built.

Westminster College confers on President J. A. McAfee, of Park College, the degree of D.D.

BENJ. YOCOM

May 25—Benjamin Yocom having died, John W. Page administers. Bond, \$5,000. His wife, Mary, died October 9, 1873, aged 59. They lived in Marshall Township. Ch:

- I. ELIZABETH YOCOM, m'd a Pepper.
- II. SARAH, m'd a Holladay. III. GEO. W. YOCOM (iii).
- IV. JULIA, m'd Sept. 16, 1860, Jas. Kyle.
- V. STEWART YOCOM.
- VI. MARY YOCOM, m'd Pleas. Pepper. (See.)

May 26—ALEXANDER BLACK having died, Jane W. Wilson administered. Bond, \$6,600. Blanche was his widow, and his children: 1, Mary B.; 2, Oliver P.; 3, Thomas S. Black; 4, Reb. J. Black.

May 30—Decoration Day observed in imposing style at Parkville.

JUNE.

GRADUATES.

At Park College: Mac H. Abbott, Lula H. Boyd, Wilh. Davis, Adie M. Ilsey, E. Rosa King, Maggie A. Luthy, Wm. A. McMinn, J. T. McRuer, N. Belle Morgan, Ella Taylor, James T. Wylie.

At the Orphan School: Bettie Christoe, Annie Davidson, Ella Johnson, Emma Morton, Jennie Neill, Etta Brock.

No graduates at Daughters' College.

June 1—L. W. ENDICOTT died near Barry. He married February 23, 1844, Catherine Wilhite. He was born in 1821.

June 5—JOHN OWSLEY died near Camden Point. He was born in Lincoln County, Ky., February 13, 1813. He had a good farm, but never married, and his estate went to non-residents.

June 7—Appropriations made for iron bridges over the Platte, at Smith's Ferry, and over Bee Creek, at Rixey's Mill.

June 8—M. H. Wilson's house, near Camden Point, burned.

June 10—James A. Gustin buys the *Argus* of W. T. Nelson. Mr. Gustin was a young man of spirit and energy, and cast his influence on the side of virtue and religion. He died young and much lamented.

C. F. Chrisman is called out for the Legislature, and J. W. Coots for prosecuting attorney.

June 19—The Methodists of Platte City have a picnic in N. B. Anderson's pasture.

Park College closed its session with 326 students.

June 21—Mrs. Lucinda Cockriel, widow of James, is found

dead with her head in the family spring. John Cotton, a colored boy, is strongly suspected of murdering her. He is indicted, and on trial, in April, 1887, is acquitted.

JAMES COCKRIEL

Came from Virginia to Kentucky, and married Lucinda Srite (above). In 1856 they came West, and located in Preston Township. He died in August, 1859. The family are excellent people, and possess wealth, intelligence, and influence. Ch:

- I. ANDERSON COCKRIEL, m'd Elizabeth Staples, dr. of David. (See.)
- II. MARTIN COCKRIEL. (See.)
- III. MARSHALL COCKRIEL, m'd Oct. 7, 1859, Margaret Fugate. Ch:
 1. *Martha J. Cockriel*, d. Nov. 19, 1890; m'd F. W. Peterson. After her death, Nov. 7, 1893, Mr. Peterson m'd 2d, Ida Chrisman.
 2. *Missouri A. Cockriel*, m'd Jan. 17, 1892, J. W. Heath. Ch: [a] Marshall Heath.
 3. *James Cockriel*, m'd Alice Walters.
 4. *John Cockriel*. 5. *Mary Cockriel*.
 6. *Birdie*. 7. *Robert*. 8. *Minnie*.
- IV. WILLIAM COCKRIEL, b. in Grayson County, Ky., May 15, 1831; m'd in Kentucky in Nov., 1855, Martha J. Bratche. During the war he served in the State militia, and reached the rank of captain. He has a farm and money. He has no children, but has adopted a nephew named William Cockriel, b. in 1879.

June 25—W. M. Paxton is publishing, weekly, in the *Landmark*, poems entitled "Temperance Tracts."

THOMAS LANKFORD.

June 27—Thomas Lankford died. He was born in Jefferson County, Tenn., September 23, 1818; married December 24, 1840, Nannie McClocklin, born in 1820; died May 19, 1890. Ch:

- I. CATHERINE A., m'd April 10, 1880, Aug. Wheeland. (See.)
- II. G. W. LANKFORD, m'd Dec. 23, 1885, Maggie Cain.

JULY.

July 1—Charles B. Kurtz removes to Kansas City and engages in the real estate business.

July 3—Pleasant W. Ellington died at Edgerton.

THE ELLINGTON FAMILY

Were descended from David Ellington, of Kentucky. Four of his children came to Platte, and settled at Ridgely. They were intelligent and zealous Methodists, and were the leading people in Preston Township.

I. PLEASANT ELLINGTON (i), m'd Polly Holland, and came to Ridgely in 1838, became a merchant, and the most enterprising man in the settlement. Ch:

1. *Thos. Jeff Ellington*, m'd a Bartlett in Kentucky.
2. *Richard Ellington*, m'd Jane Colven.
3. *Eliz. A. Ellington*, m'd Chas. K. Powell.
4. *Ann E. Ellington*, m'd March 19, 1846, Rev. John A. Tutt.
5. *Sarah J. Ellington*, m'd Dr. Mock, of Ridgely.
6. *Alpheus Ellington*, m'd March 19, 1844, Tabitha Oldham.
7. *Martha Ellington*, m'd Wm. Dryden.
8. *Virginia Ellington*, m'd 1st, Elder Tutt, and m'd 2d, Dan Dofflemire.
9. *Telitha Ellington*, m'd Wm. Swafford.
10. *Pleasant W. Ellington*, b. March 20, 1818, in Greenup County, Ky.; graduated at Marietta College, and came with his father in 1838; married Armilda Talbott. He was a merchant at Ridgely, and subsequently at Edgerton. He was a man of ability, but bad habits and neglect of business were his ruin. His dr. Ruth Ellington m'd in Feb., 1880, K. B. Cecil (see), and his dr. Sophia m'd 1st, May 2, 1872, John K. Keller. She m'd 2d, Jan. 6, 1892, Jesse Brashear.

II. WILLIAM ELLINGTON, d. July 1, 1866; m'd in Kentucky, Catherine Stewart. Ch:

1. *Elizabeth*, m'd Richard Marsh.
 2. *Newton*, m'd Mary Lott.
 3. *Matthew*.
 4. *Henry*, m'd Mary Hines.
 5. *Mary*, m'd Edw. Marsh.
- All lived near Ridgely.

III. ELIZABETH ELLINGTON, m'd Wm. Newman. (See.)

IV. MELVINA ELLINGTON, m'd Dec. 2, 1842, Samuel Dryden; 2 sons.

July 26—Normal Institute at Camden Point, with large attendance, including 23 lady teachers. They resolved, after full discussion, that no man was qualified to teach who visited saloons.

COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT TO STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

White children in Platte, 5,465; colored, 612. Funds: State, paid \$5,407.05; interest on township and county funds, \$2,224.10; school taxes, \$18,994.77; total, \$26,625.82.

July 27—James N. Burnes nominated by the Democratic Convention at St. Joseph, for Congress, by acclamation.

The Richmond Democratic Senatorial Convention adjourned, after 335 ballots, without nominating. Anderson, Porter, and Sandusky were the candidates.

C. F. Chrisman and T. W. Park are candidates for the Democratic nomination for representative. Park whips Chrisman over the shoulders of Gustin, on the stump, and Gustin scores Park in the *Argus*.

AUGUST.

Aug. 6—J. A. Gamble having been apprehended, after two years, for killing Jeff Cluck, is convicted of manslaughter in the third degree, and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Aug. 9—J. HARVEY WELDON having died, Wm. Reese administers. Bond, \$1,000. He was born in Pennsylvania August 8, 1836. His father was Levi Weldon, and his mother Elizabeth Butler. After spending some years in Illinois, he came to Platte in 1852, and settled between Bean's Lake and the Missouri. He married October 15, 1865, Deborah Dougherty. Ch: 1, Harriet Catherine Weldon, m'd a Yount; 2, George F. Weldon; 3, Samuel M.; 4, William.

Aug. 10—MRS. FANNIE PULLIAM, wife of Rev. L. Pulliam, died at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Platte City, and was buried in our cemetery. She was born August 10, 1844.

MILTON DARNALL.

Milton Darnall died in Colorado. He was a son of Daniel Darnall and Nancy Turpin, and was born in Montgomery County, Ky., October 2, 1809; married June 16, 1832, Mary B. Williams, born in Madison County, Ky., October 5, 1816, daughter of Captain John Williams. They came to Platte in 1853, and settled on Todd's Creek. He was intelligent, just, genial, and generous. an exemplary Baptist, and an enthusiastic Mason. In March, 1873, the family removed to Colorado. Mrs. Darnall still lives at her Western home. Ch:

- I. RICHARD T. DARNALL, b. in Kentucky May 14, 1837; m'd 1st, in May, 1860, Sue Benight. After the birth of four children, she died, and Mr. Darnall m'd 2d, in Georgetown, Ky., May 31, 1871, Kate Nutter, who had one child, and died. Mr. Darnall m'd 3d, Dec. 23, 1884, Mrs. Sarah M. Webb, from whom he was divorced. He married a fourth time, and was again divorced.

When the war broke out, Mr. Darnall was just old enough to be carried away by the enthusiasm in favor of the South; but he soon turned over to the Union side. At the close of the war he entered the political arena, as a Democrat. In 1870 he was chosen county treasurer, re-elected in 1872, and in 1874 was elected to a third term. He was one of the prominent "Ring" men, and was active in starting the Farmers' National Bank, which failed at the time of the Crisp and Sawyer canvas. He was an act

ive partisan in favor of Crisp, in both of his contests. But the "Soreheads" in 1880 were in the ascendancy, and Mr. Darnall removed to Colorado. Returning to Leavenworth, broken in fortune, but not in spirit, he was borne by the great financial boom into Kansas City. There he has been laboring, with varying fortune, and it would be hard to say whether he is wealthy or poor. But he possesses the ability, energy, and cordiality of a successful business man, and he may turn the tide of fortune in his favor. Ch:

1. *Lela Darnall*, is a well educated and lovely woman. She m'd Presley Norton. (See.)
2. *Benight (Bennett)*, m'd Fannie White.
3. *Robert*, is a young man of Kansas City, operating with his father. He m'd March 6, 1888, Cora Newton, dr. of A. J., of Weston.
4. *Charles D. Darnall*, b. Sept. 24, 1865; m'd June 9, 1889, Edith Bliss, b. July 24, 1869. Ch: [^a] Charles B. Darnall, b. Aug. 2, 1891.

By second wife (Kate Nutter):

5. *Sallie Darnall*, b. March 19, 1874.

II. DOC. O. DARNALL, b. June 22, 1841; m'd Dec. 2, 1868, Laura Barbee. dr. of Elias, b. in June, 1847. They live in Colorado. Mr. Darnall is a man of superior culture, and a chaste and spirited writer; and his wife is a handsome and interesting lady. Ch:

1. *Minnie Darnall*. 2. *Mary*, has lately m'd in Colorado.
3. *Sue*. 4. *Johnson Darnall*..

III. ED. B. DARNALL, b. Dec. 26, 1853.

IV. J. M. DARNALL, b. Dec. 20, 1843; m'd Feb. 23, 1869, Elmira De Berry.

V. MILTON C. DARNALL (ii), b. Dec. 26, 1859; m'd Jan. 12, 1887, Marie H. Sendker.

VI. MOLLIE E. DARNALL, b. Jan. 10, 1852; m'd Sept. 2, 1874, S. M. Black, dead.

VII. JOHN DARNALL, gave himself to the "lost cause," and d. March 7, 1862, aged 28.

VIII. SUE A. DARNALL, b. April 2, 1849; d. Dec. 23, 1874; m'd Dec. 9, 1869, P. K. Kirtley. (See.)

Aug. 10—A candidates' picnic at Smithville, addressed by Porter and Sandusky.

Aug. 12—ANNA MARY ENGLEHARDT, wife of Henry D., died near Waldron. She was born in Germany, November 10, 1814, and he in 1801. In 1834 they came to Kentucky, thence to Indiana, and in 1870 settled near Waldron. Their children live in other States.

BRIDGES.

D. T. Polk, bridge commissioner, advertises for proposals to build iron bridges as follows: One at Smith's Ferry, over the Platte, 160-foot span; one at Rixey's Mill, over Bee Creek, 70-foot span; a wooden bridge at Edgerton, 45-foot span; a wooden bridge, 40-foot span, over Bee Creek, but not stated where.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTE.

Representative—Chrisman, 1,629; Park, 979.
 Sheriff—R. W. Pack (no opposition), 2,489.
 Circuit Clerk—Roney, 1,525; Noble, 1,059.
 County Clerk—Blakley, 1,109; Warner, 1,057.
 Probate Judge—Chiles, 1,315; Baker, 1,299.
 Collector—Jenkins, 1,192; Overbeck, 1,003.
 Prosecuting Attorney—Coots, 1,661; Forman, 859.
 Treasurer—Johnston, 1,299; Jack, 1,092.
 Coroner—Lutes (no opposition), 2,323.
 Assessor—Synnamon (no opposition), 2,571.
 County Justice—Waller (no opposition), 2,278.
 County Justice, East District—McComas, 868; Summers.

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County Justice, West District—Shouse, 1,321.

Aug. 20—The Northwestern Missouri Baptist Association in session at Edgerton.

Aug. 27—The fair. R. P. C. Wilson president, and B. F. Whiteley secretary.

Aug. 28—Deposits: Edgerton Bank, \$50,879.12; Wells & Co., \$72,763.79; Norton & Co., \$54,502.84.

Republican Nominees: G. W. Noland for Representative; S. H. Graden for Sheriff; J. W. Magee for Probate Judge; P. Thomas for County Judge at large.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—The Missouri River bridge at Leavenworth has been burned, and trains do not pass.

Sept. 22—MRS. SUSAN ELLET, née Tribble, wife of John Ellet (see), died. She was a daughter of John Tribble (see), and born in 1818. She married, first, in 1835, in Lafayette County, Joseph Todd (ii), came to Platte in 1836, and lived among the Pottawatomie Indians, on the Garrison road, west of the Falls of Platte. After Mr. Todd's death, April 30, 1876, she married, second, April 29, 1884, John Ellet—his third wife.

Sept. 25—Rev. Jacob McEwen succeeds L. Pulliam as the M. E. pastor at Platte City.

Sept. 28—A second Democratic Judicial Convention held at Platte City nominates James Sandusky over T. J. Porter. Unfairness was charged, and Porter runs and is defeated.

Sept. 29—Clinton Cockrill celebrates his golden wedding.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 3—The first number of the *Dearborn News* issued by E. W. Kurk. It lived but a short time.

WASHINGTON SMITH,

Oct. 12—Washington Smith having died, R. Babcock administered. Bond, \$3,000. He married January 26, 1841, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Moore, daughter of John. (See.) She has removed with her family into Waldron. Mr. Smith was a successful farmer, and a social gentleman. He left a good estate for his children:

- I. WILLIAM H. SMITH, d. Aug. 1, 1888; m'd Sophia L. Buene-
man, dr. of John H. (see), b. May 5, 1848. Ch:
1. *W. H. Smith* (ii). 2. *Sophia Smith* (ii).
3. *Rose*. 4. *Ann E*.
- II. GEO. SMITH, dead; m'd Julia Carter. Ch:
1. *Maud*. 2. *Dora*.
- III. ANNIE E. SMITH, dead; m'd Nov. 20, 1865, W. B. Heath;
d. in 1895; a merchant of Waldron. Ch:
1. *Homer Heath*, m'd Maggie M. Graig.
2. *Mima Heath*. 3. *William*.
- IV. JAMES B. SMITH, m'd Feb. 20, 1881, Mary E. Allison.
- V. JOS. A. SMITH, m'd 1st, Lue Serat. He m'd 2d, Georgean
Myers.
- VI. DORA SMITH, m'd March 30, 1881, Jas. L. McClain. Ch:
1. *Saradia McClain*. 2. *Audria*.
- VII. CHARLES W. SMITH.
- VIII. JOHN, m'd Dora Carbaugh, dr. of Dan.
- IX. SALLIE SMITH, m'd May 6, 1896, J. W. Yates.
- X. SOPHIA. XI. ROSA. XII. SERILDA.

Oct. 25—MARTHA J. PATTON died at Tracy. She was born October 11, 1833; m'd January 25, 1854, in Georgia, M. M. Patton. They came immediately to Platte. Children: 1, John P. Patton, m'd Nov. 14, 1877, Laura F. Busey (see); 2, Mary S. Patton, m'd F. M. Jacks (see), divorced; 3, Sarah E. Patton, m'd Wm. Wilkerson; 4, Harriet, m'd G. A. Jackson (see); 5, Robt. M. Patton; 6, Ida, m'd Dec. 23, 1890, Jos. Fulk (see).

ALBERT G. STALLARD.

Albert G. Stallard died. He was born July 13, 1813, a son of David Stallard and Susan Pitt, and married December 31, 1833, in Culpeper County, Va., Sallie Luttrell, born December 23, 1807. Children:

- I. RUSSELL G. STALLARD, b. Sept. 8, 1835.
- II. DAVID R. STALLARD, b. Jan. 17, 1836; president of the Camden Point bank, and a man of good report in financial circles. He married Sept. 14, 1872, Mrs. Mary D. Minor, divorced wife of W. E., and daughter of E. P. Duncan.
- III. ALBERT L. STALLARD, b. Aug. 15, 1837; m'd Dec. 18, 1877, Harriet Elizabeth Humphrey, b. June 13, 1852, dr. of Orlando. (See.) They live in Kansas; 8 children.
- IV. JAMES W. STALLARD, b. May 15, 1841; d. in 1885.
- V. JULIA STALLARD, b. Jan. 14, 1843; m'd R. W. Bywaters. (See.)
- VI. MARCELLUS STALLARD, b. Sept. 14, 1844; m'd Dec. 7, 1876, Isabella Duncan, dr. of J. R.
- VII. SALLIE STALLARD, b. Nov. 30, 1846; m'd in 1876 Jas. L. Justus.
- VIII. FANNIE STALLARD, b. March 31, 1860; m'd in 1875 Jack Pierce.

Oct. 30—The Cumberland Presbyterians are building a church in Linkville.

The county papers and their correspondents are in a muddle over the race between Porter and Sandusky for circuit judge, and bitter words are used.

NOVEMBER.

ELECTION.

State Ticket—Democratic, 2,573; Republican, 811.
 Congressman—J. N. Burnes, 2,302; B. A. Dunn, 925.
 Representative—C. F. Chrisman, 2,544; G. W. Noland, 828.
 Circuit Judge—T. J. Porter, 1,736; J. Sandusky, 1,534.
 Probate Judge—W. P. Chiles, 1,892; J. W. Magee, 1,320.
 Treasurer—C. M. Johnston, 2,815
 Collector—W. T. Jenkins, 2,881.
 County Clerk—J. J. Blakley, 1,941; T. F. Warner, 1,261.
 Prosecuting Attorney—J. W. Coots, 2,896.
 Sheriff—R. W. Pack, 2,558; S. H. Graden, 817.
 County Judge at Large—R. L. Waller, 1,922.
 County Judge—P. Thomas, 1,327.
 County Judge, East District—St. McComas, 1,441.
 County Judge, West District—B. F. Shouse, 1,400.
 Assessor—J. Synnamon, 2,833.
 Coroner—N. Lutes, 2,448; H. Mays, 854.
 W. H. Roney was elected Circuit Clerk. No opposition.

Nov. 1—The vote was against township organization, and against refunding county bonds at 5 per cent.

Nov. 27—The Parkville Bank robbed of \$5,000 by burglars, and the bank pays off depositors and closes.

DR. ED. McDONALD committed suicide at his home, three miles east of Platte City, by shooting himself. He was chief surgeon of General Logan's Cavalry Division, C. S. A. Was born in Georgia November 17, 1833; married May 26, 1870, Amanda Park, daughter of Simpson. (See.)

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—A family of beavers are at work on the dam of Wheeland's (Rixey's) mill, on Bee Creek, and are doing good service by stopping the leaks. They work only at night. Wheeland tries to save them, but they disappear.

W. J. Miller having taken Blakley's store in Platte City, is selling out at auction.

Dec. 24—Christmas tree at the Opera House, Platte City, with literary exercises. The boom is starting at Kansas City.

SARAH MULKEY having died, three miles southeast of Platte City, Jos. Mulkey administered. Bond, \$300. She was a respectable matron, with a small tract of land. I can't name her husband. He died many years ago. Children: 1, Sarah Mulkey (ii), m'd Feb. 10, 1869, Robt. Johnson; 2 John Mulkey, went to Texas; 3, James M. Mulkey, m'd 1st, Nov. 8, 1850, Sarah Perkins; and m'd 2d, Sept. 19, 1852, Reb. House; he lived in Platte City, and kept hotel, and held the office of constable several terms; 4, Mary Mulkey, m'd Oct. 30, 1847, Drury Wallace (see); 5, William Mulkey; 6, Nancy Mulkey, m'd Wm. Armstrong, and they had a son, Alonzo Armstrong; 7, Jos. Mulkey, m'd Lucy Smith.

PREACHERS IN PLATTE FROM 1880 TO 1886.

A. F. Abbott, O. D. Allen (Cum. Pres.), Wm. Allison, Wm. Barnett, R. F. Beavers (M. E.), F. L. Becker (Cath.), Asa N. Bird (Bap.), W. H. Brown, P. J. Burruss, G. L. Black, Jas. R. B. Burris, M. B. Chapman (M. E.), Isaac Chivington, D. Carter, Jerry Clay (Bap.), W. S. Conner, W. A. Crouch (Bap.), P. J. Cullen, J. D. De Berry, E. F. A. Dittman; R. S. Donnell; J. H. Duncan (Chris.), Jas. E. Dunn (Chris.), H. G. Ford, Jas. Froman (Cum. Pres.), E. P. Foster (Pres.), Jas. L. Gilbert, J. C. Given (M. E.), B. J. Guthrie, C. Hafner, Wm. Harris, T. P. Haley (Chris.), C. M. Hawkins (M. E.), C. E. Hedgpeth, M. F. House, N. P. Hotchkiss, H. Hoffman, J. C. Howell, W. W. Howard, R. W. Howerton (M. E.), Thos. Hurst (M. E.), J. A. Hyder (M. E.), W. L. Jermane (Chris.), R. P. Jones, R. H. Jones, H. L. Leeper, J. A. McAfee (Pres.), John Meyer, Jacob McEwen (M. E.), J. R. Madison, L. W. McCormick, C. C. Mitchell, Willie Montjoy (Chris.), J. A. Mueller (Ger. M. E.), J. H. Noman, Geo. W. Norris, Jas. M. Pate, E. M. Palmer (Pres.), J. W. Perkins (Chris.), L. Pulliam (M. E.), L. W. Ramey, John T. Riley,

W. C. Rogers, W. R. Rothwell, T. M. Rucker, A. F. Smith (Chris.), B. H. Smith, Jas. Standiford (Bap.), B. E. Stephens, T. H. Swearngen (M. E.), G. Tanquary (M. E.), J. W. Tate, R. M. Thomas (Bap.), T. R. Valliant (Epis.), J. W. Waller (Chris.), G. B. Waller (Chris.), C. M. Watts (M. E.), Jas. M. Wells (Chris.), W. M. Williams, J. H. Williamson, Walker Woolfolk.

MARRIAGES IN 1886 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

January 13—Charles M. Dougherty married Theresa McClary.

February 18—Frank Amos married Liddie C. Brubeck.

September 2—Albert Johnson married Stella M. Higgins.

September 26—Albert D. Singleton married Lizzie Collier.

September 30—John T. Jackson married Bettie Marsh.

October 3—Jas. McFall married Estella Grunden.

October 3—Jas. T. Roberts married Olivia J. Fulton.

October 5—Philip E. Gill married Carrie B. Lewis.

October 13—John F. Ellis married Lavinia Naylor.

October 19—James A. Allen married Emma Goheen.

November 8—Cal. M. Phelps married Mrs. Catherine Hall.

November 28—I. F. Thomas married Mary Laurance.

December 9—Dan T. Lamar married Georgia English.

December 22—L. F. Montgomery married Dora Lamar.

1887.

OFFICERS.

Governor, J. S. Marmaduke, died December 28, and A. F. Morehouse succeeded; Congressman, I. N. Burnes; State Senator, H. F. Simrall; Representative, C. F. Chrisman; Circuit Judge, James Sandusky; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; County Justices, Waller, McComas, Shouse; Prosecuting Attorney, J. W. Coots; Circuit Clerk, W. H. Roney; County Clerk, J. J. Blakley; Sheriff, R. W. Pack; Collector, W. T. Jenkins; Treasurer, C. M. Johnston; Assessor, James Synnamon; Surveyor, D. T. Polk; Superintendent of Schools, T. C. Monson; Public Administrator, W. C. Wells; Coroner, N. Lutes.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Burnes, Carmack, Coots, Forman, McRuer, Norton, Paxton, Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Coffey, Hollingsworth, Overbeck, Records, Redman.

Merchants, etc.—Anderson, Beaumont (postmaster), Burruss & Collins, Clemings, Colman, Dearing, Ellifrit, Flannery,

Hulett, Johnson, Krause, Kurtz, Mason, Mattox, Meads, Miller, Pack, Pope, Recht, Rohring, Termier, Young, Zarn.

The Fair—R. P. C. Wilson president, B. F. Whiteley secretary.

The Protective Association—D. F. Risk president.

Mayor—J. F. Flannery.

Lodges—Nebraska, No. 12, H. Meads, N. G.

Schools—Daughters' College, F. G. Gaylord president; Public School, E. E. Pumphrey principal.

Banks—Wells & Co., A. R. Jack cashier; W. F. Norton & Co.

Preachers—J. A. D. Hughes (Pres.), Valliant (Epis.), J. McEwen (M. E.), C. A. Buchanan (Bap.), W. L. Jermane (Chris.).

At Weston: Coburn, Hedges & Bowen, Bonifant, Coots, Martin, Price, Shortridge, Simpson, Baker, Breen (postmaster), Bell, Bowman, Brill, Deitz, Doppler, Evans, Haberman, Hartman, Heilman, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Keller, Kenney, Kurtz, Light, McConnell, Magers, Mauch, Newhouse, Noble, Noll, O'Dowd, Ohlhausen, Parr, Raileys, Rentz, Ringo, Rich, Rumpel, Shindler, Shenkner, Siler.

Mayor—J. A. Price.

Lodges—Lodge No. 53, G. M. Doppler, W. M.; Royal Arch, No. 4, H. H. Hodges, H. P.; Commandery No. 2, H. H. Hedges, E. C.; Phoenix, No. 30, B. C. Dix, N. G.

Preachers—C. B. Powens (C. Pres.), J. C. Howell (Chris.), C. Schaaf (Cath.), J. J. Burnett (Bap.), F. Houser (Ger. M. E.).

At Parkville: Bueneman, Coffey, Downs, Ford, Fulton, Freeland, Haynes, Holt, Kahm, Linn (postmaster), Luthy, Mitchell, Moore, Noonan, Ringo, Standard Mills, Summers, Threlkeld, Wood.

Park College—Dr. J. A. McAfee president.

At Camden Point: D. D. Cravens (postmaster), Ewing, Hurst, Herndon, Owens, Parrish, Perrin, Stallard, Stone & Bywaters.

Orphan School—W. Montjoy president.

At Dearborn: Armstrong, Arnold, Bashford & Smith, Doke, Chesnut & Stagner, Ferrel, Johnston, Kurk, Means.

At Edgerton: Beery, Biggerstaff, Cantwell, Clark, Cumberland, Davis, De Armond, Doke, Handley, Jennings, Jones, Kerr, Lampton, Mays, Moore, Pack, Ralston, Scott, Sturgess, Shafer, Wallingford, Wilkerson.

Bank—C. C. Kemper cashier.

Preachers—Jones, Tanquary.

At Farley: Brasfield, Meyer (postmaster), Oliver, Weisse.

Lodges—Fidelity Lodge, W. D. Miller, W. M.

At Hampton: Bledsoe (postmaster).

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: Dr. Barr, Johnson, Link, Staughler, Stafford.

At New Market: Brown, Bryant, Laurance, Leavel, Lowe, Martin, Wilson.

At Ridgely: Chrisman (postmaster), Robinson, Denman.

At Settle: Skillman (postmaster).

At Sugar Creek: Woolson.

At Tracy: Baker, Chinn, Davis, Elgin, Esmond (postmaster), Jones, Perry, Van Fossen.

At Waldron: Ginter, Hawkins, Heath, McCormick, Pettillo. Simpson (postmaster), Waldron.

PRICES.

Cattle, \$4.00; corn, 25 cents; flour, \$1.75; hogs, \$3.50; lard, 6 cents; potatoes, 40 cents; wheat, 60 cents.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—W. C. Wells sells his interest in the Exchange Bank of Wells & Co. and in the Bank of W. F. Norton & Co., and proceeds to erect a spacious vault in his house, on Lot 6, Block 30, Platte City. When all was ready, December 1, 1887, he opens the new bank of "The Banking House of Wells & Co."

The Bank of W. F. Norton & Co. is incorporated, under the name of The Bank of Platte City, and as soon as arrangements are perfected, the bank opens out in the house on Lot 1, Block 29, Platte City, with A. L. Smith cashier.

Henry O. Colman removes his stock of tinware and stoves to Kansas City.

Rev. J. A. D. Hughes reorganizes the Presbyterian Church at Platte City, under the Southern connection, and becomes stated supply, preaching the first and fifth Sabbaths.

Jan. 3—Bank Deposits—Bank of Platte County, \$51,838.06; Bank of Edgerton, \$49,499.20; Exchange Bank of Platte City, \$106,852.30.

Jan 17—W. H. H. BROWN having died, Miranda E. Brown administers. Bond, \$2,500. Ch: 1, Luther Brown; 2, Geo. A.; 3, William H. Brown.

Jan. 21—All the descendants of the late Joseph Loan gather in reunion at the old homestead, three miles east of Platte City.

Submission of a prohibition amendment to the State Constitution is discussed, but the brewers oppose it, and nothing is done.

Jan. 26—Fire at Parkville consumes the three-story brick building belonging to Park College, and known as No. 3.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—Norton Bros. start a bank at Kansas City, which they close in a few years.

The boom is affecting Parkville. Lands and lots are being held at double price.

Feb. 5—The Winner Investment Co. buys a large amount of land in Clay and Platte. Having sent out agents throughout Clay and the eastern part of Platte, they buy options on a large number of farms, for which they now pay in full, and take deeds.

The Missouri is frozen, and wagons are crossing on the ice.

The last grand jury of Platte indicted a lot of gamblers on elections, and the culprits are disgusted.

THE JAIL BURNED.

Feb. 11—About 10 o'clock a. m. the jail was found on fire. from a pipe of the hot-air furnace being too near the woodwork. The brick portion was burned, but the stone or jail part was uninjured. The prisoners were terribly alarmed, but were removed safely. The family of Mr. Pack lost their furniture and clothing. A subscription was raised for them, which nearly paid their damages. The brick walls were found uninjured and the jail was restored for about \$2,000.

CAPTAIN THOMAS HENRY, a former citizen of Platte, died at Kansas City. He was born in Sligo, Ireland, in 1814, and went, in 1828, to Montreal, Canada; he moved thence to New Orleans, La., thence went to Louisville, Ky., thence to St. Joseph, Mo., and opened a dry goods store, and was city collector four years. Thence he came, in 1850, to the vicinity of Parkville. Here he married Mary Brown, daughter of William and sister of Arch. and Adam. Ch: 1, Mary Henry, m'd Chas. Hinkle (see); 2, Frankie Henry, m'd Sept. 10, 1877, Levi A. Link (see), b. Oct. 21, 1847; 3, Susie; 4, Wm. H.; 5, J. C. Henry.

Feb. 20—Burke McComas, born February 20, 1804, celebrates his 83d birthday. He had 90 descendants, of whom 50 were present.

The winter was cold and warm by extremes, the temperature varying from 26 degrees below to 60 degrees above.

MARCH.

THOMAS O. RADER

March 3—Thomas O'Rader died at Platte City. He was born August 15, 1802; married, first, Priscilla Brown, who was the mother of his children. He married, second, Martha Alnut, and married, third, June 19, 1853, Mrs. Gabriella P. Mitchell, née Carroll, mother of Clay and Charles Mitchell (both dead). She still lives in Platte City. Mr. Rader was a carpenter and an exemplary Methodist. Ch:

- I. ELIZABETH RADER, b. in 1828; d. Dec. 2, 1892, in Kansas; m'd July 15, 1847, Orwell C. Horr, b. in Lewis County, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1816; d. in Kansas, Aug. 11, 1888. After a short residence in Illinois, Mr. Horr came to Platte City in the spring of 1840, and in time to attend the first sale of lots in Platte City. Here he engaged in wagon-making. In 1856 he removed to Kansas, and settled at Frankfort.

where he engaged in the mercantile business. He left a son Henry, and other children.

II. JOHN RADER, lives in California.

III. JAMES, lives in Illinois.

IV. WILLIAM T. RADER, b. Feb. 15, 1837; m'd Susan Beckum, a niece of Mrs. Tolly. She was born Nov. 15, 1843. Mr. Rader is a carpenter, and still lives in the vicinity of Platte City. Ch:

1. *John Rader*, b. Aug. 21, 1868.

2. *William*, b. Feb. 12, 1871. 3. *James A. Rader*, b. in 1874.

4. *Jesse*. 5. *Addison*. 6. *Claude*.

V. GEO. RADER, went to California.

VI. P. MALINDA RADER, m'd 1st, Jan. 8, 1871, Wm. Lanzer; 3 children. She m'd 2d, John Hoff; 1 child.

March 20—John T. Owens & Son buy the store of Hurst Bros. in Camden Point.

March 24—T. De Witt Talmage visits Parkville.

March 27—SAMUEL KOKER died in Leavenworth County, Kas. He was born in Ohio July 5, 1833, and came to Platte in 1855, settling south of Platte City. He married March 31, 1859, Malinda E. Campbell. Their daughter, Mollie Koker, married March 18, 1878, Thomas W. Jones, son of Lewis. They have children: 1, Laura Jones; 2, Minnie A. Jones.

APRIL.

April 1—W. A. Bowen elected superintendent of common schools over Monson, by 266 majority.

J. T. McRuer elected mayor of Platte City, C. C. Kemper president of the town board of Edgerton, and J. M. Davidosn of Parkville.

Tracy has plank sidewalks, and the town is growing; but the creamery is a failure. It has been sold to Kansas City men, who fail to make it profitable.

A spirited effort is being made to bore for coal. The sum of \$1,400 is paid up, but the land-owners about Tracy would give no options, and the money was refunded to the subscribers. The land-owners killed the goose that was to lay the golden egg.

April 13—Ben Jacks sells his farm near Barry to the Winner Investment Co. for \$10,000, and buys of M. C. Park his farm on Todd's Creek for \$13,000. Park buys a quarter in Section 2, Township 51, Range 34, and builds a hotel and advertises "Artesian Springs" as a place of summer resort, and its waters as conducive to health. He gets a postoffice, keeps it himself for a few years, and sells the property.

April 20—Simeon H. Bryant at New Market shoots and kills William Grundon. He is convicted of murder and sent to the penitentiary for ten years.

"Richelieu" is performed by the Platte City Dramatic Club.

PHILEMON P. ROBERTSON

April 21—Philemon P. Robertson died in Marshall Township. He possessed intelligence and influence. He married Lydia G. Wilson, who died January 27, 1897. They came, in 1848, from Shelby County, Ky. Ch:

- I. GEORGE ROBERTSON, came to Platte City when a youth, wrote in the clerk's offices, was admitted to the bar, cast his lot with the South, was frightfully wounded. He married in Mississippi, and has there reared a family. He has entered the Baptist ministry. He lives at Utica, Miss.
- II. THOS. ROBERTSON, d., single, Nov. 7, 1880, aged 42.
- III. MATILDA J. ROBERTSON, m'd Sept. 4, 1886, Wm. C. McFarland; 2 children.
- IV. WALTER ROBERTSON, m'd a Pixley. They live in Clinton.
- V. LYDIA A. ROBERTSON, dead; m'd Luther W. Overbeck. (See.)
- VI. EMMA W. ROBERTSON, m'd March 11, 1880, S. A. Scarce, b. March 25, 1845; son of Fleming. Ch:
 1. *Jesse*.
- VII. JOHN ROBERTSON, b. June 22, 1852; d. May 29, 1882; m'd Canie Hart. Ch:
 1. *Chas. C.* 2. *Mattie B.* 3. *Eva A.*
 4. *Paul P. Robertson*.
- VIII. JOSEPH ROBERTSON, lives in Texas.
- IX. FRANK ROBERTSON, m'd Pauline A. Nelson. dr. of Nelson P.
- X. ELLA E. ROBERTSON.

ELKANAH RISK having died, Samuel Risk administers. Bond, \$1,000. He married Deborah Sewell, and was a farmer of Marshall Township. His widow lives. Ch: 1, Samuel Risk. (See.)

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Assessment—Land, \$3,189,062; personalty, \$1,508,392; railroad, \$841,415; making \$5,538,869.

Levy—State, 40 cents; county, \$1.10. Taxes levied, \$64,176.59.

Indebtedness.

Bonds outstanding last year, \$246,000; outstanding now, \$233,800; paid off, \$12,200.

Revenue collected the past year, \$61,164.35; balance last year in treasury, \$6,173.48; making receipts, \$67,337.83; from which take expenditures, \$62,124.90, and \$5,212.93 is left in the treasury.

Expenditures in Detail.

Paupers, \$4,660.16; roads and bridges, \$18,124.08; salaries, \$5,254.58; juries, \$646.47; contingencies, \$1,569.30, making ordinary expenses, \$30,254.59; add bonds paid, \$12,200, and interest, \$19,670.31, and we have a total expenditure of \$62,124.90.

School Moneys Apportioned—State moneys, \$5,203.20; county school fund interest, \$692.41; township fund, \$1,774.92; making \$7,670.53; from taxation, about \$22,000.

May 14—Bank Deposits—Bank of Platte City, \$59,245.04; Edgerton Bank, \$41,041.56; Exchange Bank of Platte City, \$80,174.00.

May 19—T. F. Warner and his son, G. A. Warner, remove to Kansas City.

Since the boom commenced it is said the sales of land in Clay aggregate \$2,837,046.

Ascension Day observed by the Knights of Belt Commandery. Rev. T. B. Barry, of Fort Leavenworth, was orator, and N. B. Anderson was chosen E. C.

May 26—VALENTINE BERNARD died in Platte, near Smithville. He was born in Virginia November 20, 1795, came to Kentucky in 1810, removed to Tennessee, thence, in 1838, to Illinois, and finally to Platte in 1867. In 1816 he married Mary McMillan. She died in 1822, and he married, March 9, 1824, Martha Yates. Some apocryphal stories are told of a visit he made to this county in 1819, and his residence several years at Rialto, trading with Indians. (See Gatewood's "History of Platte," page 540). His last wife was born in North Carolina, June 2, 1799, and died in Platte January 20, 1891. Ch: 1. James M. Bernard, b. May 22, 1828, came to Clay in 1866, and lives in Platte; 2. William, lives at Smithville; 3. Jesse P. Bernard; 4. Robert H., lives in Platte; 5. Mrs. Harriet Sullivan, lives in Platte; 6. Mary Collier; 7. Jos. A. Bernard, dead; m'd Sarah E. McDonald, living; 1 child, Maurice E.

May 29—ELDER JOHN H. DUNOAN died at Ft. Scott. He was born August 20, 1849, educated at Prof. Gaylord's School, and ordained as a minister of the Christian Church. He married April 26, 1877, Maggie Young. He was an active and zealous Christian worker, and much beloved for his Christian charity. He preached one year in Platte City. Memorial services were held here in his honor.

JUNE.

COMMENCEMENT.

Graduates at Daughters' College: Jennie Keenan, Pitt Wilkerson, Clara Zarn.

Graduates at the Orphan School: Montee Burney, Bettie Orr, Frances Ritchie, Grace Zimmermann.

Graduates at Park College: Anna F. Hubbard, Robert Irwin, Chas. A. Leonard, Dora B. Martin, John B. McCuish, Jas. T. McLean, F. D. McRae, Alex. N. O'Brien, Maggie Stoner, Leigh R. Smith, W. P. Thomas, Chas. F. Winchell.

Pobasco Thomas returns to Indiana.

Emory W. Justus issues a small pamphlet of poems.

Seven inmates of Lunatic Asylum No. 2, at St. Joseph, sent from Platte County, are, by order of our county court, brought to our poor-house. The act is generally condemned, and the patients are returned.

June 5—A fine rain after a drouth.

JOSEPHINE ELLIS.

June 6—Josephine Ellis, wife of Dr. Ellis, died near Waldron. Her maiden name was Broadus. She was born in Madison County, Ky., in 1815. The family came west, and settled in Montgomery County, Mo., where, August 20, 1834, she married Dr. Ellis.

THE ELLIS FAMILY.

Benjamin Ellis married in North Carolina, Sarah Cope-land, and removed to Smith County, Tenn., where their son, Dr. Ellis, was born, May 4, 1810. In 1813 the family came to Montgomery County, Mo. They were one of the six first families to settle in that vicinity. Benjamin Ellis, the father, removed to Texas County, Mo., where he died in 1848, aged 97. After his marriage, Dr. Ellis spent two years in Lafayette County, Mo., and in the spring of 1837 came on to Platte, settling near Waldron. He has a large farm, and is an enthusiastic fruit-grower. His orchard consists of 2,000 apple-trees, besides other fruits. He is a man of public spirit, genial and merry, and is a zealous Methodist. November 28, 1893, he married Lavinia Trazelle, from whom he parted. Children of first wife:

- I. SUSANNA ELLIS, m'd S. C. Morrow. (See.)
- II. SALLIE ANN ELLIS, m'd Perry C. Cavener.
- III. SOPHIA ELLIS, m'd Dec. 26, 1861, Jackson Brink.
- IV. JOSEPHINE ELLIS, m'd D. A. McKinzie.
- V. ROBERT, went to De Kalb County.
- VI. BENJ. F. ELLIS, m'd Jan. 8, 1861, Susan E. Moore, dr. of Wm. Ch:
 1. *John Ellis.* 2. *Mary.* 3. *George.*
- VII. WILLIAM, lives in Wyandotte.
- VIII. JOHN W. ELLIS.
- IX. MARY J. ELLIS, m'd Jas. M. Waldron. (See.)

June 8—E. E. Pumphrey is appointed principal of the Platte City Public School.

June 9—The corner-stone of the McKay building of Park College is laid.

June 19—The Local Option law goes into effect, and about half the counties of the State adopt it. There is much excitement in Platte, but the Temperance party are afraid of defeat, and no vote is taken.

JULY.

PROF. HUGH B. TODD

July 8—Prof. Hugh B. Todd died at Franklin, Tenn. He was born in Virginia, June 3, 1809. His wife, Eliza, was born May 15, 1813, and died July 20, 1860. Prof. Todd was born to command, and teaching was his heritage. After teaching successfully in Mount Sterling, Ky., he was appointed, in 1850, the first principal of the Camden Point Female Academy. Here he was successful, but divisions and animosities made his position unpleasant, and in 1857 he built up and opened with great *eclat* Platte City Female Academy. But the war and the death of his faithful wife caused him to give up his place and return to Kentucky. He paid us a visit August 1, 1866. He afterwards taught several schools with success in Kentucky and Tennessee. He married again and a son was born. Prof. Todd was tall, and suave in his address. His voice was always kind, his words pleasant, and his hand generous. He respected the happiness of others, and would give his last dollar to the first call of charity. Hence he was always in pecuniary straits. He was devoted to his scholars, and labored for their advancement. Five hundred noble and accomplished matrons whom he educated, favored, and encouraged will rise up to-day and call him blessed. His failing was that his debts were not promptly paid. But there is perhaps not a man in the county that can bring him in debt, if settlement were made on moral and æsthetic principles. Children by first wife:

I. MOLLIE TODD, m'd W. K. Faulconer. (See.)

II. LAURA TODD, m'd Lieut. Lipscomb, of Tennessee.

III. RUFUS H. TODD.

IV. FRANK TODD, m'd Dec. 6, 1876, Dora H. Owens. He is agent at St. Joseph for the Standard Oil Co.

July 20—J. P. Tucker buys John Gharkey's half of the Parkville *Independent*, and becomes sole owner and editor.

July 26—The Cumberland Presbyterian church at Linkville dedicated.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—Local option is the theme of discussion. The *Argus*, Gustin editor, speaks boldly for it. The *Landmark*, Valliant, is down on local option, but doesn't favor license. The *Chronicle* slyly opposes it, and the *Independent* slyly favors it.

The spring was favorable, and wheat, oats, and hay were good, but drouth in July cut short the corn crop. Watermelons are fine.

Aug. 5—MRS. LENA BANISTER died at Tracy. She was the young and lovely wife of Prof. W. A. Banister, and daughter of J. W. Magee. She was born April 1, 1867.

WILLIAM A. BANISTER

Is a son of Nathaniel Banister, born January 17, 1830, and Louisa Craig, born July 11, 1830, daughter of John Craig, all of Kentucky. The family removed from Nicholas County, Ky., to Ray County, Mo. Wm. A. Banister graduated at Richmond College, June 8, 1876. The father died, and the widow and children removed to Tracy in 1880. Here Wm. A. married, November 28, 1886, Lena Magee, born April 1, 1867; died, childless, August 5, 1887. He served a term as superintendent of city schools for Platte, and, in Cleveland's first administration, was United States examiner of surveys. He has taught in Daughters' College, Platte City Public School, and has had charge of several academies at different times. He is regarded as a superior teacher, and, in some departments, as a genius. He studied law, and was admitted to the bar, but prefers the school-room. The family are mostly in Ray, but Ida, born March 29, 1861, is now teaching in Kansas; and Scota, born October 14, 1876, married February 22, 1894. Joseph A. Clements, and they live in Tracy.

Aug. 8—GENERAL A. W. DONIPHAN died at Richmond, Mo., and is buried at Liberty. We have already noticed him (see), and will now only add his epitaph:

"Colonel commanding the United States troops at the battles of Sacramento and Brazito, in the Mexican War. A member of the Peace Congress of 1861, from Missouri. A lawyer for over fifty years, and a life without reproach."

"General Alexander W. Doniphan, born in Mason County, Ky., July 19, 1808; died at Richmond, Mo., August 8, 1887. An orator, jurist, statesman, soldier, and Christian."

Aug. 10—Joseph E. Sexton's house burned. Loss \$1,000, fully insured.

Aug. 20—Good rains, and much needed.

MRS. MARTHA SHANKLIN died near Linkville. She was born in South Carolina in 1795, and removed to Kentucky, where she married W. G. Shanklin. They removed to Morgan County, Mo., and thence came to Platte in 1847. Mr. Shanklin was a good, quiet, and stay-at-home farmer. Ch: 1, Mary E. Shanklin, m'd Thos. P. Hardesty (see); 2, Nancy F. Shanklin; 3, Robert Shanklin. b. Nov. 30, 1838.

Pack & McRuer open a store in Platte City.

Aug. 31—Bank Deposits—Bank of Edgerton, \$54,870.85; Exchange Bank of Platte City, \$75,359.89.
The fair; bad weather.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—Mrs. Alice Jenkins, widow of Thomas E., removes to Kansas City and opens a boarding-house.

H. C. Radell is running the Platte City Water Mills.

Wheat averages 15 bushels per acre.

The Missouri River bridge at Ft. Leavenworth is undergoing repairs of the damage of the late fire.

Sept. 2—Tournament at the fair grounds. Prof. C. Cowherd is proclaimed the successful champion, and Miss Lou Tatman is chosen queen.

Sam Jones in Plattsburg.

Sept. 16—Presbytery of Upper Missouri meets at Platte City. It embraces 16 churches, with 1,636 members; contributions, \$52,000.

There are three saloons in Platte City.

The *Landmark* bristles with anti-prohibition articles. Beller and Paxton sustain local option. Petitions asking the Legislature to submit a prohibitive amendment of the State Constitution are numerous signed.

NICHOLAS SHAFER.

Nicholas Shafer died near Ridgely. He was a son of John Shafer, and was born in Rockingham County, Va., Feb. 4, 1814. He removed to Ohio in 1835, and there he married, in 1836, Elizabeth A. Beery, daughter of Nicholas. They removed to Indiana in 1838, and in 1842 made their home near Ridgely. He was an agreeable old gentleman, and genial, generous, and hospitable. Children:

I. MARY SHAFER, m'd Albert Conner. They live in Vernon County, Mo. Ch:

1. William Conner. 2. Lizzie. 3. Nicholas. 4. Lou.
5. Waller. 6. Alice.

II. KATE SHAFER, m'd John Aker. He d. in 1885. Ch:

1. Jacob. 2. Albert Aker. 3. John. 4. Jasper.
5. Bettie. Live in Clay.

III. DAVID E. SHAFER, b. Feb. 28, 1847; m'd March 22, 1866. Melissa E. Hurst, dr. of Rev. Thos. Hurst, b. March 23, 1842. Ch:

1. Eva Shafer. 2. Frank. 3. Thomas.

IV. DR. ABRAM SHAFER, b. in 1849. After an academic education he attended the St. Louis Medical School and graduated in 1876. He practiced at Arnold's Station, in Clay, and came to Edgerton in 1882, forming a partnership with

his brother William; both have been highly honored and generally trusted. He m'd Nov. 18, 1886, Mollie Belle Mitchell. Ch:

1. *Lee A.* 2. *Mitchell.*

V. DR. WILLIAM SHAFER, b. in 1852. He attended the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, graduated in 1876, and has since been practicing with his brother Abram; m'd Myrtle Douthat. Ch:

1. *Ella.* 2. *Jane Shafer.* 3. *Allen.* 4. *A babe.*

VI. GEO. C. SHAFER, b. Dec. 17, 1854; m'd March 8, 1878, Lilian M. Duncan, dr. of J. W.; no children.

VII. BETTIE C. SHAFER, d. April 20, 1886; m'd Jan. 25, 1882, Richard W. Yates. Ch:

1. *Junius P.* 2. *Lena Yates.*

Mr. R. W. Yates married, second, March 7, 1892, Lizzie A. Webber.

THE SHAFER FAMILY.

George Shafer was ancestor. His sons:

I. ABRAM SHAFER (i), died unmarried.

II. NICHOLAS (above).

III. JOSEPH SHAFER, m'd Sarah Commit. Ch:

1. *Abe Shafer*, m'd a Bird. 2. *Ann*, m'd Gabriel Hughes.
3. *John.* 4. *Jacob Shafer.* Others in Virginia.

THE YATES FAMILY.

William Yates, of Bourbon County, Ky., had a son William, who was father of the Platte County family. He married Sarah Laffoon. Children:

I. RICHARD W. YATES (above).

II. MOLLIE B. YATES, m'd Jan. 27, 1886, Syl. B. Waller. (See.)

III. ALICE D. YATES, m'd May 5, 1885, C. F. Chrisman (2d wife), b. in Union Co., Ind., May 13, 1830, son of John Chrisman and Elizabeth Withers. He first married in April, 1852, Hannah Crouch, b. Nov. 29, 1829; d. June 30, 1884. After serving in the Mexican War, he settled in 1856 at Ridgely, and engaged in selling goods. When the Civil War broke out, he volunteered in the State Guard, organized under Governor Jackson's call, and was elected captain of Co. G, 5th Mo. After his return, he continued his store at Ridgely, and became postmaster. In 1886 he was nominated by the Democrats, and elected to the Legislature, and two years later reelected. He made a good member and stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens. Modest and urbane in his manners, his words and deportment inspire admiration and confidence. He is now a merchant at Edgerton. Children by his first wife:

1. *Horace Chrisman*, b. in 1854; m'd Mary J. Cochran.
2. *Charles F. Chrisman* (ii), b. in Aug., 1861; m'd Henrietta Snell, dr. of Robert. (See.) She died child-

less, and he m'd 2d, Sept. 23, 1882, Susie Frances Spencer, dr. of Thomas; 5 children.

3. *John Chrisman*, b. in March, 1866; d. Sept. 28, 1889; m'd May 19, 1883, Ida Smith, dr. of Wm. Ch. [a] Nannie.

Children of C. F. Chrisman by his second wife:

4. *Inez*. 5. *Ray Chrisman*.

IV. *CORA L. YATES*, m'd Nov. 26, 1888, John W. Griffith.

V. *MYRTLE M. YATES*, m'd Feb. 25, 1885, Burk McComas (ii).

VI. *CAPPIE C. YATES*. VII. *JACOB*. VIII. *BEULAH*.

IX. *PLATTE*. X. *CLAY*. XI. *GERTIE*.

XII. *WILLIAM YATES*.

Sept. 17—A grand picnic at Artesian Springs.

The town of Dye started by J. A. Gillinger's store being removed there from Iatan. A post-office is started at Dye.

Sept. 23.—The Tracy Dramatic Club perform at the Platte City Opera House.

Sept. 26—A Chautauqua Circle formed at Platte City, and for two years was a great source of interest to a party of youths and maidens, but only the three daughters of W. M. Paxton persevered and received diplomas.

Sept. 30—Mrs. Sallie Colman's house on Lot 6, Block 30, in Platte City burned. Insured. It was occupied by W. E. Burruss.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 5—Local option meeting at Platte City. J. W. Cumberland chairman. The following were enthusiastic for prohibition: A. G. Beller, Bent. Gabbert, J. A. Gustin, Rev. F. M. Kirby, John T. Owens, W. M. Paxton, Rev. John Sliger, J. J. Sturgiss, W. C. Wells, E. O. Waller, J. W. Wilhoit. The meeting adjourned without action to November 7.

President Cleveland at Kansas City.

Oct. 9—Clay County adopts local option by a majority of 894 votes.

Oct. 15—Clinton County votes for local option by a large majority.

Oct. 22—*SIDNEY ESKRIDGE* died four miles southeast of Platte City; born in Westmoreland County, Va., in 1799; married December 26, 1859, Elvira Sprague. Children: 1, John Eskridge (see); 2, James; 3, Elizabeth, m'd David Jones, son of Lewis; 1 child, James T. Jones; 3, Mary L. Eskridge, m'd Feb. 10, 1870, Jas. Adams; 4, Thos. K. Eskridge, b. in Fauquier Co., Va., Sept. 10, 1847; d. in March, 1889; came to Platte in 1856; m'd Nov. 9, 1876, Louisa Bane.

Oct. 27—Benton Gabbert advocates prohibition in the
Argus.

Oct. 29—A County Sunday-school Convention met at Platte City, and reorganized the county, electing Dr. E. McD. Coffey president, Dr. J. A. Baldwin secretary, and Miss Anna Paxton treasurer.

Judge E. H. Norton is strongly urged to run as the Democratic candidate for governor, but declines.

NOVEMBER.

Nor. 4—Elder J. W. Tate drowned near Tourist City, Colo.

Nor. 7—The local option county meeting reconvened at the court-house, B. Gabbert chairman. Deferred action until the Supreme Court of the State, in a case before it, decides on the constitutionality of the Local Option law. The court sustained the law, but in the mean time the temperance enthusiasm abated.

The enforcement of the prohibitive law of Kansas drives to Missouri their thugs and outlaws, who ask us for license at Weston and East Leavenworth, where they can, under our protection, carry on their traffic; and our county court gives them the *egis* of licenses.

Nor. 10—Rev. J. S. Smith, the newly appointed Methodist preacher for Platte City, arrives, and the people "donate" him.

Nor. 14—MRS. MARY E. MILLER, wife of Elliott J. Miller, dies at her home near Settle. She was a daughter of Jesse F. H. Miller, and born in Rappahannock County, Va., September 25, 1833; married in Virginia July 22, 1852, E. J. Miller, born in Rappahannock County, Va., May 15, 1829. He is a son of John Miller, born January 9, 1785, in Culpeper County, Va., and Jane Jackson, born February 9, 1797. He is a brother of the late Captain Warner J. Miller. (See.) Mrs. Mary E. Miller was a small and delicate lady, of sprightly nature and sweet temper. She had no children. Elliott was a clerk in a dry goods store for five years; but, in Missouri, he has devoted his attention to farming. He is a noble specimen of the old Virginia gentleman, deeply interested in Masonry, an ardent Baptist, a true friend, and generous neighbor. Though deaf, and troubled with asthma, he is remarkably social and polite. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Miller married, second, January 3, 1889, Miss Nannie J. Lutes, daughter of Philip. (See.) No children.

Nor. 20—Stephen and Chas. M. Johnston sell their store in Platte City to Swafford & Co., who sell out at cost. Stephen starts a grocery house.

John T. Mason's new and splendid house, a mile west of Platte City, is complete, and he enters it. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Cockrill are to live with him.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—The Banking House of Wells & Co., Wells himself and children being the only partners, is opened as a private bank, on Lot 6, Block 30, Platte City. It is afterwards incorporated, with a nominal capital of \$10,000, and increased to \$50,000.

The Smithville Bank is opened, with Snail president, and Spratt cashier.

NATHANIEL E. WILKINSON.

Dec. 4—Nathaniel E. Wilkinson died at his home in Platte City. He was born in New Kent County, Va., June 11, 1816. In 1827 he removed with his parents to North Alabama, and remained one year; spent another year at Memphis, Tenn.; removed to Indiana, where he lived eight years; went to Cincinnati and spent fifteen months. In 1846 went to St. Louis; came to Weston in 1851, and to Platte City in 1853. In his wanderings he worked at the tinner's trade.

In 1838 Mr. Wilkinson married Sarah Griffin, of Madison, Ind., who after four years died childless. In 1846, in Cincinnati, he married Telitha Brown, who also died without issue, after one year's marriage. In 1848 he married, at St. Louis, Rebecca Francis. She was mother of Nathaniel Wilkinson (ii). She died in Weston, and he married, fourth, B. L. O'Larry, who lived but a short time. His fifth and last marriage was April 24, 1854, to Mrs. Jane E. McLane, widow of Hon. Allen McLane (see), and daughter of Geo. Kay (see). Mr. Wilkinson was tall, handsome, genial, and intelligent. His address was cordial, and his conversation interesting. He was a Methodist, and possessed public spirit and enterprise. The last Mrs. Wilkinson was a lovely woman, born April 3, 1827; died May 31, 1895. Children:

I. NAT. WILKINSON, m'd Oct. 13, 1874, Lydia Phelps. They live in Nodaway Co., and have 2 children.

The last wife's children are:

II. IDA WILKINSON, m'd Feb. 5, 1878, R. J. Mattox. She died, leaving:

1. *Lela M. Mattox.* 2. *James R.*

III. THOS. EDWARD WILKINSON, b. April 25, 1855; m'd Jan. 23, 1884, Bettie Fisher, b. in 1862, dr. of David S. Ch:

1. *Artie B. Wilkinson.*

IV. LIZZIE WILKINSON, m'd May 4, 1892, Jas. C. Soper. Ch:

1. *Genie Soper.*

V. GEORGE WILKINSON, m'd Rhoda Adkins. They live in Weston. Ch:

1. *Lizzie Wilkinson.* 2. *Esther.*

VI. JOIE WILKINSON, a lovely girl, just blooming into noble womanhood.

Dec. 18—A drunken affray in Weston.

Dec. 20—W. M. Paxton issues a second volume of poems, of 454 pages. From the notices of this volume we append a short one from the *Landmark*:

"The new volume of Mr. W. M. Paxton's poems is a remarkable volume, and merits the attention of all lovers of poesy and song. This volume takes a very discursive range in its themes and is distinguished for its lofty sentiments, expressed in the purest diction and adorned with the most beautiful imagery. 'The Sacred Story, from the Agony in the Garden to the Resurrection,' is a grand devotional poem, and will be read and re-read with increasing pleasure. There are a number of other poems which merit particular mention, but space forbids anything like criticism of this admirable volume. In 'A Century Hence' the poet's prophetic vision ranges futurity, and his hopeful muse paints a glowing description of material prosperity and scientific achievement. There are descriptive passages in the 'Legend of the Moaning Falls' hardly surpassed in literature, and in 'Laura's Dream of Naiad-Land' the poet's genius runs riot in a profusion of rich gems.

"The description of the ocean-palace of the Naiad Queen is a fantasy of surprising beauty. Even this exuberant specimen of the poet's fancy is used by him, however, to point a moral and adorn a tale. The author's translation of 'Stabat Mater' in the 'Sacred Story' is one of the most beautifully impressive poems in this volume, and should of itself bring fame to the author. No translation of this hymn we have ever seen near equals this one. A solemn pathos pervades these rythmical stanzas, and brings vividly to the mind the sad scene of the crucifixion. The household poems of this interesting volume, full of purity and truth, are of a high order."

Dec. 25—Christmas trees at the Baptist and the M. and P. churches in Platte City.

MARRIAGES IN 1887 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

- January 10—Thos. F. Lentz married Maggie Boydston.
- February 1—Robt. Y. Smither married Elizabeth J. Miller.
- February 3—Howard Brubeck married Elenora Spratt.
- February 22—Henry Risky married Mary E. Mann.
- February 22—August Ode married Bertha Hettish.
- March 10—Frank Oliver married Mary Smith.
- April 13—John H. Ruffer married Cora Thatcher.
- June 8—J. S. Amos married Flora Shafer.
- June 20—Burt Yerrington married Mrs. Lee Borden.
- October 15—William Petit married Mollie Higgins, daughter of George.
- November 23—W. G. Moore married Lizzie Lutes.
- December 18—Henry Bentz married Annie Haberman.
- December 22—Jefferson Cook married Nannie Williams.

1888.

OFFICERS.

Governor, A. P. Morehouse; Congressman, Jas. N. Burnes; State Senator, H. F. Simrall; Representative, C. F. Chrisman; Circuit Judge, Jas. Sandusky; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; Prosecuting Attorney, J. W. Coots; County Justices, Waller, McComas, Shouse; Circuit Clerk, W. H. Roney; County Clerk, J. J. Blakley; Treasurer, C. M. Johnston; Sheriff, R. W. Pack; Surveyor, D. T. Polk; Collector, W. T. Jenkins; Public Administrator, W. C. Wells; Assessor, J. Synnamon; Superintendent of Schools, W. A. Bowen; Coroner, N. Lutes.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Burnes, Carmack, Coots, McRuer, Norton, Paxton, Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Coffey, Hollingsworth, Overbeck, Records, Redman.

Merchants, etc.—Beaumont (postmaster), Cole, Collins Bros., Colman, Dearing, Elgin, Ellifrit, Hulett, Jenkins, Johnston, Krause, Kurtz, Mason, McComas, Mattox, Meads, Miller, Pack, Radell, Recht, Rohring, Swafford, Termier, Zarn, Zonne.

Fair—Burnes president; Mayor, McRuer.

Lodges—No. 504, J. L. Carmack, W. M.; Commandery No. 9, N. B. Anderson, E. C.; Nebraska, No. 12, A. J. Colman, N. G.

Schools—Public school, E. E. Pumphrey, principal; Daughters' College.

Banks—Exchange Bank, Jack cashier; Bank of Platte City. Smith cashier; Banking House of Wells & Company.

Preachers—C. A. Buchanan (Bap.), J. A. Hughes (Pres.), T. R. Valliant (Eps.), J. S. Smith (M. E.), D. C. O'Howell, Presiding Elder.

Newspapers—The *Argus* (Gustin), the *Landmark* (Valliant).

At Weston: Coburn, Hedges, Coots, Price, Shortridge, Simpson, Baker, Bell, Breen (postmaster), Brill, Deitz, Doppler, Dye, Evans, Gabbert, Haberman, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Keller, Kenney, Kurtz, Light, McConnell, Magers, Mauch, Newhouse, Noble, Noll, O'Dowd, Ohlhausen, Parr, Raileys, Renz, Ringo, Rich, Rumpel, Schindler, Schenkner, Siler.

Mayor—J. A. Price.

Lodges—Lodge No. 53, Jesse Brashear, W. M.; Royal Arch No. 4, J. O. White, H. P.; Commandery No. 2, J. O. White, E. C.; Phoenix, No. 30, H. Hellman, N. G.

Preachers—C. Schaaf (Cath.), J. J. Burnett (Bap.), H. Hauser, (Ger. M. E.), J. S. Smith (M. E.), C. B. Powers (Cum. Pres.).

At Parkville: Mrs. Linn (postmaster), Beller, Bosch, Brightwell, Brown, Bueneman, Coffey, Davidson, Downs, Engleman,

Foley, Ford, Freeland, Fulton, Graden, Hatfield, Haynes, Holt, Johnson, Kahm, Luthy, McAfee, Moore, Nash, Noonan, Patterson, Ringo, Standard Mills, Stone, Stultz, Summers, Tolson, Tucker, Wood, Yates.

Preachers—Tanquary (M. E.).

Newspapers—*Independent*, Tucker editor.

At Camden Point: Cravens (postmaster), Ewing, Herndon, Hardesty, Hamblin, Owens, Parrish, Stallard, Stone.

Orphan School—Montjoy principal.

Preachers—Everett, Moore.

At Dearborn: Armstrong, Arnold, Cropp, Bashford, Ferrel, Johnston, Means, Staggers.

Preachers—C. B. Powers (Cum. Pres.).

At Edgerton: Beery, Breckenridge, Cantwell, Clark, Cumberford, Dearmond, Doke, Hildebrandt, Handley, Kerr, Lamp-ton, Lewis, Mays, Pack, Ralston, Scott, Shafer, Wallingford, Wilkerson.

At Farley: Harrington, Johnson, Meyer (postmaster), Oliver, Spratt.

At Hampton: Bledsoe (postmaster).

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: Dr. Barr, Rev. Froman, Johnson, Lowmiller.

At New Market: Dr. Brown, Bryant, Laurance, Lowe, Wilson.

At Ridgely: Chrisman (postmaster), Dr. Robinson, Deuman.

At Settle: Skillman (postmaster).

At Tracy: Beall, Chinn, Davis, Easeman, Elgin, Fulcher, Jones, Payne, Perry, Van Fossen.

At Waldron: Heath, McCormick, Pettillo, Simpson (postmaster), Dr. Winn.

JANUARY.

COUNTY EXPENDITURES.

Poor and insane	\$ 4,244.72
Roads and bridges	17,444.05
County Attorney (Coburn)	150.00
Sheriff (Pack)	1,371.88
County Clerk (Blakley)	1,659.43
Circuit Clerk (Roney)	477.59
County Justice (Waller)	148.25
County Justice (Shouse)	153.50
County Justice (McComas)	138.80
Treasurer (Johnston)	484.00
County Attorney (Coots)	500.00
Bridge Commissioner (Polk)	257.25
Ex-County Justice (Summers)	18.20
Ex-Treasurer (Jack)	216.00
Ex-County Clerk (Warner)	58.05
School Commissioner (Bowen)	35.00

Assessor (Synnamon)	\$ 324.80
Rebuilding jail	2,983.17
Stationery	302.40
Criminal costs, wood, and jail	1,126.89
County bonds paid, 1887	11,900.00
Interest on bonds	15,071.60
Grand jury witnesses	608.80
Grand jury witnesses	425.15

Total \$60,099.53

Jan. 10—A. R. Baker removes to Colorado.

Jan. 12—Albert Missemer and A. M. Gustin start the *Edgertonian*, 8 pages, 40 columns, at \$1. It failed within twelve months.

A COLD SPELL.

On the 14th the temperature is 14 degrees below zero; 15th, 17 degrees below; 17th, 25 degrees below; 18th and 19th, 25 degrees below. The ice on the Missouri is 18 inches thick, and the largest wagons pass over.

MRS. MARY FULCHER.

Mrs. Mary Fulcher, wife of Jacob Fulcher, and daughter of John Carson, died near Farley. She was born in Tyrone, Ireland, in 1833; married October 19, 1852, Jacob Fulcher, son of Benjamin Fulcher and Maria Clark, and born in Washington County, Va., December 10, 1833. He came to Platte in 1849, and by integrity and industry has prospered. Mrs Fulcher was highly commended. Ch:

- I. BEN W. FULCHER, b. April 2, 1855; m'd Feb. 7, 1881, Fannie Moss, dr. of H. H. (See.)
- II. WILMINA FULCHER, b. Oct. 25, 1856; m'd Jas. O. Johnson, b. in Sept., 1858, son of Lars G. Johnson, who was b. in Sweden Nov. 20, 1824, and came to Platte in 1854. Mr. J. O. Johnson is one of the firm of Fulcher, Johnson & Co., of Platte City.
- III. ALEX. P. FULCHER, b. Sept. 24, 1858; m'd March 27, 1884, Emma A. Turner (see), b. Dec. 26, 1864. Ch:
 1. *Beulah*.
- IV. JACOB M. FULCHER (ii), b. Nov. 11, 1860; m'd Feb. 1, 1891, Emma Meingnot.
- V. ROBT. C. FULCHER, b. Dec. 3, 1864; m'd Sept. 23, 1886, Mollie Moss, dr. of H. H. (See.)
- VI. FANNIE FULCHER, b. Feb. 18, 1871.

During the years 1863 and 1864 Mr. Fulcher served as a corporal in Captain P. Simpson's company of "Pawpaw" militia. He married, second, Mrs. Sarah J. Cochrane, dr. of Jones Chreech. (See.) No children.

Jan. 31—DR. J. D. JONES died at Edgerton. He was born in Fleming County, Ky., in 1823, graduated at Louisville Medical School in 1847, and came to Edgerton and married Lucinda Reed, of Clinton.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—James A. Naylor removes to California, but returns some years later.

Alfred Owens died at Kansas City, and was buried at Smithville. His father,

“OLD” JOHN OWENS,

Built the first house in Liberty, and called it a hotel. Here the first election was held. He removed to Smithville at an early day, and was a companion of Yankee Smith in pioneer days. His children:

- I. HENRY OWENS, m'd Missouri, a dr. of Humphrey (Yankee) Smith.
- II. WILLIAM OWENS, went to Texas; m'd Polly Grooms.
- III. JOHN OWENS, m'd a Hickman, and d. in Idaho.
- IV. MARTHA H. OWENS, m'd Willis Aker.
- V. ELIZABETH OWENS, m'd Ike Brooks, and went to St. Joseph.
- VI. EMELINE OWENS, dead; m'd John Bird. They went to Montana.
- VII. LYDIA OWENS, m'd Samuel Doyle. (See.)
- VIII. SANFORD, d., single, at Kansas City.
- IX. ALFRED OWENS, d. Feb. 1, 1888; m'd Jan. 6, 1857, Lucy B. Silvey, dr. of Darius. She still lives, childless. Alfred was a Knight Templar, and a genial and companionable gentleman.
- X. NICHOLAS OWENS, m'd Sarah Hampton. (But see Sarah Williams, as there is some confusion here.)
- XI. JAMES OWENS, m'd a Foster.

Feb. 16—The *Argus* begins a series of articles, entitled “The Rustler,” which attract attention and elicit discussion. Considering Mr. Gustin's youth and inexperience, he edited an interesting newspaper.

Feb. 17—A leap-year and masquerade party at Ford's Hotel, Parkville.

Feb. 18—CLARK BROWN died in Kansas City, while his home was in Platte, two miles west of Platte City. He was a son of William Brown, who was born in Greenbrier County, Va., in May, 1805. Clark came to this county after the war, and in 1876 was a candidate for treasurer. He married, November 15, 1877, Susan Gibson, who came from Canada. She died January 10, 1883. He married again, and his widow married George W. Spratt. (See.)

Ice broke up in the Platte.

Feb. 24—N. B. Anderson called out for State senator.

Feb. 28—The first train passes over the Leavenworth bridge, after the fire. The wagon traffic commenced two weeks later.

The Chautauqua Literary Circle has interesting exercises for the public, at the Swain Hotel.

MARCH.

March 2—The Platte City Chautauqua Circle celebrates W. M. Paxton's 69th birthday by giving him a pleasant reception at the Swain House. He read a poem entitled "A Plea for Woman."

MILTON VEACH died at New Market, aged 77. His son John Veach married Melvina King, daughter of James A.

March 10—The dam on the Platte River at the falls gave way, and the water above fell two feet. The mill could no longer run, and stood, a resort for tramps, ghosts, owls, and bats, until 1894, when it was removed by Byron Woodson to his farm and reërected as a barn.

March 13—Work commences on the Maple Leaf Railroad between St. Joseph and Beverly.

March 16—Theo. A. Studdard having died, James M. Baker administers. He was a son of

CHARLES STUDDARD

Born February 18, 1804; died October 18, 1890; married Malinda Limeback, who died before him. He was a farmer, residing five miles southeast of Platte City, and was esteemed as a good and honorable citizen. Ch:

- I. THEO. A. STUDDARD, d. in March, 1888; m'd 1st, Nov. 16, 1869, Malinda Sewell, dr. of James. (See.) Ch:
 1. *James O.*
 2. *Charles A. Studdard*, m'd March 13, 1896, Mary E. Porter, dr. of J. F. Theo. A. m'd 2d, Jennie Brewer, who has ch:
 3. *Franklin B. Studdard.*
 - II. AMELIA STUDDARD, m'd Nov. 24, 1859, Garrett Minnear. b. Sept. 13, 1837; d. Aug. 1, 1892. He was a prosperous farmer southeast of Platte City, and an honored citizen. Children:
 1. *William T. Minnear*, b. March 3, 1865; m'd March 4, 1885, Ida Mills, b. April 1, 1866, dr. of Howard. (See.) Ch: [^a] Cleveland W. Minnear; [^b] Eugene F.; [^c] Howard.
 2. *Geo. O. Minnear*, b. Feb. 26, 1869.
 3. *Charles F. Minnear*, b. July 15, 1876.
- James Minnear, a brother of Garrett, lives in Kansas City.

III. AGNES ELIZABETH STUDDARD, m'd Moses Minnear, a brother of Garrett (above).

MAJ. J. W. HARDESTY.

Major J. W. Hardesty died at Camden Point, and was buried at Pleasant Ridge. He was born in Virginia March 27, 1810. He was by turns a merchant, a speculator, banker, western freighter, and farmer, and a gentleman of sound judgment, strict integrity, and unblemished honor. He possessed wealth and enterprise, and was a leader in every scheme of moral and substantial improvement. He came to Weston in 1842, and in 1863 crossed, with his family, overland, to California, and returned by way of New York. His public spirit led him into the financial and educational enterprises of his day. He was president of the Weston Savings Bank, and in April, 1875, was induced to run, unsuccessfully, for sole judge of the county court. He married, first, January 20, 1836, Corilla A. Shelton. She died, childless, February 12, 1838. He then, April 30, 1839, married Emily Wilhite, born August 21, 1821, in Kentucky, a daughter of Eliezer Wilhite. (See.) She died June 2, 1891. Ch:

- I. ROBERT H. HARDESTY, b. April 20, 1843; m'd Jan. 6, 1870, Amelia Francis, dr. of Thos. J., a lady of education and refinement. Ch:

1. *James W.* 2. *Annie.* 3. *Thos. F.*
4. *Emma L. Hardesty.* 5. *Samuel.* 6. *Jesse.*

- II. ELIEZER W. HARDESTY, b. Dec. 25, 1850; m'd 1st, May 10, 1878, Martha B. English; d. in 1885; dr. of Wyley. He received a classical education at Weston, Pleasant Ridge, and Jacksonville, Ill. He is an enterprising farmer and stock-raiser. Ch:

1. *Eva.* 2. *Willard A.* 3. *Jas. C.*

E. W. m'd 2d, in June, 1888, Lou Frazier, b. April 28, 1860. Ch:

4. *Eliezer W. Hardesty* (ii).

- III. JOHN H. HARDESTY, b. Sept. 5, 1853; m'd Feb. 17, 1881, Bertie M. Railey, b. Nov. 18, 1858, dr. of E. W. He was educated at Jacksonville, Ill., and graduated at Spalding's Commercial College, at Kansas City. Ch:

1. *Egbert Hardesty.* 2. *Shortridge.* 3. *Mayo.*

- IV. MEDLEY S. HARDESTY, b. Nov. 28, 1856; m'd Nov. 12, 1889, Lee Perrin, dr. of Wm. F. (See.) He is president of the Bank of Camden Point, and a man of high social standing. Ch:

1. *Lloyd Hardesty.*

March 19—A District Christian Convention at Platte City.

March 21—Amelia Bright, born May 15, 1807, widow of

GEORGE BRIGHT,

Died near Belton, Mo. She was a daughter of John Griffin, and was born in Nelson County, Va. The family came to Anderson County, Ky., where she married, in 1824, George Bright, born in 1801; died April 16, 1859. They came to Platte in 1858. They left 8 children, of whom the following only are of interest to us:

- I. JOSEPHINE BRIGHT, b. July 22, 1841; d. Dec. 19, 1893; m'd Nov. 20, 1861, Richard M. Jacks, son of Thomas, b. Nov. 5, 1835. They live between Barry and Parkville. Mr. Jacks is a tall, handsome, and cordial gentleman. Ch:
 1. *Carrie L. Jacks*, b. Feb. 9, 1863; d. Feb. 7, 1890; m'd M. W. Roberts, of Atchison County, Mo. Ch: [a] Jas. R.; [b] Carrie.
 2. *Lizzie Jacks*, m'd Feb. 24, 1886, Henry H. Johnson, son of David. Ch: [a] Myrtle Johnson.
 3. *William Jacks*, m'd Nettie Jenkins, dr. of Jos.; 3 children.
 4. *John Jacks*. 5. *Amelia*. 6. *Elias B*. 7. *Richard*. 8. *Cammie*.

- II. JOHN L. BRIGHT, b. May 28, 1844; m'd Dec. 28, 1871, Mattie Morrow.

- III. WILLIAM BRIGHT, m'd Dec. 25, 1890, Lollie E. Lowmiller, dr. of Amos B.

John and William Bright were in the Confederate army from 1861 to 1865.

- IV. M. S. BRIGHT, m'd Dec. 30, 1874, Annie C. Dobson, dr. of Ed M. (See.) He lives in South Dakota.

The other children of George Bright are:

- V. SUSAN POWERS. VI. LYDIA TOWSON.
- VII. MARIA STAGGS.

JOHN ELLET.

March 22—John Ellet died three miles west of Platte City. He was a son of William Ellet and Susanna Brink, and was born in Hardin County, Ky., November 22, 1799. There he engaged in milling and cabinet-making. October 12, 1820, he married Margaret Owens. They sold out March 30, 1837, and came with the flood of settlers to Platte, settling $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles northeast of Weston. After 17 years, they removed to a farm $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of New Market. In the spring of 1855 they sold out and removed to the farm on the Platte City and Leavenworth road, where he died. Mr. Ellet was a fine-looking old gentleman, genial in his address, and generous in his disposition. He was an earnest Baptist, and manifested his faith by pure words and generous actions. Ch:

- I. MARTHA ELLET, m'd John Hornbuckle, who d. in Feb., 1851, leaving:

1. *John Hornbuckle*, b. July 29, 1849; killed May 16, 1896, by Stewart.

Martha's third husband is Mr. Ransom, but they live separate.

II. MATILDA ELLET, m'd Feb. 4, 1841, Jarret Todd (ii) (see), b. April 10, 1818; d. at St. Louis, in 1861, in a Federal prison. I often met Jarret Todd in years before the war, in the halls of society and of Masonry. He was a noble-hearted and generous Christian gentleman. Their ch:

1. *Jarret Todd* (iii), who enrolled as an attorney of our bar March 28, 1883, and went to Texas.

After the death of Matilda, Mr. Todd m'd her sister Martha, the widow of John Hornbuckle. Their son:

2. *Jas. W. Todd*, is now an old bachelor.

3. *Matilda Todd*, m'd Feb. 6, 1884, James A. Lober, b. Jan. 15, 1839. (See.)

III. SUSAN ELLET, m'd John Hornbuckle (i), and d. leaving:

1. *Hardin E.* (See.)

John m'd 2d, Martha Ellet.

March 26—GEORGE W. McCONNELL having died, his widow, Margaret J., administers. Bond, \$8,000. Their ch: 1, Melissa F.; 2, Louisa J.; 3, Dora A. McConnell; 4, Ollie; 5, Thos. W.

APRIL.

April 8—Charles M. Johnston, county treasurer, resigns, owing to the discovery of crookedness in office. He is indicted for forgery and embezzlement. To fill his place, Dr. W. J. Overbeck and T. J. Cole are applicants, and each procure long petitions to the governor, who appoints Cole to the office.

April 15—The Bank of Dearborn is organized, with Benton Gabbert as president and E. E. Pumphrey cashier. A commodious brick banking house, with hall above, has been erected.

April 23—Shakespeare's Day observed by the C. W. Mission Society at Platte City, with interesting literary exercises. Mrs. T. W. Park was the moving spirit.

April 26—The city of Parkville was granted a special charter before the war, but forfeited it by neglect. February 4, 1884, it was incorporated as a village, and in 1887 became disincorporated. Application is now made by a petition of 101 names to have their franchises restored, and the town is made a village again.

April 27—W. A. Banister, while teaching a private school for boys in the room over Wells' Banking House, receives notice that he has been appointed an examiner of surveys by the general land office, and at once dismisses his school and goes to Washington, D. C.

The telephone now connects Platte City with Kansas City.

April 30—Bank Deposits—Bank of Platte City, \$59,885.86; Wells' Banking House, \$48,713.02.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Tax Book—Land and lots, \$3,327,620; personalty, \$1,369,158; railroads, \$745,309; total, \$5,442,087.

The Debt.

Total bonded debt May 1, 1887, \$233,800; paid since, \$17,900; leaving debt in 1888, \$215,900.

Receipts and Expenditures.

Cash, May 1, 1887, \$5,212.93; collected since, \$65,768.65; making \$70,981.58.

Paid out, \$64,725.87; cash on hand, \$6,255.71; making \$70,981.58.

The clerk does not give the specific object of expenditures.

May 10—A severe hail storm near Waldron damages wheat. Work on the Maple Leaf Railroad is progressing.

The county court establishes a voting precinct at Dye.

M. C. Park is making valuable improvements at Artesian Springs, and is attracting visitors and boarders.

The *Argus* and *Edgertonian* publish a statement made by John McClain, charging Governor Morehouse with oppressive and corrupt practices as a federal officer during the war.

May 20—Heavy rains.

DANIEL O'CONNER having died, his widow, Florence, administered. Children: 1, Kate O'Conner; 2, James; 3, Mary; 4, Dudley; 5, Ellen O'Conner.

May 22—Rain $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

May 27—The Platte overflows low bottoms.

JUNE.

June 1—This month Cleveland at St. Louis, and Harrison at Chicago, are nominated for the Presidency.

June 12—The whiskyites of Weston are aroused by an officer of the Salvation Army, who denounces the liquor traffic, and he is cruelly treated.

GRADUATES.

At Orphan School: Frankie Barrow, Dora Luckett, Julia Luckett, Lena Titus.

At Park College: Mary B. Barrett, Margaret Best, Hattie L. Brown, Eleanor Chesnut, Walter J. Clark, Lillie B. Dean, Luella Denning, Arthur M. Gunn, Agnes M. Dilley, Mary E. Hayden, Anna E. Henderson, Vernie E. Jones, Mary A. Lane, Emma G. Orr, Emmet W. Rankin, Etta Rankin, Essie B. Spining, Eliz-

abeth J. Templeton, W. C. Templeton, Carrie B. Todd, Viola E. Wynne, John N. Young.

June 25—President Gaylord announces that from age and failing health he is constrained to surrender his position to Mrs. T. W. Park, as President of Daughters' College, and with the assistance of Prof. C. Cowherd the school will be continued.

June 26—McClain's charges against Governor Morehouse call out a reply from a correspondent of the *Landmark*, signing "McKinnis Company" as a pseudonym. The whole Gustin family are pronounced thieves and boodlers, and corrupt practices are charged upon them. Jas. A. Gustin, of the *Argus*, and A. M. Gustin, of the *Edgertonian*, pronounce the charges and insinuations false, and the author a liar. They demand of Valliant the author, and he refuses to give it. Thereupon they charge the authorship upon T. W. Park. The latter makes no response, and the Gustins, finding no satisfaction is accorded them, subside.

Rev. J. S. Smith, the M. E. preacher at Platte City and Weston, in an article in the *Landmark*, sustains with ability the cause of prohibition.

June 30—A special vote of the citizens of Platte City is taken to authorize an additional tax for schools, but the vote is against an increase. The school board aver that they can have no school without the tax, and, in a body, resign. A new board is appointed, with R. P. C. Wilson at its head.

JULY.

July 1—Daniel Thatcher died near Smithville. He was a son of

ELEVEN THATCHER,

Who came from Bourbon County, Ky., and died in Clay County, Mo., February 14, 1871. He married Sabina Hornback, sister of Adam. The family came to Clay in 1826, and settled near Smithville. Eleven was the 11th child of his parents, who numbered rather than named their children. I knew Mr. Thatcher well, from 1841 until his death. He was wealthy, and owned 1,000 acres of good land. He was honored for his sound judgment and integrity of character. Children:

- I. DANIEL THATCHER, b. in Bourbon Co., Ky., Dec. 9, 1820; d. in Platte July 1, 1888; m'd Sarah A. Berryman, dr. of Charles. Ch:
 1. *Minerva Thatcher*, m'd John C. Brasfield. (See.)
 2. *Eleven B. Thatcher* (iii), m'd Jan. 29, 1867, Martha M. Clardy, b. Oct. 16, 1846. Their son Edwin is a banker at Smithville. He m'd May 26, 1896, Jessie M. Lincoln.
 3. *Mary A. (Lou) Thatcher*, m'd Oct. 14, 1875, John W.

Spratt, b. Dec. 29, 1849. Ch: [^a] Minnie. Mary A. died, and John W. married, second, Luta Duncan, daughter of S. T. (Duff).

4. *John W. Thatcher*, m'd Kate Brasfield, dr. of Thos. She died childless, and John W. m'd 2d, Sept. 4, 1874, Sarah A. Kerr.

5. *Thomas J. Thatcher*, m'd Jan. 6, 1886, Birdie Adkins, b. April 23, 1865, dr. of James.

II. JOHN M. THATCHER, b. Aug. 29, 1822; d. Aug. 22, 1892; m'd Dec. 22, 1854, Martha J. Duncan, dr. of Joseph Duncan and Mary Brooks. He was one of the solid and prosperous farmers of Platte. Ch:

1. *Joseph D. Thatcher*, b. Sept. 9, 1856; m'd Fannie Hall, dr. of William.

2. *Eleven Thatcher* (iv), b. March 31, 1857; d. Aug. 14, 1884.

3. *Sabina (Sabie)*, b. April 27, 1860; d. Aug. 8, 1882; m'd Edgar Spratt (see), b. Aug. 30, 1855; d. July 11, 1882.

4. *Bettie Thatcher*, b. Nov. 1, 1862; m'd Leroy Garten.

5. *John Wm. Thatcher*, b. Nov. 18, 1864; m'd Dec. 15, 1887, Lena Kindred.

III. WILLIAM THATCHER, b. in 1834; m'd in 1857 Louisa Lampton. Ch:

1. *William Thatcher*. 2. *Addie L.*

IV. ELEVEN L. THATCHER (ii), b. Nov. 24, 1840; m'd Dec. 16, 1867, Rosa D. Wood, dr. of Lewis J. Ch:

1. *Lewis J.* 2. *James W.*

July 3—The Missouri is 18½ feet above low water.

JOHN S. DAVIS

Died near New Market; born July 11, 1807, in Kentucky; came in 1844 to Platte, and as a justice of the peace was well-known and highly respected for his sound judgment and integrity. I knew him well, and had confidence in his impartiality, firmness, and justice. He married in Indiana in 1830 Margaret Denny. Children:

I. WILLIAM R. DAVIS, m'd Phoebe Crutchfield. (See.)

II. JAMES OLIVER DAVIS, m'd Ann Henley, and went to Kansas.

III. JOHN A. DAVIS, m'd Arena Stockwell; dead. Went to Kansas.

IV. DAVID L. DAVIS, m'd Margaret Carpenter, and went to Kansas.

V. AMELIA ANN DAVIS, m'd Ed. C. Smith. (See.)

VI. REUBEN DAVIS, m'd Jane Miller, dr. of Wm.; 7 children.

VII. THOMAS JEFF. DAVIS, b. April 19, 1840; m'd Aug. 24, 1879, Rachel Doyle. Ch:

1. *Waller Davis*, b. July 31, 1880. 2. *Arthur D.*, b. in 1881.

3. *Barton D. Davis*, b. in 1885.

4. *Mattie G.*, b. in Aug., 1887. 5. *Lora Davis*, b. in 1890.

6. *Thos. J. Davis* (ii), b. March 18, 1894.

VIII. REBECCA DAVIS, m'd John Doyle, son of John; 3 children in Texas.

IX. PHILIP S. DAVIS, b. Oct. 9, 1854; m'd Oct. 4, 1883, Mary Coots, dr. of Patrick, b. in 1857. Ch:

1. *Beulah*, b. Aug. 29, 1885. 2. *Ralph E. Davis*.

3. *Clara*. 4. *Margaret*.

X. ELLA DAVIS, m'd Martin Pennington. Ch:

1. *Eugene*. 2. *Margaret*. 3. *Harry Pennington*.

4. *Edward*. 5. *May*.

July 5—The *Argus* contains W. H. Roney's ode to "Cold Water," which has merit.

The *Argus* is still pouring the vials (tanks) of its wrath on the author of the "McKinnis Company" letter.

July 19—The Democratic Congressional Convention at St. Joseph nominates James N. Burnes.

Jacob Winter's epitaph in the Weston cemetery is: "Born in September, 1812; died in July, 1888." His wife's is: "Elizabeth Winter, born in April, 1807; died in November, 1873."

July 22—Eclipse of the moon—interesting, and generally observed.

AUGUST.

Aug. 2—MRS. ELIZABETH ALEXANDER died at Parkville. Children: 1, Maggie Alexander, d. Oct. 21, 1895; m'd Oct. 18, 1882, E. W. Ringo. He died, and she married, second, Sept. 15, 1892, Geo. Threlkeld. 2, Nettie Alexander, d. Oct. 26, 1895; m'd April 12, 1883, C. F. Bueneman. Ch: [*a*] Jose Bueneman; [*b*] A boy.

Aug. 8—Heavy rains. Picnic at Edgerton.

Aug. 12—Platte River is up, with three feet of water on the turnpike west of the Platte City bridge, and three feet lower than in 1883.

Aug. 15—Julia Ann Humphrey died four miles west of Platte City. She was the wife of Orlando Humphrey.

THE HUMPHREY FAMILY.

Theron Humphrey, a soldier of the War of 1812, married Harriet Miner, born in 1796. They came to Platte in 1850, and settled four miles west of Platte City. Both died in Weston in 1850. The children of Theron and Harriet are:

I. HENRY N. HUMPHREY, b. in 1818; d. in 1884; m'd Mary Favors (dead) in 1884. Ch:

1. *James L. Humphrey*, b. Jan. 8, 1849.
2. *Theron M. Humphrey*, m'd Flora Hunter, of Gentry County.
3. *Preston M. Humphrey*, m'd 1st, Ded. Simmons; 4 children. He lives in Kansas, and has married again.
4. *Ethel Humphrey*, lives in Texas.

II. PRESTON HUMPHREY went to Kansas, and married a Dye.

III. ORLANDO HUMPHREY, b. in Ohio Sept. 27, 1824; came to Platte in 1844; m'd Dec. 7, 1848, Julia Ann Morgan, b. in Indiana April 4, 1830; d. Aug. 15, 1888, dr. of Elijah Morgan. In 1846 Mr. Humphrey went to New Mexico with the United States troops, as a teamster. He is a man of few words, but of sound judgment. He has the largest dairy farm in the county, and supplies Leavenworth with milk, cream, and butter. Ch:

1. *Harriet Elizabeth Humphrey*, b. June 13, 1852; m'd Dec. 18, 1877, A. L. Stallard, b. Aug. 15, 1837. They live in Kansas; 8 children.
2. *Simeon W. Humphrey*, b. Feb. 25, 1855; d. Jan. 27, 1896.
3. *Alma Humphrey*, b. Sept. 22, 1856. She is a lady of intelligence and refinement, a composer of music, and distinguished as a performer.
4. *Jas. Harvey Humphrey*, b. Sept. 25, 1861; m'd April 17, 1889, Emma Schaback, dr. of William. Ch: [a] Ruby; [b] Orlando Humphrey.

James and his brother Simeon have patented a post-hole auger that is received with favor, and has brought them remuneration.

IV. HARRIET E. HUMPHREY (i).

V. ALMA HUMPHREY (i), m'd Gip Wells.

VI. LOIS HUMPHREY, m'd July 1, 1850, Martin Hefferlin.

Aug. 16—Picnic at Linkville.

Aug. 28—The fair was a success—the debt paid. Francis M. Wilson was the champion in the tournament.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 3—Watermelons abundant. W. E. Burruss took to Kansas City 24 weighing 1,320 pounds, or averaging 55 pounds.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION.

Representative—C. F. Chrisman, 1,485; H. H. Hedges, 923.

Sheriff—J. Synnamon, 1,032; B. F. Shouse, 635.

Collector—W. T. Jenkins, 2,419.

Prosecuting Attorney—J. W. Coots, 2,359.

Assessor—W. A. Wilson, 716; J. C. Lindsay, 625; J. W. Harrington, 701.

Treasurer—E. McD. Coffey, 1,329; T. J. Cole, 1,071.

County Justice, East District—S. McComas, 677; H. D. Miller, 428.

County Justice, West District—G. Crutchfield, 740; E. C. Smith, 503.

Surveyor—G. B. Anderson, 1,689; D. T. Polk, 708.

Public Administrator—J. B. Evans, 1,244; J. T. McRuer, 1,135.

Coroner—W. L. Stephens, 2,223.

Sept. 10—The *Edgertonian* no more appears.

J. B. Miller and Artie Meads buy the dry goods store of W. J. Miller in Platte City.

Sept. 18—JACOB SMELSER died near Parkville. He was a son of John Smelser, of Green County, Tenn, and a grandson of Jacob Smelser, who came from Germany. His mother was Catherine Higgins, daughter of Philemon, of Green County, Mo. He was born in Overton County, Tenn, December 24, 1806. He possessed superior native mind, and by culture and experience in teaching he became a scholar. He married, January 26, 1832, Martha Waddell, born October 12, 1812; died in 1879. In the Tennessee militia Mr. Smelser attained the rank of major. In the fall of 1837 he came, with his family, to the vicinity of Parkville, and became the central figure of a little band of Methodist pioneers that worshiped at his house. At the organization of Platte, he was appointed by the county court of Clay a justice of the peace, and continued in office until 1882, when deafness disqualified him for duty. He was a pillar in the church, and of enviable reputation in society. Most of his children went before him to the grave. His daughter, Sarah Catherine, left 4 children. Major Smelser married, second, August 24, 1863, Susan Reynolds.

Sept. 26—W. B. WILHITE having died, J. W. Cox administers. Bond, \$1,500. He married, January 19, 1879, Irene Cox. Ch: 1, Ben F. Wilhite; 2, Burton L.

Sept. 30—Wheat in Chicago goes up suddenly to \$2, and immediately falls back.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—THOMAS JONES, the centenarian, died at his home, 4 miles east of Platte City, in his 104th year. Next to Delany Bowlin (see), Thomas Jones was the oldest person that ever died in Platte. He was born in Albemarle County, Va., December 3, 1784. His parents were John Jones and Polly Shackelford. In the War of 1812 he was a soldier in Captain Grimes' company, 4th Regiment, Virginia Infantry, serving for six months on the James River. From 1871 to the day of his death he drew a pension at the rate of \$8 per month. He came to Platte in 1840.

He first married Betsy Brewster. Of the six children born to her, only W. S. Jones, of Oregon, survives. His second wife was Rachel Kimsey, née Townsend. She died January 19, 1873, childless. Mr. Jones lived single his remaining years, receiving the kind attention of friends, who took as compensation the rent of 80 acres of land that he owned. Six years before his death he remarked to me: "I know I can live but a few more years, or months. I have joined the Methodist Church, and am trying to be prepared for my Lord's coming. I live easy. My heirs are Wm. S. Jones, of Oregon, and the nine children of my deceased daughter, Mrs. Nancy Haynes De Witt. I have made my will, and await God's summons. Old age has gone kindly with me, and I have been well taken care of in my decrepitude. When young I was uncommonly active, but now have to hobble about with a crutch. I am nearly blind." He was buried beside his last wife, in Platte City cemetery.

The new bank building at Parkville is complete.

The cemetery fund, arising from the sale of burial lots in Platte City, amounts to \$1,100. This is loaned out, and the interest only is expended.

Oct. 2—John W. Coots, prosecuting attorney, started to St. Louis with, as he supposed, \$210,000 of county bonds in his satchel, to exchange for old bonds, but found, on arrival, that his satchel was empty. Believing he was robbed, he gave out the facts to reporters and the police, creating a sensation throughout the world. But on telegraphing home he learned that the bonds were safe, and had not been put in his satchel. It was the occasion of much merriment.

The Parkville board of town trustees proceed to work under their new village charter. They elect S. H. Graden president, pass a code of ordinances, and grade their streets.

Oct. 3—E. E. Kimball, Republican candidate for governor, speaks at Platte City.

Oct. 6—Belt Commandery, No. 9, is incorporated.

Oct. 11—The *Argus* gives a column to the Republicans, and sells a column to the Prohibitionists. The latter is edited by W. M. Paxton.

H. Meads and A. Kurtz have made arrangements to start a Republican paper at Platte City, and to issue the *Republican*. The first number is dated October 12th.

Oct. 13—Governor T. T. Crittenden speaks at Platte City.

Oct. 20—Colonel R. P. Wood sells his Parkville residence to E. V. Prather, and goes to Bulkow; but he soon returns.

Oct. 23—Vest and Burnes speak at Platte City.

NOVEMBER.

ELECTION.

President—Cleveland, 2,727; Harrison, 1,010.

Senator—N. B. Anderson, 2,751.

Representative—C. F. Chrisman, 2,700; B. F. Whiteley, 1,064.

Sheriff—J. Synnamon, 2,609; S. McComas, 1,141.

Collector—W. T. Jenkins, 2,763; Hoskins, 1,012.

Prosecuting Attorney—J. W. Coots, 2,737; Mason, 1,017.

County Justice, West District—G. Crutchfield, 1,396; J. W. Magee, 464.

County Justice, East District—Steve McComas, 1,295; J. R. Clements, 586.

Treasurer—E. McD. Coffey, 2,735; H. Meads, 1,009.

Assessor—W. A. Wilson, 2,744; Shields, 1,027.

Surveyor—G. B. Anderson, 2,646; Tibbals, 1,014.

Presidential Vote.

	State.	U. S.
Cleveland (Democrat)	261,957	5,538,560
Harrison (Republican)	236,325	5,441,902
Fisk (Prohibitionist)	4,954	249,937
Streeter (Labor)	15,853	147,521

The Park Bank, at Parkville, opens, with A. J. Hamilton cashier.

S. H. Graden & Co. buy the Red Cross or Standard Mills at Parkville.

Nov. 8—Judge Noah Beery dies in Preston Township.

THE BEERY FAMILY.

John Beery married Margaret Shafer in Virginia, and removed to Fairfield County, Ohio, about 1805. Two of his sons, Nicholas and Noah, came to this county, and shall have our attention. There were seven other children who did not come to Platte.

NICHOLAS BEERY (i)

Was born in Virginia and removed to Ohio, and there married Mary Sites. They came to Platte in 1842, and removed hence to Iowa, peopling two States with their posterity. Ch:

I. ELIJAH BEERY, m'd his cousin, Fannie Beery, in Ohio, and remained there; 4 children.

II. DELILAH BEERY, b. in 1812; d. in 1894, in Iowa; m'd in Iowa, John Beatty. Ch:

1. *Jas. H. Beery*, was a federal judge in Utah.

2. *John*. 3. *Annie*, lived in Iowa.

4. *Edward*, lived in Arkansas.

III. JOHN A. BEERY, b. Aug. 6, 1816; d. March 30, 1896. He lived in Preston Township, and was a man of ability. He was at one time a deputy county collector, and served sev-

eral terms a justice of the peace. He married, in Ohio, Mary A. Crook, and came to Platte with his father. Ch:

1. *Geo. Beery*. (See.)
2. *Elcilda Beery*, m'd W. R. Brasfield.
3. *William H. Beery*, went to Colorado.
4. *J. Taylor*, m'd Nettie Cochran, dr. of James.
5. *W. Scott Beery*, m'd Jan. 26, 1871, Kate Jenkins.
6. *Charles C. Beery*, m'd Nannie Kern.
7. *Mary Ellen*, m'd Harry Kelly.

IV. PETER S. BEERY, m'd Susanna Snyder, sister of A. J. Ch:

1. *A. J. Beery*, m'd 1st, May 5, 1878, Mary A. Hunter. He m'd 2d, Dec. 15, 1885, Em. Blankenship.
2. *Noah Beery* (ii), m'd June 1, 1879, Margaret Fitzgerald. They live in Kansas City.
3. *Nicholas Beery*, is a saloon-keeper in Platte City. He m'd Jan. 1, 1891, Ella Hartman.
4. *Maggie Beery*, m'd Aug. 5, 1880, Samuel Moore.

V. ELIZABETH BEERY, m'd Nicholas Shafer. (See.)

VI. JEREMIAH BEERY, b. July 4, 1823, in Fairfield County, Ohio, and came with his father in 1842; m'd Mary Jane Hornback, and settled in Platte City, where Mr. Beery engaged in the blacksmith's trade. He has been a justice of the peace for thirty continuous years, three times mayor of Platte City, a constable one term, and is a Knight Templar. He has, since 1875, been tyler of the various Masonic orders in Platte City. Ch:

1. *Carrie Beery*, b. Oct. 2, 1861; m'd April 18, 1881, W. T. Nelson.
2. *Robert L. Beery*.

VII. NOAH W. BEERY. (See.)

VIII. SETH L. BEERY, m'd Marinda Filbert.

IX. MARY BEERY, dead; m'd Chas. Filbert; no children.

II. JUDGE NOAH BEERY

Was the other son of Nicholas Beery (i) who came to Platte. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, September 14, 1806, and died in Platte November 8, 1888. He married, first, Elizabeth Rader, aunt of George Rader, and she was mother of all his children. He was a tall, dignified, and courteous gentleman. He denounced secession during the war, and, as a Union man, was elected to the county bench in 1868. He was handsome in person and refined in manners, and was highly esteemed for his intelligence and integrity. Ch:

I. NICHOLAS BEERY (iii), went to Montana.

II. MAGGIE A. BEERY, m'd Nov. 3, 1864. A. P. Masterson, b. April 10, 1845.

III. HANNAH C. BEERY, m'd Feb. 18, 1858, Andrew J. Snider. He now resides in Kansas City. He went to California, and was successful, returning wealthy. He has engaged

in many enterprises, and is now trading in live stock. He purchased lately one-half the Shoe-bar ranch of 460,000 acres in Texas. He is regarded as one of the solid men of Kansas City. His only child is Chester Snider.

IV. SALLIE BEERY, m'd Jas. R. Shackelford. (See.)

V. RICHARD W. (DICK) BEERY, m'd Nannie Scott, dr. of Wash. (See.) Ch:

1. *Mollie*. 2. *Sidney*. 3. *Catherine*.

VI. ELIZABETH BEERY, m'd Lyon Shackelford. Ch:

1. *Catherine*. 2. *Archie*. 3. *Winfield*. 4. *Noah*.

5. *James*. 6. *Mary Shackelford*. 7. *Amos*. 8. *Jesse*.

9. *David* (ii). 10. *Sallie*.

VII. JOHN A. BEERY (ii), m'd Ruth Standiford.

VIII. DAVID A. BEERY, m'd Mattie Conway.

Judge Noah Beery married, second, March 1, 1870, Mrs. Susanna Smith. She is handsome, intelligent, and wealthy.

Nov. 14—Peter E. Miller fell dead at his home, 4 miles north of Platte City.

THE MILLER FAMILY.

Three brothers came to Platte among the early settlers, Samuel, Lewis, and Jacob. The last died single, and we will notice the two others. They were natives of Green County, Ky.

SAMUEL MILLER

Died in June, 1860, at his home in Marshall Township. He married in Marion County, Ky., Elizabeth Jones. They came in 1840. He was a good farmer, and left a considerable estate for his children:

I. JOHN MILLER, m'd an Anderson, and went to Andrew County.

II. RACHEL MILLER, m'd Geo. Scott, of De Kalb County.

III. CATHERINE MILLER, m'd Fielding Shaw.

IV. DEBORAH MILLER, m'd William Landers, and went to Andrew County.

V. WILLIAM, died near Edgerton, in April, 1891. Ch:

1. *Jonathan Miller*, m'd Louisa Foley.

2. *Mary Elizabeth Miller*, m'd Dec. 20, 1870, Israel McComas, son of Burke. (See.)

3. *Isaac Samuel Miller*, of Edgerton, m'd Feb. 10, 1869, Melvina E. McComas. (See.) Ch: [^a] Nancy; [^b] Cora, m'd June 17, 1896, I. B. Handley; [^c] Chas. Miller; [^d] Burke; [^e] William.

4. *Luke Miller* (see), m'd Laura McComas, dr. of Elisha. Ch: [^a] Zelma; [^b] Artie.

5. *Jesse Miller*, m'd Rhoda Ring.

VI. S. MARION MILLER, b. Aug. 20, 1827; m'd May 21, 1855, Lizzie Furnish; d. March 27, 1869. Ch:

1. *Jonathan Miller*, m'd Dec. 19, 1881, Emma Gabbert, dr. of Michael.

2. *Anne F.*, m'd April 14, 1877, a Wells. 3. *Milton*.
4. *Wm. Miller*, m'd Nov. 3, 1886.
5. *Samuel M. Miller*, b. in 1866; d. Sept. 28, 1895; m'd March 25, 1893, Annie Throckmorton.
6. *John W. Miller*, m'd Jan. 28, 1889, Ella E. Pence, dr. of James. (See.)

Mr. S. Marion Miller m'd 2d, Jan. 10, 1871, Orleana Cooper, and had ch:

7. *Isabella (Belle)*, m'd Dec. 1, 1896, Fred W. Magers.
8. *Luther*. 9. *Geo. Miller*.

VII. JONATHAN MILLER (i), m'd July 25, 1849, Mary Elizabeth Miller, his cousin, and dr. of Lewis. Ch:

1. *Elenora Miller*, m'd Zachary Foley. Ch: [^a] Charles; [^b] Ollie; [^c] Guy; [^d] Hugh; [^e] Luella.
2. *Ida Miller*, m'd Albert Burnett, dead. Ch: [^a] Myrtle; [^b] William; [^c] Annie.
3. *Agnes Miller*, m'd Hugh Collins (2d wife). Ch: [^a] Lula; [^b] Charles Collins; [^c] Lee Collins; [^d] Haddie; [^e] David.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth m'd 2d, Aug. 15, 1871, Josiah V. Colley, dead. Ch:

1. *Robert A. Colley*, d. Oct. 25, 1894. 2. *Jas. W. Colley*.

Mrs. Colley m'd 3d, March 25, 1889, Laf. Mauzey, and was divorced.

II. LEWIS MILLER

Was a genial companion, and a prosperous and managing farmer. He died in 1872; married Agnes Anderson. Ch:

I. ELIZA MILLER, m'd Jas. Durham. They left:

1. *William*. 2. *James Durham* (ii). 3. *Martha*. 4. *Mary*.

II. NANCY MILLER, m'd Wm. Willis. They live in Wallace; children.

III. DAVID ANDERSON MILLER, b. in Marion County, Ky., Dec. 10, 1820; d. April 29, 1892; m'd 1st, Jan. 12, 1843, Susan J. Harrington, a sister of Miles. She d. in Nov., 1883, leaving:

1. *John L. Miller*, b. Dec. 3, 1844; m'd Oct. 6, 1865, Anice Rice, dr. of Chas. (See.)
2. *Harmon D. Miller*, m'd Dec. 3, 1873, America R. Rule, who died, leaving: [^a] Wallace Miller; [^b] Garret. Harmon D. m'd 2d, May 2, 1881, Susan A. Todd (Morgan). See.) He is a man of good, hard sense and sound judgment. He served two terms, 1890 and 1892, on the county bench.
3. *Laura Miller*, m'd Aug. 28, 1873, James R. Rice, son of Charles. (See.) She died, leaving: [^a] Edith, m'd Jan. 1, 1896, J. S. Hoover; [^b] Charles; [^c] Flora Rice. Mr. Rice m'd 2d, March 25, 1890, Martha A. Waller, dr. of Absalom.

4. *Mary Miller*, m'd Nov. 11, 1875, Chas. H. Settle. (See.)
5. *James M. Miller*, m'd March 26, 1885, Anna Ford.
6. *Alfred A. Miller*, m'd Nov. 6, 1890, Electa Nichols, dr. of Samuel.

Mr. D. A. Miller m'd 2d, Jan. 29, 1884, Mrs. Sallie Walters, née Offutt. From her he was divorced, and he m'd 3d, Mrs. Melissa Ida Nichols, née Fulton, and widow of Samuel. She still lives. She is mother of Alf. A. Miller's wife.

IV. EMELINE MILLER, m'd May 3, 1838, Sim. B. Herndon, b. in 1818; d. Sept. 14, 1895. They celebrated their golden wedding. They lived four miles east of Platte City. Ch:

1. *Mary Herndon*, m'd H. G. Farmer. (See.)
2. *Miranda Herndon*, m'd Pinkey Lutes.
3. *Lewis Herndon*, m'd Sallie Farmer.
4. *Joseph*, m'd Zodie Rule.
5. *Eliza Herndon*, m'd in 1874, Harrison Collins, b. Nov. 30, 1853. Ch: [a] Clay; [b] Carrie; [c] Mary; [d] William; [e] Effie; [f] Lora; [g] Ella.
6. *Emma Herndon*, m'd Harry A. Golden.
7. *Fannie Herndon*, m'd Jos. W. Kimsey. (See.)
8. *Maggie Herndon*, m'd Burke Edwards. (See.)
9. *William A. Herndon*. 10. *Effie*. 11. *Lola*. 12. *Ella*.

V. JOHN P. MILLER, b. July 4, 1827; m'd Emily Settle. Ch:

1. *William L. Miller*, m'd Reb. Gaines, dr. of Orange. (See.)
2. *Geo. A. Miller*, b. Sept. 29, 1851; m'd Oct. 19, 1876, Elizabeth Stafford, b. in 1849; dr. of Ralph. (See.) Ch: [a] Ralph (ii), b. Oct. 7, 1878; [b] Annie, b. Nov. 18, 1882; [c] Reynolds, b. May 15, 1884.
3. *Annie Miller*, m'd Samuel Vaughn, son of Caswell. She died, leaving: [a] William Vaughn; [b] Alvin; [c] Elmer.
4. *Peter A. Miller*, m'd Sept. 27, 1890, Alice Ferguson, dr. of Josiah; no children.
5. *Benj. F. Miller*, b. Sept. 8, 1869; m'd Aug. 6, 1887, Lula Grable; d. March 6, 1894. Ch: [a] Georgean, b. in 1889; [b] James, b. in 1891. He m'd 2d, Feb. 12, 1896, Amanda Price, dr. of James W.

Mr. J. P. Miller served four years in the Confederate army under Generals Price and Lee. He now lives in Dearborn. He married, second, March 5, 1852, Mrs. Julia Bywaters, née Fletcher, widow of Robert Bywaters.

VI. PETER E. MILLER, m'd Rosena M. Overbeck. (See.)

VII. WILLIAM J. MILLER, d. in Arkansas Nov. 20, 1877; m'd April 20, 1863, Annie Brady, yet living in Platte City. Ch:

1. *John V. Miller*, b. Aug. 15, 1866. Has gone West.
2. *Mattie Miller*, m'd June 30, 1888, Henry C. Moore, b. May 15, 1870. Ch: [a] Berenice.

3. *Mildred Miller*, m'd March 3, 1893, Rev. Lee Harrel, of the Baptist Church; b. April 13, 1860. Ch: [a] Chastain G. Harrel, b. March 13, 1894.

The mother of Mrs. Annie Miller is Mrs. Mildred Brady, widow of Capt. John C. Brady, of the Mexican War. She was born in Virginia January 8, 1819; died July 31, 1896. She enjoyed a pension. Capt. Brady was born in 1811.

- VIII. AMANDA MILLER, m'd in 1852 Jas. D. Barbee. (See.)

- IX. LUE A. MILLER, b. in Jan., 1837; m'd Jan. 11, 1855, Charles Kitchen. (See.)

- X. MARY ELIZABETH MILLER, m'd Jonathan M. Miller. (See.)

- XI. JAMES L. MILLER, m'd Mary S. Rice. (See.)

Nov. 15—Thos. J. Cole sells his hardware store in Platte City to Pope & Dye.

Crops of all kinds good. The new Union Depot at Kansas City finished.

HENRY COLMAN.

Nov. 27—Henry Colman died at Platte City. He was born in Sheffield, England, December 31, 1799—the last day of the last month of the last year of the last century. His father, Thomas Colman, brought his family to America, and settled near Pittsburgh, Pa., where young Henry was educated, and learned the tinner's trade. When he attained his majority, he went to St. Louis, and thence to Old Franklin in 1826. Here November 17, 1831, he married Elizabeth Hayter, born in Tennessee November 30, 1813, daughter of James and Sarah Hayter. She survived until July 16, 1891, when she died, and was buried beside her husband. She came to Howard County, Mo., in 1817. After marriage they came to Clay County and in 1847 removed to Weston. After engaging in several mercantile enterprises, and filling the office of mayor in Weston, Mr. Colman spent a short time in Texas, and then settled for life at Platte City. At the close of the war he held the responsible place of commissioner of registration. During his latter years he was blind. The family were Methodists. Children:

- I. ANNE COLMAN, m'd in Texas C. C. Poole, and has children.

- II. DEBORAH COLMAN, m'd March 14, 1866, Benj. E. Perry, b. Feb. 21, 1840; d. June 11, 1892; came from Maryland in 1856; possessed uncommon energy and perseverance, and was engaged in many enterprises. Ch:

1. *Thos. H. Perry*, now a butcher at Platte City; m'd Dec. 24, 1888, Emma Cook, dr. of W. H.

2. *Lizzie J. Perry*.

Mrs. Deborah Perry is yet in the prime of health and loveliness, and is keeping the Perry House in Platte City.

- III. MARY E. COLMAN, m'd July 9, 1848, Hon. Geo. W. Belt. She was his first wife, and mother of

1. *Mary E. Belt*, m'd June 22, 1874, John T. Murray. They separated, and both have married again.
 2. *Florence Belt*, m'd May 8, 1867, John W. Brady, son of John C. Brady. They live in Texas.
- IV. THOMAS H. COLMAN, m'd Sallie Oldham. (See.)
 V. AND. J. COLMAN, m'd Almira Collins. (See.)
 VI. JOHN COLMAN is a zealous and exemplary member of the Baptist Church. Never has married.
 VII. JANE COLMAN, m'd Marion P. Collins. (See.) |
 VIII. CASSIE COLMAN is a pious and active member of the Methodist Church. She is living with her brother, Henry C., in Kansas City.
 IX. HENRY C. COLMAN, a tinner by trade, kept stores at different times in Platte City, Tracy, and Kansas City. He is now on the Kansas City police force. He m'd Nov. 28, 1871, Miriam Myles, dr. of James. (See.) They have several children.

A LIST OF THE LARGE LAND OWNERS IN PLATTE.

J. C. Alderson, 620 acres; J. O. Abbott, 680; B. F. Boydston, 770; B. W. Bailey, 550; Jas. N. Boydston, 780; F. Burnes, 530; K. B. Cecil, 550; W. Chesnut, 880; J. H. Childs, 550; Jos. Clarke, 680; F. G. Cockrill's heirs, 500; W. M. Couch, 1,500; C. Cockrill, 1,430; D. K. Cox, 520; J. B. Cox, 610; Jas. Drais, 920; J. R. Duncan, 980; T. N. Dunagan, 580; L. Fleshman, 580; D. J. Fouts, 550; W. J. Fulton, 1,150; Wm. Gabbert, 470; E. P. Hutson & Bros., 750; J. H. Jones, 560; Jas. A. Naylor, 730; N. Side L. & M. Co., 1,420; Peyton Newman, 600; E. H. Norton, 1,000; W. F. Olvis, 860; Wm. Osborn, 550; Simp. Park, 680; Park College, 680; W. F. Perrin, 540; Reese & Downey, 980; J. R. Rice, 530; Sid. Risk's heirs, 700; R. L. Waller, 660; Abner Whiteley, 3,400.

DECEMBER.

NELSON P. NELSON.

Dec. 1—Nelson P. Nelson having died, his widow, Enger T. Nelson, administered. Bond, \$50,000. He was born February 27, 1828, in Norway, and came to America in 1846. He was a son of Peter Nelson, and married in 1858 Enger T. Hoverson, a Norwegian. They settled near New Market. The family, after his death, removed to St. Joseph, and are wealthy. Children:

- I. KATE S. NELSON, m'd Feb. 14, 1878, Harry A. Cox, b. in 1852; 4 children.
- II. CORA A. NELSON. III. PAULINE A., m'd Frank Robertson. (See.)
- IV. LEANORA NELSON and Clara were teachers.
- V. CLARA, m'd in 1894 C. H. Hillix, son of W. W. (See.)
- VI. GEO. A. NELSON. VII. LAURA C.
- VIII. PEARL (NINA). IX. LEROY P.

The people of Weston subscribed \$4,000 to bore for coal, but did nothing further.

Dec. 5—Thomas Jacks died at his home north of Parkville. Richard Jacks was the ancestor of

THE JACKS FAMILY

of Platte. He was born in 1772, and died March 14, 1841. He married in Kentucky Sophia Barnes, daughter of Eli. She died April 11, 1878. The family came to Howard County, Mo., in 1817, and were among the earliest settlers of the Boonslick country. They continued with the advance guard of civilization, and reached Clay County in 1821. They selected claims in Platte in 1835; and in 1837, immediately after the Indian treaty was ratified, the family, now quite large, settled on choice claims on the eastern border of the county. The family consisted of Richard (i), the father, Sophia, the mother, and the following children: 1. Thomas Jacks, m'd Cynthia Martin; 2. Elias B. Jacks, m'd Polly Warden; 3. Richard M. Jacks, m'd Annie Powell; 4. Sophia (ii) Jacks, m'd Samuel Harris; 5. Rebecca Jacks, m'd John Childers; 6. Senie Jacks, m'd Aaron Cox, son of John; 7. Elizabeth Jacks, m'd Elias Anders; 8. Katie Jacks, m'd David Anders; 9. Polly Jacks; 10. Fannie Jacks, m'd Michael Peebles, of Iowa; 11. Nancy Jacks, m'd Preston Worlds, of Buchanan County; 12. John Jacks, m'd a Williams, and lived in Howard. We will write up each of those deserving our notice in order:

I. THOMAS JACKS,

Born in Madison County, Ky., December 8, 1797; died in Platte December 5, 1888; married November 4, 1821, Cynthia Martin, born March 12, 1800, daughter of Isaac (see), a brother of Zed. She died in 1878. I was well acquainted with the old pioneer from 1839, and published his adventures before his death. Ch:

I. MELISSA JACKS, b. Aug. 8, 1822; m'd Aug. 15, 1842, John Wingo, b. Jan. 13, 1820, in Tazewell Co., Va.; d. Jan. 13, 1892 (birthday). Melissa still lives. He was a Virginian, with the integrity, honor, and chivalry of his race. Ch:

1. *Mattie Wingo*, b. in 1845; m'd G. W. Miller, of Jackson Co., Mo. Ch: [a] Lizzie; [b] William; [c] Maggie; [d] John; [e] Lillie; [f] Dora; [g] Jesse; [h] Frank; [i] George.
2. *James Wingo*, m'd E. Jane Duncan. (See.)
3. *Geo. W. Wingo*, b. Nov. 26, 1850; m'd Mollie Turney, of the Indian Nation.
4. *Elizabeth Wingo*, b. March 12, 1855; m'd A. J. Soper, of Montana.
5. *Sarah Wingo*, b. in 1859; m'd Sept. 9, 1882, Samuel Martin; dead. She lives near Parkville.
6. *Benj. L. Wingo*, b. Nov. 12, 1852; m'd Ida Brown, of Kansas City.

7. *Elias Frank Wingo*, b. in 1857; m'd Sept. 4, 1878, Susan M. Duncan. (See.)
8. *John Lee Wingo*, b. April 12, 1863; m'd Catherine Endicott, dr. of L. W. Ch: [a] Jesse L. Wingo.
9. *America J. Wingo*, b. Jan. 18, 1861; m'd O. Holland. Ch: [a] Henry.
10. *Sidney Wingo*, b. Nov. 26, 1865; m'd Annie Davis, of Parkville. Ch: [a] Blanche Wingo.
- II. SIDNEY JACKS, m'd Nancy King. (See.)
- III. PERRY M. JACKS, m'd Elizabeth Hedrick. Ch:
 1. *Henry C.* 2. *Thomas*. Live in California.
- IV. AMERICA JACKS, m'd Frank E. Stafford, of Kansas.
- V. THOS. MARION JACKS, b. April 11, 1832; d. Nov. 12, 1892; m'd 1st, Nov. 17, 1859, Susan Martin, dr. of Bright. Ch:
 1. *William J.* 2. *Frank*. 3. *Smith Jacks*. 4. *Peter*.
 5. *Lelia*, m'd May 18, 1893, William Moore.
 6. *Margaret Jacks*, m'd in March, 1897, W. H. Yates.
 7. *Jesse*. 8. *Lizzie*, m'd a Bell. 9. *Ada*. 10. *Virgie*.
 Thomas M. Jacks m'd 2d, May 5, 1886. Mrs. Mary Prouty, née Patton; no children.
- VI. JOHN M. JACKS, m'd Prudence Marshall. Ch:
 1. *Robert*. 2. *Lewis Jacks*. 3. *Cynthia*. 4. *William*.
 5. *Waller*. 6. *Carlotta*.
- VII. RICHARD M. JACKS, m'd Josephine Bright. (See.)
- VIII. MARY JACKS, m'd J. H. Harvey. Ch:
 1. *Luella*.
 Harvey died, and Mary m'd 2d, Henry Murray. Ch:
 2. *Edward*. 3. *Ethel Murray*.
- IX. CONGREVE J. JACKS, b. Sept. 25, 1842; m'd Jan. 12, 1864, Mary Gibson, dr. of George. Ch:
 1. *Virginia*, m'd Thos. Wills. Ch: [a] Frank.
 2. *James T. Jacks*.
 3. *Laura B. Jacks*, m'd Harrison Wills, son of John. Ch: [a] John J. Wills; [b] Virginia Wills.
 4. *Harry H. Jacks*.
- X. BEN JACKS, b. July 20, 1837 (see), the first child born in Platte. He m'd Mary F. Wilbite, dr. or Henry, of Clay. Children:
 1. *Charles Jacks*. 2. *Thomas*.
 3. *Lizzie*, m'd Nov. 9, 1887, Willis Moseby. 4. *Clay Jacks*.
 5. *Henry*. 6. *Addie*. 7. *Alfred*. 8. *Cleveland*.
 9. *Clarence Jacks*. 10. *Murray*. 11. *Leila Jacks*.
- XI. JAMES H. JACKS, d. July 22, 1893; m'd Elmarine Pence, dr. of Henry, of Clay; no children.

II. ELIAS H. JACKS.

His family has already been noticed. (See.) He lived north of Parkville. He was an enterprising farmer, and left a large body of land for distribution among his heirs.

III. RICHARD JACKS

Died in February, 1848. He married, October 17, 1839, Catherine Ann Powell, sister of Elijah.

IV. ELIZABETH JACKS.

She married Elias M. Anders; died in February, 1866. Ch:

I. RICHARD I. ANDERS.

II. FRANCIS M., b. in Howard County, Mo., Dec. 17, 1821; m'd in 1850, Mary Jones; d. in 1863. Francis M. m'd 2d, Cinderella Jackson.

III. JASPER ANDERS. IV. MARY F. ANDERS, m'd a Hurst.

V. ELIAS M. VI. JAMES ANDERS.

VII. ELIZABETH ANDERS.

V. CATHERINE JACKS

Married David Anders. (See.)

Dec. 10—Dearborn is incorporated as a village. E. E. Pumphrey is chairman of the board of trustees.

Dec. 16—John H. Dillingham takes the Morin stable.

Elder A. Hunt accepts a call to preach for the Baptist church in Platte City.

Dec. 23—MRS. LULA ROGERS, née Rainey, died. She was born April 5, 1865; married March 4, 1888, Edward Rogers; 1 child.

Dec. 24—Charles Nelson kills John Johnson with an axe, in a drunken affray near Dearborn. He is convicted and sent to the penitentiary for 25 years.

Dec. 27—MRS. HELEN SEARCY, wife of Christopher Searcy, died. He was born in North Carolina, November 18, 1818, and came to Platte in 1837; married in 1838. Their children: 1, Mrs. W. H. Kerr; 2, Henderson Searcy; 3, Mrs. Clinton Heath.

Golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Gabbert.

Dec. 29—W. R. Keller bought at Weston and shipped 13,400 barrels of apples.

John B. Mundy takes the *Landmark*, and Valliant retires.

J. E. THRELKELD, son of George W., died at Kansas City. He was born in Boone County, Mo., in 1837, and came to Parkville in 1867. He started a grocery store, and a few years ago removed to Kansas City. He married, first, October 24, 1867, Jose Buene-man, daughter of J. H. Ch: Theo. R. Threlkeld, m'd Nov. 20, 1895, Addie Graden; d. June 7, 1896. 2, Eva May Threlkeld, m'd Dec. 4, 1894, A. E. Lewis. J. E. married, second, June 13, 1877, Ella C. Ringo.

MARRIAGES IN 1888 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

- February 7—John H. Newman married Soph. A. Statemeyer.
February 9—J. B. Doran married Jennie D. Brill.
February 13—Moses P. Tate married Susie Masoner.
February 16—Charles Page married Belle Dyer.
February 14—J. N. Brink married Martha A. Jones.
March 31—John Mitchell married Bettie McCall.
June 6—Harry D. Knight married Leta V. Graves.
August 10—William A. Noll married Lula Cox.
September 3—R. L. Breckenridge married Addie Venrick.
September 6—James Riley married Alice Thorp.
September 6—Joseph S. Thorp married Mamie Thorp.
September 10—John W. Henderson married Minerva L. Singleton.
September 12—Thomas G. Moseby married Lillian Faubion.
September 29—H. H. Snail married Kate C. Collins.
September 29—Henry H. Barbee married Eliza Maupin.
October 18—Frank Hoskins married Udie Miller.
October 20—Henry R. Jones married Ida Goheen.
October 22—E. H. Allen married Della Moore, dr. of Thos.
November 3—Joseph J. Nower married Mrs. Emma Ferrel.
November 23—Taylor B. Herndon married Dora B. Schindler.
November 26—Joseph M. Bane married Laura L. Daniel.
December 19—J. W. Simmons married Talitha Ninemeyer.
December 21—Waller Linville married Sallie Mock.
December 27—Julius French married Mary Edwards.
December 27—Marion R. Searcy married Julia A. Blanton.

1889.**OFFICERS.**

Governor, D. R. Francis; Congressman, Jas. N. Burnes; State Senator, N. B. Anderson; Representative, C. F. Chrisman; Circuit Judge, Jas. Sandusky; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; Prosecuting Attorney, J. W. Coots; County Justices, Waller, McComas, and Crutchfield; Circuit Clerk, W. H. Roney; County Clerk, J. J. Blakley; Treasurer, E. McD. Coffey; Sheriff, Jas. Synnamon; Surveyor, G. B. Anderson; Collector, W. T. Jenkins; Public Administrator, J. B. Evans; Assessor, W. A. Wilson; Superintendent of Schools, W. A. Bowen; Coroner, W. L. Stephens.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Burnes, Carmack, Coots, Forman, McRuer, Norton, Paxton, Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Coffey, Hollingsworth, Overbeck, Records, Redman.

Merchants—Baker, Bane, Beaumont (postmaster), Clemings, Colman, Dillingham, Elgin, Ellifrit, Hulett, Jenkins, Krause, Kurtz, Lofland, McComas, Mason, Meads, Miller, Pack, Perry, Pope & Dye, Recht, Rohring, Smith, Termier, L. B. Wilson & Co., Zarn, Zonne.

Lodges—No. 504, J. A. Baldwin, W. M.; Royal Arch No. 24, A. J. Colman, H. P.; Commandery No. 9, N. B. Anderson, E. C.; Nebraska, No. 12, Henry Young, N. G.

Newspapers—The *Landmark*, J. B. Mundy editor; the *Argus*, J. A. Gustin editor.

Banks—Exchange Bank, A. R. Jack cashier; Bank of Platte City, A. L. Smith president; Banking House of Wells & Co., W. C. Wells president.

Preachers—J. A. D. Hughes (Pres.), T. R. Valliant (Epis.), A. Hunt (Bap.), Surber (Chris.), Hardin (M. E.).

Schools—Public schools, G. W. Broadus principal; Daughters' College, Mrs. Park president.

Fair—B. F. Whiteley president; Wm. Forman, secretary.

At Weston: Coburn, Hedges, Hillix, Bonifant, Price, Shortridge, Simpson, Baker, Bell, Bowman, Breen (postmaster), Deitz, Doppler, Dye, Evans, Haberman, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Keller, Kenney, Light, Magers, Mauch, Newhouse, Noble, Noll, O'Dowd, Ohlhausen, Parr, Raileys, Ringo, Rich, Schindler, Siler.

Mayor—J. A. Price. Newspaper—The *Chronicle*, Bless editor.

Lodges—No. 53, J. Brashear, W. M.; Chapter No. 4, H. H. Hedges, H. P.; Commandery No. 2, J. Brashear, E. C.; Phoenix, No. 3, H. Hellman, N. G.

Preachers—Powers (Cum. Pres.), Fuhrman (Ger. M. E.), Schaaf (Cath.), J. S. Smith (M. E.), Burnett (Bap.).

At Parkville: Mrs. A. P. Linn (postmistress), Beller, Bosch, Brightwell, Brown, Bueneman, Carpenter, Coffey, Davidson, Engelman, Ford, Freeland, Fulton, Graden, Hatfield, Haynes, Holt, Kahm, Luthy, Mitchell, Moore, Nash, Patterson, Ringo, Standard Mills, Stone, Stultz, Summers, Tucker.

Park College—J. A. McAfee president.

Park Bank—Hamilton cashier.

At Camden Point: Mrs. B. Pryor (postmistress), Ewing, Hardisty, Hamblin & Bywaters, Maupin, Moore (of O. S.), Owens & Son, Stallard.

At Dearborn: Armstrong, Arnold, Bashford & Smith, Bruce, Ferrel, Grist, Dr. Johnston, Means, Sallee, Stagner, Watson.

At Edgerton: Beery, Cantwell, Clark, Cumberland, Gustin, Handley, Kerr, Lampton, Lewis, Mays, Pack, Ralston, Scott, Shafer, Wallingford, Wilkerson.

Preachers—Lavake (M. E.), Winstead (M. E. S.), Davis (Chris.), Jones (Bap.).

At Farley: Brasfield, Carpenter (postmaster), Johnson, Meyer, Oliver, Spratt. Lodge No. 339, J. L. Simpson, W. M.

At Hampton: Bledsoe (postmaster), Meyer.

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: Barr, Bright, Froman, Johnson. Lowmiller, Slaughter, Thornhill.

At Junction: Geo. Mauzey.

At New Market: Dr. Brown, Bryant, Laurance, Leavel, Lowe, Wilson.

At Settle: Skillman (postmaster).

At Tracy: Beall, Chinn, Davis, Clements, Eastman (postmaster), Elgin, Fulcher, A. F. Johnson.

At Waldron: Heath, Pettillo, Simpson (postmaster), Dr. Winn.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Graden & France start the Standard Mills at Parkville, having put them in good order.

J. G. Morris sells his farm of 120 acres to Thos. Eckart, at \$65 per acre.

The iron bridge at Linkville is complete.

Jan. 7—John S. Brasfield's kitchen burned.

Jan. 10—A society of King's Daughters organized in the Christian Church at Platte City.

Jan. 15—Revival in the M. E. church at Dearborn, and thirty are received by Rev. R. W. Howerton. The saloon-keeper piled up his gaming-tables in the street, and burned them.

Paxton and Meads discuss prohibition in the *Republican*.

Elder S. M. Martin is preaching in the Christian church at Platte City, and many unite..

Jan. 16—Eclipse of the moon—clear heavens and a beautiful sight.

Jan. 19—Jesse J. Blakley's house, one mile south of Platte City, burned. It was occupied by B. E. Perry. Small insurance.

MRS. KITTIE WILLIAMS died east of Platte City. She was a daughter of John C. and Lavinia Ballard, born in Madison County, Ky., Feb. 11, 1845. Before her marriage she was chosen the Queen of Beauty at the first tournament held in the county. She married, first, Isaac D. McEown, who was accidentally killed by a fall from his wagon May 9, 1866. His children are: 1, John; 2, George; 3, Isaac; 4, Eliza McEown. The last married John Chinn, who died, leaving her a widow. Kittie married, second, December 9, 1871, F. M. Williams, and had: 1, Chas. E. Williams; 2, Lavinia F. Williams; 3, Francis M.

Jan. 20—Ben. E. Perry having bought the Swain House in Platte City for \$3,000, removes into it.

Miss Lillian Wood visits Platte City in the interest of the W. C. T. Union, and makes a series of temperance lectures. She then goes to Edgerton, and organizes a Union.

Jan. 24—CONGRESSMAN JAMES N. BURNES falls in his seat in the Hall of Representatives, and dies. He had just been elected to a third term, to commence March 4, 1890, and his present term would not expire until that date. So two vacancies, one of which is a full term, are to be filled at an election set for February 19th.

The Missouri is blocked with ice.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—Joe M. Bane opens a grocery house in Platte City.

Feb. 2—Dr. B. M. Crust died in Kansas. He was well educated, and before going to Kansas practiced medicine at Parkville.

Judge E. H. Norton's term on the supreme bench of the State has expired, and he returns home to resume the duties of his farm and office.

Feb. 3—The new M. E. church at Edgerton is dedicated, with W. H. Lavake pastor, and J. W. Cumberford superintendent of Sunday-school.

Feb. 5—A literary society is organized at New Market, with Benton Gabbert president.

Thos. Clay buys publicly, under a chattel mortgage, Stephen Johnston's stock of groceries for \$400.

Feb. 8—JOHN KISKER is run over and killed by railroad cars near East Leavenworth. His children: 1, Henry; 2, William; 3, Anna Kisker; 4, John; 5, Fred; 6, Dora; 7, Charles.

Feb. 9—Democratic primary to select delegates to the Congressional Convention at St. Joseph, to nominate candidates to fill the vacancies occasioned by the death of Jas. N. Burnes. The convention, when it met, nominated R. P. C. Wilson for the full term, and C. F. Booher for the fractional term.

The Republicans, on the 12th, nominated F. M. Posgate for both terms.

Feb. 12—Jas. A. Gustin sells to B. Ross one-half of the *Argus* for the nominal sum of \$9,000.

Feb. 15—W. M. Paxton read, publicly, at Platte City a 20-page poem, entitled "A Story of the Deluge."

Feb. 16—A public meeting at the court-house demanded that the "Pawpaw" militia be paid off by the State.

Feb. 19—Election of Congressmen: Full term—R. P. C. Wilson, 2,662; F. M. Posgate, 757. Short term—C. F. Booher, 2,624; F. M. Posgate, 757.

The winter thus far has been pleasant, but now we have a snow, and on the 23d the temperature of 20° below zero.

Elder W. B. Surber is called as pastor of the Christian Church at Platte City.

Feb. 21—Geo. W. Chinn committed suicide by cutting his throat.

Out of 114 counties in Missouri, 65 have voted for the Wood Local Option Law, and 17 cities have adopted it. But the great cities are under license. St. Louis has 2,000 saloons, Kansas City 500, and St. Joseph 125.

Feb. 28—Mrs. J. L. Carmack is taken with convulsions, which recur every month or two until she dies.

The Missouri is frozen over.

MARCH.

March 1—Parkville is improving. Fifteen new buildings are going up; the new bank building is an ornament; McCormick Chapel is finished; the foundations of the McKay building are slowly rising; the site for the Snyder Home is selected; McGeehan's fine house is nearly finished; the college is on a sure financial foundation, and the population and business of the city are increasing.

March 2—Mardi-Gras at Platte City. All of President Harrison's cabinet answered at roll-call.

THE MISSOURI RIVER PONTOON.

March 4—Vincent Stilling, of Leavenworth, visited Platte City, and addressed the county court in favor of his proposed pontoon bridge over the Missouri, and asked the court to favor public roads to the bridge. The court gave assurance that the roads would be made.

March 6—R. T. Ellifrit sells his drug store in Platte City to Campbell Wells and Dr. S. Redman. He subsequently sells his house to A. Termier, and goes into business at Higginsville, Mo.

March 8—Camden Point Orphan School took fire in the laundry and was totally consumed. Insurance, \$8,500. Endowment fund, \$12,000. The friends proposed to rebuild, but the State Christian Association claimed the property and the funds they had raised, and determined to remove the institution to Fulton, Mo. After much controversy and a resort to law, the local board gained the land and money, and proceeded to rebuild.

March 9—JAMES ROBERTS died. He was born in North Carolina in 1832; married March 10, 1868, Emily Whitton, who died November 3, 1884; 5 children.

March 12—JOHN C. TAYS having died March 1, 1889, E. R. George administered. Bond, \$2,000. His wife was named Susan, and his children: 1, Catherine A. Tays, m'd Dec. 24, 1888, W. H. McBride; 2, Sarah E.; 3, William D. Tays; 4, Mary M.; 5, Allen F.; 6, John W. Tays; 7, Robert H. Tays; 8, Lydia A.

Platte City has a Comedy Company.

March 14—Pontoon meeting at Farley.

DR. DOLPHUS I. FOUTS.

March 28—Dr. Dolphus I. Fouts died near Farley. He was a son of Solomon Fouts and Sarah Couch, and born November 30, 1833, at Jefferson, Ashe County, N. C. He read medicine with Dr. Fitzsimmons, in Polk County, Tenn, whither the family had removed. After practicing a few years he came West, visited Pike's Peak, returned to Kansas in 1861, and crossed to Platte in 1862, locating at Farley, where, September 13, 1863, he married Minerva Parker, daughter of Asbury. His wife still lives. He was a decided and outspoken Union man, and possessed sound judgment and shrewdness. Children:

- I. EMILY FOUTS, m'd John Wells, of Kansas City.
- II. SARAH F. FOUTS. III. DOLPHUS S. FOUTS.
- IV. GEO. L. FOUTS. V. ALMA FOUTS. VI. GARFIELD.
- VII. CARRIE FOUTS.

AUNT HARRIET WHALEY (colored) died two miles east of Platte City. She was reared and liberated by my step-mother, and had high regard for me and my family. Her aristocracy forbade her to associate with her race, as she, being raised in freedom, considered herself above her people. Her intelligence and deportment, always respectful, called for the esteem of the whites.

APRIL.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

School Commissioner—W. A. Banister.

Platte City—J. L. Carmack mayor; Blakley, Chesnut, and Jack aldermen.

Parkville—Bosch, Dziubon, J. Fulton, Luthy, Ashby trustees.
The Fair—B. F. Whitely president, W. Forman secretary.

April 1—W. H. Bane is preparing to build a brick dwelling on East Street, Platte City.

The boring at Parkville for coal, by J. F. Pitt, resulted in striking a vein of water strongly impregnated with salt and sulphur.

ALLEN SLOAN.

April 16—Allen Sloan died at his home in Kansas City. He was born in Shelby County, Ky., May 15, 1816. His parents were John Sloan and Elizabeth Boyd, sister of Joshua. (See.) David Sloan, of Belfast, Ireland, was Allen's grandfather. He crossed to Virginia, where he died. Allen Sloan married in 1837 Ann M. Blackmore, daughter of Owen W., of Decatur County, Ind. In 1842 Mr. Sloan went to Indiana, and after two years removed to Platte, and settled two miles west of Platte City. In 1883 he left his farm, and purchased property in Kansas City. He was a just and upright citizen, and a zealous Presbyterian. He always loved the little church he had helped to plant at Platte City, and over which he was a ruling elder for forty years. Children:

I. ELIZA SLOAN, b. April 22, 1839; m'd Oscar H. Barbee. (See.)

II. JAMES H. SLOAN, b. Nov. 23, 1842; m'd Mary Eliza Shepard, widow of Paul. (See.)

III. WILLIAM R. SLOAN, b. March 9, 1845; m'd May 10, 1876. Sophia Lewis, dr. of James, b. March 18, 1848. They live near Platte City, and keep a dairy farm, supplying the town with milk. He lost a leg by an accident, before marriage, but after espousal. The betrothed maiden did not discard her crippled affianced, but married him at once, that she might nurse him during the months of his suffering. She is a lovely woman, and full of the devotion, nerve, and energy of her mother. Ch:

1. *Laura Sloan*, b. Aug. 6, 1877. 2. *Archie*, b. Oct. 18, 1881.

IV. MARY F. SLOAN, b. June 21, 1849; m'd June 21, 1877, John C. White. He lived but a short time, and Mary is a childless widow, in Kansas City, but not without the means of comfortable support.

V. DAVID A. SLOAN, b. April 6, 1853; m'd Jan. 19, 1876, Jennie Simpson, dr. of Captain Preston Simpson.

VI. MILTON FACKLER SLOAN, b. April 5, 1855; m'd a Fisher.

VII. THOS. L. SLOAN, b. March 16, 1858. He lives in Kansas City.

Mrs. Ann M. Sloan died about 1861, and Mr. Allen Sloan married, second, Mrs. Mahala D. Wallace, née Houx, widow of Dr. H. B. Wallace. (See.) She died January 31, 1877, leaving no children by Sloan.

April 19—The house of J. C. Stockton and the goods of George Mauzey burn at Junction.

Gustin & Ross are erecting a two-story house on Lot 1, Block 30, in Platte City, for the *Argus*.

April 26—JOHN GHARKY is found dead in his bed at Portsmouth, Ohio. He was born in Ohio, May 27, 1808; married, first, April 30, 1838, Susan Francis. After her death he married, second, October 13, 1846, Eliza McDowell, who died September 11,

1888. He came to Parkville in 1885, and, with J. P. Tucker, established the *Independent*. In 1887 he sold to Tucker his interest in the paper, and returned to Ohio. I was barely acquainted with him, but have heard only kind words spoken of him.

April 30—Governor Francis proclaims this day a holiday, commemorative of the 100th year of national constitutional freedom.

Bank Deposits—Bank of Dearborn, \$19,569.88; Banking House of Wells & Co., \$109,327.96; Bank of Platte City, \$62,148.54; Park Bank, \$11,330.48.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Balance in treasury May 1, 1888.	\$ 6,255.71
Receipts since.	61,268.28

\$67,523.99

Expenditures during the year.	54,102.18
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Balance in treasury.	\$13,421.81
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Expenditures in Detail.

Assessor (Synnamon).	\$ 378.92
Bonds.	8,200.00
Bridges.	11,535.39
County Clerk (Blakley).	1,796.84
Circuit Clerk (Boney).	201.17
Criminal costs.	259.22
County Judge (Waller).	191.00
County Judge (McComas).	202.50
County Judge (Shouse).	174.00
County Judge (Crutchfield).	21.40
Court-house.	206.27
Elections.	508.85
Interest.	14,036.86
Jail.	312.47
Jurors.	577.65
Paupers.	3,043.74
Poor-house.	1,292.32
Printing.	640.77
Prosecuting Attorney (Coots).	652.50
Refunding bonds.	958.90
Roads.	517.78
Road overseers.	5,385.30
Road tools.	357.25
Road Commissioner (Polk).	620.75
Road Commissioner (Anderson).	49.25

School Commissioner (Bowen)	\$ 35.00
Sheriff (Pack)	828.21
Sheriff (Synnamon)	163.50
Stenographer	200.00
Treasurer (Cole)	466.68
Witnesses	209.60
Miscellaneous	55.79

\$54,102.18

County debt, 1888 \$215,900.00

Redeemed since 8,200.00

\$207,700.00

County school fund \$10,162.22

Township school fund 19,824.53

\$29,986.75

Assessment, \$5,676,684.77; State tax, 40 cents; county levy, \$1.10; average school tax, 46 cents; total tax levied, \$109,523.66.

May 5—The removal of the Orphan School to Fulton is strenuously opposed. A meeting is held at Camden Point, and a liberal sum is subscribed to retain the school. The courts gave the funds to the home board, and both schools were built, the Fulton school becoming the State institution.

The old amphitheatre on the fair grounds is removed.

COMMODORE PERRY ARMSTRONG.

May 10.—Commodore Perry Armstrong died at Dearborn, and was buried at New Market. He was born in Hawkins County, Tenn, March 1, 1822. He was a life-long merchant. At New Market, W. Cartwright and F. M. Tufts, at different times, were his partners. At Arnoldsville he was associated with G. M. Ray. At Dearborn he was alone. At one time he was cashier of the Burnes Bank in Weston. He was a kind and generous Christian gentleman, and enjoyed the full confidence of his neighbors. His first was Cynthia Carson, whom he married in 1846. She died in 1864, leaving:

- I. JULIA ARMSTRONG, b. June 26, 1849; m'd March 22, 1868, John W. Osborn, of St. Joseph, b. July 20, 1834, son of Aaron (i). Ch:
 1. *Myrtle*, m'd Dr. Smedley.
- II. BELLE ARMSTRONG, m'd Nov. 2, 1875, Ben W. Gilbert. (See.) After Mr. Gilbert's death, she m'd S. Frank Goodson, of Omaha; 6 children.
- III. LIZZIE A. ARMSTRONG, b. in 1846; m'd Jan. 26, 1865, Frank L. Miller, who was shot May 27, 1865, by Sam Hill. (See.) Dec. 24, 1867, she m'd 2d, H. Clay Park (see), of Atchison, Kas. Ch:
 1. *M. C. (Dolly)*. 2. *Gilbert*. 3. *Robt. V.*

IV. WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, lived at Oberlin, Kas., now in Omaha; m'd Louise Hosp.

After the death of his first wife, C. P. Armstrong married, second, September 28, 1865, Pauline (Lena) Baughman, née Harlan, born September 7, 1840; died September 2, 1877. She was the widow of Harlan Baughman, who went south in the war, and never returned. By her he had:

V. LULA ARMSTRONG, b. June 13, 1866; m'd Madison Frazier. Children:

1. *Harlan.* 2. *Windle.*

Mr. C. P. Armstrong married, third, December 24, 1878, Miss Maggie McInturf, by whom he had:

VI. PERRY ARMSTRONG. VII. NANNIE ARMSTRONG.

Mrs. Maggie Armstrong, the widow, has married again, in Buchanan County.

May 10—Sanders McComas succeeds Mrs. A. Beaumont as postmaster at Platte City.

The Australian ballot is used in cities of 5,000 people and over.

May 25—W. M. Paxton brings his miscellaneous library to his office, and offers it, with his papers and magazines, for public use, but Platte City had no use for a reading-room.

A new floral hall is going up on the fair grounds.

May 30—The Knights of Belt Commandery observe Ascension Day by a parade and excursion to Camden Point, E. J. Miller's, and J. S. Brasfield's. W. T. Jenkins was chosen E. C.

A change of administration from Democratic to Republican brings about a change of postmasters. Platte City exchanges Beaumont for McComas; Weston gets T. C. Magers, Farley gets Z. Carpenter, Parkville gets John Fulton, Tracy gets J. J. Clements, Edgerton gets Nancy Newman, Ridgely gets H. Denman.

Park College has expended the past year, for college buildings, \$22,000, and for other purposes, \$82,000.

JUNE.

GRADUATES.

At Park College: E. Allen Boyd, Eugene F. Brown, Fred L. Benedict, Frank L. Brown, Bruce W. Cornmiller, G. K. White McGee, Malcolm H. McLeod, W. C. Harris, Joseph E. McAfee, Fred W. McClusky, Francis Runders, Luther M. Scroggs, Harry M. Shields, J. Miller Smith, Elsie J. Bates, Lutie A. Christian, Mary J. Coffland, Mary F. Darlington, Mattie De Tarr, Susan A. Doty, Clara B. Hastings, M. Sylvia McQuitty, Jeanie M. McRuer, Ida M. Muer, Agnes L. Reed, Adeline L. Tingley. McGee was valedictorian.

No graduates at Daughters' College, and the Orphan School is in ashes.

June 1—Gustin & Ross move the *Argus* into the new brick on Lot 1, Block 30, Platte City.

The Johnstown, Pa., disaster.

June 7—W. T. Jenkins publicly installed E. C. of Belt Commandery, No. 9, and Miss Lou Valliant is chosen Daughter of the Commandery. She survived only one year, and died August 5, 1890. The knights attended the burial in citizens' clothing, and paid her funeral expenses. The Masons also raised \$800 and purchased a dwelling on Lot 6, Block 33, for her widowed mother.

June 10—The Platte overflows low bottoms. Bee Creek is higher than ever known by 18 inches. Many farms are flooded. The New Market bridge and both bridges over Bee Creek at Beverly are washed away.

G. W. Broadus is reelected principal of the Platte City Public School.

Colonel George S. Park contracts for the erection of another building to accommodate a proposed new department of Park College.

Work commences on the Leavenworth pontoon.

June 14—CHARLES BABCOCK commits suicide near Waldron by cutting his throat.

June 18—The Jenkins Cadets reorganized at Platte City; Lewis Chinn captain.

JOSEPH O. JEWETT.

June 21—Joseph O. Jewett having died, Demas Jewett administered. Bond, \$600. He was born in Dearborn County, Ind., June 18, 1818; married, in Indiana, Mary Morris, daughter of Claiborn. They came to Platte in March, 1871, and settled near Waldron. Ch:

- I. DEMAS JEWETT, b. in Indiana Feb. 16, 1853; m'd in Feb., 1878, Hannah M. Brink, b. Aug. 14, 1861, dr. of A. H. Ch:
 1. *Arthur Jewett*, b. April 20, 1879.
 2. *Byron*, b. Aug. 25, 1881.

Mr. D. Jewett is a man of education and refinement.

- II. SAMUEL JEWETT, m'd April 25. 1886, Mary J. Summers; 2 children.

HENRY MAYS having died at Edgerton, W. E. Mays administers. Bond, \$600. Heirs: 1, Wm. E. Mays; 2, Martha F., m'd a McCall; 3, Emma, m'd a Stewart; 4, Lou Mays, m'd a Grady; 5, Sarah Mays, m'd Nov. 29, 1879, William Sale, son of Harrison E. (see); 6, Arthur Mays.

June 30—G. W. R. Chinn removes to Oklahoma.

Dr. Thomas Drew commences a meeting at the Presbyterian church in Platte City.

JULY.

July 1—Camp-meeting at Burgess' pasture, near Dearborn.

State school moneys, \$5,438; children, 5,579; Platte City school tax, 60 cents; paid out the past year, \$1,260; bonded school debt, \$2,000.

July 4—The day observed at Edgerton and at Weston.

July 9—MRS. JOHN BELLER, née Glunz, died in Leavenworth. There were three sisters who came from Germany with Mrs. Beller: Mrs. Dora Woolf, of St. Louis; Mrs. M. Schindler, of Weston, and Mrs. Kate Ruf. Mrs. John Beller was born in Germany, September 30, 1831; married in 1854, and settled at Parkville. When the war broke out they removed to Leavenworth. Ch: 1. Emma Beller, m'd Harry Bruns; 2, Augustus; 3, John.

Wheat excellent and corn promising.

WILLIAM K. FAULCONER

Died of apoplexy, at Kansas City, and his remains were buried at Platte City, beside the dust of his wife. He was a son of Nelson Faulconer (see), and was born in Fayette County, Ky., May 8, 1832. The family settled near Prairie Point. The father died in February, 1857, and left William a large estate. He built a fine house on his father's farm, and, through his generous and hospitable nature, lived beyond his income. He was cajoled and flattered by sycophants, and empty honors thrown upon him. He was made president of the county fair and president of the Parkville & G. R. Railroad Co. He purchased the old bed of said railroad and expended money upon it, hoping to realize a fortune from its sale; but it was a total failure, and he died disappointed and impoverished. He married, November 20, 1854, Mollie Todd, the oldest of Prof. H. B. Todd's children. Their farm was sold, and they removed to Kansas City, where Mr. Faulconer engaged in mercantile pursuits with little success. His wife died March 8, 1884. Ch:

I. JENNIE K. FAULCONER, b. Oct. 21, 1863; d. June 20, 1895; m'd Nov. 14, 1894, R. T. Murray. She was an educated and refined lady, and graduated at Daughters' College in June, 1882.

II. CHARLES FAULCONER. III. WILLIAM. IV. HARRY.

July 18—The children of Parkville, 200 in number, were treated to a steamboat excursion to Leavenworth.

The Winner Railroad from Kansas City to Smithville is commenced.

July 23—ROYALL FLESHMAN (see) is killed by Thomas H. Shepherd, who is tried for murder and found not guilty.

July 24—The Baptist church at Little Platte is dedicated by Elder R. Jones.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—Dowling Bros. have threshed 16,600 bushels of wheat, which averaged 25 bushels to the acre.

Aug. 2—Rev. A. S. Embree, of Leavenworth, lectured on "Temperance" at Platte City.

Aug. 4—JOHN A. IDEN'S body found in Sugar Creek Lake, with marks indicating murder.

Fine rains and good prospects for corn.

GEO. WHEELER.

Aug. 11—George Wheeler died at Waldron. He was a farmer and miller, and with W. K. Faulconer ran the Parkville Mills. He was an exemplary and zealous Methodist, and highly esteemed for his integrity. He was a son of Ignatius Wheeler and Jennie James, and was born in Jefferson County, Ky., March 14, 1823; married in 1847, Nancy G. Woodsmall, who died August 28, 1892. She was the daughter of John Woodsmall. In 1855 they came to Parkville, and subsequently removed to their farm near Waldron. Ch:

I. HENRY M. WHEELER, a merchant of Norborne, Mo.

II. ROXANNA WHEELER, m'd 1st, B. J. Coleman, who died, and, Nov. 30, 1886, she m'd Judge W. H. Roney (see), of Platte City (his second wife). Judge Roney is a son of Charles Roney and Mary Ann Potts. He was born near Perryville, Ky., June 25, 1836. He learned the carpenter's business, and came to Weston in 1851. Here he pursued the furniture trade for some years. During the war he was in the provost-marshal's office, and he performed the duty of assigning to each township its quota of recruits. At the close of the war he read law, and November 13, 1866, was licensed. He was marshal of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, and subsequently filled the office of judge of that court. But the court was abolished, and, removing to Platte City, he wrote in the clerks' offices. In 1882 he was elected circuit clerk and held the office two terms. At the close of his second term he entered earnestly upon the practice of law at Platte City, and now stands among the leading jurists of the county. Mrs. Coleman had two children:

1. *Ella Coleman*, m'd John C. Bulling, of St. Joseph.

2. *Geo. W. Coleman*, is just starting life in Kansas City.

Judge Roney's first wife was Louisa Woods. (See.)

III. MARTITIA WHEELER, m'd Oct. 2, 1873, A. C. Threlkeld.

IV. JOHN L. (JUDGE) WHEELER, is a distinguished lawyer of Kansas City, and for a term was police judge.

Aug. 13—Francis M. Wilson is licensed as an attorney.

Aug. 23—Stillings has a bridge celebration, or rather a grand spree. He files his plat of the town of Stillings.

J. T. McRuer sells to R. W. Pack his interest in the Platte City store.

DR. BENJAMIN BONIFANT died at Weston. He was regarded as the head of the medical profession in Platte. He was born in Montgomery County, Md., February 15, 1821. His father was John Bonifant and his mother Mary Tucker. He lived and worked upon his father's farm until 1839, when he commenced the study of medicine at Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, where he graduated in 1849. In 1850 he settled at Weston, where his life-work was done. During the war he served as surgeon of the 4th State Militia. He married, October 29, 1855, Matilda L. Leachman. (See.) Her family has been noticed.

MORRIS ELLINGER.

Morris Ellinger, son of M. L. and Judith Ellinger, died at Weston. He was United States gauger for the county, and for years kept a saloon at Weston. He was born in Germany January 9, 1830, came to the United States in 1850, and to Weston in 1852. He married, in 1854, Margaret Whitton, who still lives. Children:

I. LIZZIE ELLINGER, b. April 17, 1857; m'd June 28, 1883, George A. Woodbridge, b. in Indiana, January 18, 1856. He is a telegraph operator at Beverly.

II. CHARLES M. ELLINGER. III. JAMES. IV. JOHN.

Aug. 27—The fair commenced; new floral hall opened. Gate fees Thursday, \$1,251. The sum of \$1,000 paid on the debt.

SEPTEMBER.

DAVID McCOLUM.

Sept 7—David McColum died three miles south of Platte City. He was one of the old stock of hardy pioneers. He had no aspirations for wealth or distinction. Like the Arkansas settler, his cabin was not covered; his "crap" was an acre of corn, pumpkins, and weeds; his floor was mother earth, and his store a jug of whisky. Old Uncle Dave was one of my earliest acquaintances in Platte. He was a kind-hearted and generous old soul, and I never went to a log-rolling or a sale that he was not present; yet he never bought an article that was offered for sale, and he never could get a handspike to suit him. But everybody liked Uncle Davy. His father, his grandfather and his great-grandfather were all named Davy; but with Uncle Davy the line ended. His mother was Polly Reed, and he (Davy (v)) was born in Garrard County, Ky., January 22, 1802. He married, April 4, 1824, Polly Gentry, daughter of another good old pioneer, Isom Gentry (iii), of backwoods memory. She was born March 17, 1806, in Lincoln County, Ky. Ch:'

- I. ELIZA A. McCOLUM, m'd a Clark.
- II. RACHEL McCOLUM, m'd Geo. McAfee, to whom Platte County owes \$250,000 for the land whereon Platte City is built, and whereon Geo. McAfee had a preëmption under the law of 1838—a vested right that was not respected.
- III. ISABELLA, m'd Lewis Jones. She was b. Nov. 23, 1828. Her husband d. Oct. 10, 1869. She still lives. Ch:
1. *Davy Jones* (not the one that keeps the locker), m'd Elizabeth Eskridge. Ch: [a] James T. Jones.
 2. *John E. Jones*, m'd July 22, 1880, Laura Bane. (See.)
 3. *Thos. W. Jones*, m'd March 18, 1878, Mollie Koker. Ch: [a] Laura F. Jones; [b] Minnie A.
 4. *Charlotte Jones*, m'd Larkin E. Tinder. (See.)
 5. *Lee J. Jones*, b. June 16, 1864; m'd May 11, 1890, Tissie Todd, dr. of Robert. Ch: [a] Claude.
- IV. RUFUS McCOLUM, b. Nov. 26, 1830.
- V. MARY, m'd a Cravens.
- VI. ISOM McCOLUM. VII. CASSANDRA, m'd a Whitton.

Sept. 14—Grant's monument at Fort Leavenworth unveiled. Ingalls speaks.

By the will of Mr. Thaw, of Pittsburg, Pa., Park College gets \$20,000.

WILLIAM NOONAN died. Ch: 1, Hannah; 2, Julia C.; 3, Mary E.; 4, Wm. C.; 5, Thos. W.; 6, Katie J. Noonan.

Sept. 16—A son of Thomas Shepherd accidentally burned to death.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 6—The following attended the triennial conclave of Knights Templar, at Washington, D. C.: T. J. Cole, A. J. Colman and lady, John Burgess, Jesse J. Hodges, Ed Perry, R. P. C. Wilson.

Oct. 11—Rev. D. M. Proctor, the M. E. pastor for Platte City, arrives, and is "donated."

Oct. 18—"The Peake Sisters" at the opera house, Platte City, by the home dramatic club.

Oct. 24—Dan Shields closed his temperance work at Edgerton, with 275 signers to the pledge.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 11—The board of directors of the Orphan School met at Camden Point and determined to rebuild.

Robert Hamlin's house, near Long Point, burned.

Nov. 12—A carriage containing Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. Hinkley, Nellie Kenney, Dora Mossman, Lizzie Mossman, and Emma

Shindler fell over a 15-foot embankment, near Weston, and the ladies were badly bruised, but no one was killed or crippled.

Nov. 14—MR. AND MRS. PETER HOWE murdered in Winona, Ill. Mrs. Howe was a sister of Colonel George S. Park, and was born in Vermont in 1820. Mr. Howe was born in 1816.

Nov. 20—B. Ross sells his Tracy drug store to J. J. Esmond, and his half-interest in the *Argus* to J. A. Gustin.

Twenty-four join the Parkville Presbyterian Church.

Nov. 27—Reunion of Z. Carpenter's family.

THE CARPENTER FAMILY.

Robert Carpenter, son of Zenith, of Alabama, was born in 1795; married Rebecca May. Their son, Zenith Carpenter (ii), was born July 27, 1827; married December 13, 1848, Mrs. Cynthia Coburn, née Hendricks, born in January, 1831. She was the daughter of Larkin. Mr. Carpenter was a warm Union man, served as a justice of the peace in Tennessee, and as postmaster at Farley for four years. He is now a farmer, and is highly esteemed. Ch:

I. ROBERT L. CARPENTER, b. in Sept., 1849. He lives in Kansas.

II. WILLIAM R. CARPENTER, b. in 1851; m'd March 15, 1883, Angie Alvis.

III. VIRANDA J. CARPENTER, b. in 1853; m'd George W. Moore. (See.)

IV. JOHN G. CARPENTER, m'd Mrs. Jennie Holt, née Pryor. (See.)

V. HENRY Z. CARPENTER, b. in 1859; m'd Queenie Redman.

VI. GEO. W. CARPENTER, b. in 1861; m'd Iva Brickett. They live in Oklahoma.

VII. ANN ELIZABETH, b. May 24, 1869; m'd Sept. 14, 1889. A. J. Babcock, dead. (See.)

VIII. MARY EMMA CARPENTER, b. Feb. 26, 1873.

Mr. Z. Carpenter was in J. H. Burts' company of Enrolled Missouri Militia, and was afterwards in the 16th Kansas.

Nov. 28—Thanksgiving hunt—the prize a supper—was won by Captain Forman's company over Captain Broadus' company.

Nov. 29—MRS. ALICE LUTES, wife of J. P. Lutes, died near Ridgely. She was a daughter of W. B. Estes, and was born in Pike County, Mo., February 4, 1858; married January 5, 1876, Joseph Lutes; 3 children.

The Leavenworth pontoon washed away. The steam ferry boat supplied its place.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—The new railroad station house at Parkville is complete.

Dan Shields is stirring up the people of Platte City on temperance.

DOROTHEA MAGERS.

Dec. 7—Dorothea Magers died at Platte City. She was born in Germany February 14, 1828, came to America, and in 1853 married Fred Magers, who still lives and still drinks. She was pure, meek, and nearly blind. She was a zealous member of the Presbyterian Church. Ch:

I. EMMA MAGERS, m'd Oct. 21, 1875, Julius Baker, a saddler of Weston.

II. FRED MAGERS (ii).

III. KATE MAGERS, m'd Sept. 25, 1895, Thos. Stewart, of St. Joseph.

Dec. 13—Dan. Shields organizes at Platte City a Temperance Council, with Ed Anderson president and Phœbe Paxton secretary.

Dec. 31—Bank Deposits—Edgerton Bank, \$44,150.58; Bank of Dearborn, \$28,740.96.

MARRIAGES IN 1889 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

February 1—W. A. Harris married Rosa M. Thompson.

February 15—John R. Lynch married Dorinda A. Burton.

February 16—John Justus married Maggie Anderson.

March 2—Jesse P. Thompson married Katie Biows.

March 12—William Beck married Ada Marshall.

March 20—John F. Copeland married Fannie E. Davis.

May 16—Emery Hackett married Laura E. Cox.

June 13—W. G. Larrabee married Louisa Bentz.

July 10—John W. Kennedy married Fannie Laurance.

July 20—Lewis Nichols married Martha A. Hughes.

July 25—Henry A. Squires married Ella Noland.

August 10—John C. Jones married Alice Sodeman.

August 14—W. E. Browning married Lena Dickinson.

August 26—William Witt married Katie Ford.

September 2—Oscar H. Grover married Lillie M. Wilson, of Iatan.

September 16—John Harris married Flora Thornhill.

September 20—William J. Jacks married Laura E. Smith.

September 21—William Thomas married Emma Nichols.

October 7—David Wilson married Mrs. Jane Wilson, of Iatan.

November 7—John R. Fulton married Luta B. Long.

November 11—Benedict Spencer married Alice Pitts.

November 12—Albert Swaney married Lucy O. Venrick.

November 20—William Haas married Lena T. Schaback.

November 25—Samuel Leipard married Teresa Skinner.

November 25—Charles L. Morgan married Va. L. Merritt.

December 11—Frank S. Gerner married Laura E. Walters.

December 12—G. B. Heavalow married Mrs. Martha A. Crowther.

December 21—William McDowell married Lena L. Singleton.

December 25—John W. Adams married Mary Harris, of New Market.

1890.

OFFICERS.

Governor, D. R. Francis; Congressman, R. P. C. Wilson; State Senator, N. B. Anderson; Representative, C. F. Chrisman; Circuit Judge, James Sandusky; Probate Judge, W. P. Chiles; County Justices, Waller, McComas, and Crutchfield; Prosecuting Attorney, J. W. Coots; Circuit Clerk, W. H. Roney; County Clerk, J. J. Blakley; Sheriff, James Synnamon; Collector, W. T. Jenkins; Treasurer, E. McD. Coffey; Assessor, W. A. Wilson; Surveyor, G. B. Anderson; Superintendent of Schools, W. A. Banister; Public Administrator, J. B. Evans; Coroner, W. L. Stephens.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Burnes, Carmack, Coots, Forman, McRuer, Norton, Paxton, Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Coffey, Hollingsworth, Overbeck, Records, Redman.

Merchants, etc.—Baker, Bane, Beaumont, Colman, Dearing, Dillingham, Elgin, Hedges (hotel), Hulett, Jenkins, Kurtz, Lofland, Lord, McComas (postmaster), Maret, Mason, Meads, Pack, Perry, Skillman, Recht, Redman & Co., Rohring, Smith, Soper, Termier, Wilson & Co., Young, Zarn, Zonne.

Mayor—Carmack.

Lodges—No. 504, J. A. Baldwin, W. M.; Royal Arch No. 21, A. J. Colman, H. P.; Commandery No. 9, W. T. Jenkins, E. C.; Nebraska, No. 12, J. Zarn, N. G.

Newspapers—The *Landmark*, Mundy editor; the *Argus*, Gustin editor.

Banks—Platte City Bank, Smith president; Exchange Bank, Jack cashier; Bank of Wells & Co.

Fair—A. D. Burnes president.

Schools—Public Schools, Broadus principal; Daughters' College, Mrs. Park president.

Preachers—Hughes (Pres.), Hunt (Bap.), Proctor (M. E.), Surber (Chris.).

At Weston: Coburn, Hedges, Hillix, Coots, Feagan, Price, Sevier, Shortridge, Simpson, Baker, Bowman, Breen, Doppler.

Evans, Gilbert, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Keller, Kenney, Light, McConnell, Magers (postmaster), Mauch, Newhouse, Noble, Noll, O'Dowd, Parr, Raileys, Ringo, Shindler, Shenkner, Siler.

Mayor—J. F. Kenney.

Lodges—No. 53, J. W. Cox, W. M.; Royal Arch No. 4, L. W. Siler, H. P.; Commandery No. 2, Jesse Brashear, E. C.; Phoenix, No. 30, Hellman, N. G.

Preachers—Giddings, Proctor, Schaaf.

At *Parkville*: Beller, Bosch, Brightwell, Bueneman, Carpenter, Coffey, Davidson, Dziubon, Ford, Freeland, Fulton (postmaster), Graden, Hatfield, Haynes, Holt, Kahm, Luthy, Prather, Ringo, Rixey, Rutledge, Stultz, Summers, Threlkeld.

Park College—McAfee president.

Newspaper—*Independent*, Tucker editor.

Park Bank—Hamilton cashier.

At *Beverly*: Billott.

At *Dye*: Gittenger.

At *Camden Point*: Mrs. B. Pryor (postmistress), Bywaters, Ewing, Hardesty, Hamblin, Herndon, Hull, Owens, Perrin, Reed, Stallard.

Orphan School—Montjoy president.

At *Dearborn*: Arthur & Johnson, Arnold, Bashford, Bious, Bruce, Ferrel, Grist (postmaster), Heilman, Means, Roberts, Robertson, Sallee, Smith, Stagner, Watson.

At *Edgerton*: Newman (postmaster), Beery, Barret, Bright, Cantwell, Clark, Conner, Cumberford, Doke, Gustin, Handley, Hopkins, Kerr, Lewis, Mays, Pack, Royston, Scott, Shafer, Sturgess, Wallingford, Wilkerson, Worth.

Bank—Kemper cashier.

Preachers—Lavake, Davis, Winstead, Wilson.

At *Farley*: Carpenter (postmaster), Harrington, Johnson, Meyer, Dr. Yohe. Lodge No. 339, J. H. Carson W. M.

At *Hampton*: Bledsoe (postmaster).

At *Iatan*: Smith (postmaster).

At *Linkville*: Fleming (postmaster), Barr, Bright, Froman, Johnson, Lowmiller, Slaughter, Thornhill.

At *New Market*: Bryant (postmaster), Laurance, Leavel, Wilson.

At *Ridgely*: Denman (postmaster), Robinson, Gardiner.

At *Settle*: Skillman (postmaster).

At *Tracy*: Clements (postmaster), Adkins, Beall, Esmond, George, Glebb, Stone, Van Fossen.

At *Stillings*: Banning (postmaster).

At *Sugar Lake*: B. F. Moore (postmaster).

At *Waldron*: Ellis & Naylor, Simpson, Waldron (postmaster), Winn.

Markets—Cattle, \$3.25; corn, 30 cents; hogs, 3 cents; wheat, 70 cents.

UNITED STATES CENSUS IN 1890.

Platte County.

	1890.	1890.
Carroll Township, including Platte City..	2,379	2,782
Platte City..	706	670
Fair Township..	1,263	1,275
Green Township, with towns..	2,418	2,425
Camden Point..	177	142
Dearborn..	239	.....
Lee Township..	814	1,117
Marshall Township..	1,623	1,910
May Township..	967	899
Pettis Township, including Parkville.. . .	2,456	2,354
Parkville..	769	482
Preston Township in full..	1,695	1,608
Edgerton..	482	145
Waldron Township..	693	840
Weston Township in full..	1,940	2,156
Weston..	1,134	1,329
Platte County..	16,248	17,366
Population of Missouri..	2,679,184	2,168,380
Dwellings, State..	485,320	
Each..	5.52	
Families, State..	528,295	
Each..	5.07	
Debt, State..	\$11,759,831	\$19,589,000
Platte County—Dwellings..	2,853	
Each..	5.41	
Families..	2,899	
Each..	5.32	
Voters..	4,430	
Insane and feeble-minded.. . . .	39	
Deaf..	11	
Deaf and Dumb..	9	
Blind..	11	

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Last year the stated weekly contributions of the Christian Sunday-school at Platte City amounted to \$94.39.

The Platte City Temperance Council hold weekly meetings in the churches.

The State Board of the Christian Church, having located the Orphan School at Fulton, applied to Judge Sandusky for an injunction to stop the local board from expending the funds in rebuilding. The injunction is refused, and the local board rebuilds the house.

REV. THOMAS HURST.

Jan. 4—Rev. Thomas Hurst died at his home near Ridgely. His lineage was, 1st, James Hurst, who married in 1750 Sarah Chism. Their son, 2d, Levi Hurst, was born in Baltimore, Md., September 9, 1770; married Sophia Badley, born January 27, 1771, daughter of Wm. Badley and Elizabeth Patton. Levi (i) and family removed in 1800 to Chillicothe, Ohio. He was a brick-mason, and built the first brick house in the city. Their son,

THOMAS HURST,

Was born in Chillicothe November 11, 1805. In early life he prepared himself for the Methodist Episcopal ministry, and was ordained a deacon of the church in 1840. He married, May 27, 1827, Catherine Street, daughter of Basil. She was born September 10, 1810, in Ross County, Ohio. She had two children:

I. SARAH A. HURST, b. June 10, 1830.

II. GEO. W. HURST, b. June 20, 1832. Both yet living in Ohio.

Mrs. Catherine Hurst died, and Thomas married, second, August 7, 1834, Sarah Prichard. In 1853 the family came West, and settled near Ridgely. The following year Thomas joined the conference, and his subsequent life, while health lasted, was devoted to the faithful work of the ministry. He was stationed two years at Platte City, and preached on various circuits of the conference. His second wife died in 1877. Her ch:

III. MARY C. HURST, b. April 13, 1837; m'd March 20, 1862, James Scott.

IV. MINERVA J. HURST, b. Nov. 14, 1838; m'd Feb. 7, 1862, Wm. S. Shackelford.

V. LEVI A. HURST, b. Oct. 8, 1840; m'd Jan. 3, 1872, Gertrude McLane, dr. of the lamented Allen McLane. (See.)

VI. MELISSA E. HURST, m'd David E. Shafer. (See.)

VII. MATILDA C. HURST, b. Feb. 23, 1844; m'd Jan. 3, 1865, Stephen M. Crockett.

VIII. MARTHA E., b. April 28, 1848; dead.

Jan. 6—William McGhey is run over by cars at Weston, and killed.

Jan. 11—Miss Samantha Robertson, a teacher of Daughters' College, died, and was taken to Cynthiana, Ky., for burial.

Jan. 12—James L. Moore sells to W. H. Cook his property on Lots 7 and 8, Block 23, in Platte City, and buys of Sanders McComas part of his property in Block 42. Cook builds a new and fine house on Lot 7, Block 23.

Jan. 13—A house in Tracy belonging to Mrs. Annie Cockrill burned

All the actual sales of land in Platte for 1889 show an average of \$35.50 per acre, while the assessments show an average of \$11.30.

Jan. 24—John Dunagan died near Waldron.

THE DUNAGAN FAMILY.

Daniel Dunagan, ancestor of the family, came from Ireland in 1780, and married Mary Duncan. He was a patriot soldier in the latter years of the Revolution. Most of the children came to Platte, and settled near Waldron. Children:

- I. DANIEL DUNAGAN (ii), settled in Newton Co., Mo.
- II. JAMES DUNAGAN, b. Oct. 25, 1804, in Green County, Tenn.; m'd Elizabeth Ann Logan, b. Feb. 17, 1814, dr. of W. A. Ch:
 1. *Nancy Dunagan*, b. Aug. 25, 1833; m'd Dec. 26, 1859, Joshua R. Noland, b. April 6, 1835; both living. Ch: [a] Sarah E. Noland, m'd July 25, 1880, Henry Jones. Ch: [1] Alvin Jones; [2] Rufus; [3] Obed; [4] Maria; [5] Wilda Jones; [6] Orville. [b] Obed D. Noland (iii); [c] Nancy A.; [d] Jane; [e] Martha.
 2. *John F. Dunagan*, b. Feb. 14, 1835; m'd April 6, 1856, Nancy Reynolds. Ch: [a] Mary E., b. Dec. 21, 1856; m'd Wm. Fleming (see); [b] Sarah C. Dunagan, m'd Theo. Fleming; [c] Dorsey Dunagan. Nancy Dunagan died, and John F. married, second, July 23, 1866, Matilda Nash, from whom he was divorced, and she married John Stewart.
 3. *Mary M. Dunagan*, b. March 2, 1837; m'd July 28, 1862, Capt. Jas. M. Noland, son of Joshua; d. in Feb., 1865. He was elected captain of Co. B., Mo. S. Militia, Cav. 39th Reg., and did good service in protecting the southeastern part of the county during the war. Ch: [a] Joshua R. Noland, m'd Martha J. Noland, dr. of Obed C.; they live near Edgerton; 2 children. After Captain Noland's death, Mary M. m'd 2d, George Bazille. Ch: [b] Geo. S. Bazille; [c] Tamar E. Bazille.
 4. *Thomas N. Dunagan* (our Tom), b. Feb. 9, 1840; bachelor.
 5. *Daniel D. Dunagan*, b. Feb. 22, 1842; m'd Nov. 3, 1864, Louisa Malott; d. in 1875. He m'd 2d, Hattie Marble.
 6. *Josephine Dunagan*, b. April 6, 1854; m'd George Hardwicke.
 7. *Sidney J. Dunagan*, m'd Jas. H. Noland, son of John. (See.)
- III. JOSEPH DUNAGAN, d. in March, 1863; m'd in Clay Co. Mary Davis, and came to Platte in 1837. Ch:
 1. *Eliza Jane Dunagan*, m'd Jan. 17, 1855, Jonathan Dowdell, and went to Kansas.
 2. *Levi Dunagan*, m'd Amanda Fry.
 3. *Hettie Ann*.
 4. *Harmon A. Dunagan*.
- IV. ANDREW DUNAGAN, d. in Clay in 1833.
- V. JOHN DUNAGAN, b. Sept. 11, 1814; d. Jan. 24, 1890; m'd Mary Logan, dr. of W. A. Ch:

1. *Clement N. Dunagan*, m'd Eliza Timberlake, dr. of Nic. (See.)
2. *Wm. D. Dunagan*, b. Dec. 28, 1846; d. May 4, 1892; m'd Perd. Pettillo, dr. of H. T. Ch: [*a*] Charles; [*b*] Mussetta; [*c*] Belle; [*d*] Bertha.
3. *John R. Dunagan*, b. Sept. 28, 1860; m'd Dec. 23, 1890, Eva Babcock, dr. of F. M. Ch: [*a*] Roscoe, b. Oct. 13, 1891; [*b*] Ed L. Dunagan, b. Jan. 15, 1894.
4. *Ann Elizabeth Dunagan*, b. Jan. 7, 1844; m'd March 25, 1889, W. M. Bowlin, son of Delana. (See.) She is W. M.'s present wife. He m'd 1st, Jan. 30, 1842, Ann Grooms, and he m'd 2d, May 29, 1884, Lucretia Timberlake.
5. *Malinda Dunagan*, m'd George W. Bazille. Children: [*a*] Lucy; [*b*] Ida.

VI. ELIZABETH DUNAGAN, m'd Ira Ellis, and lives in Newton County, Mo.

VII. NICHOLAS, was a child of Daniel's (i) first wife, who was a West, and they lived in Tennessee.

Jan. 25—JUDGE DAVID J. THORP died at his home near Weston. His father, Jas. Thorp, a native of Virginia, removed to Kentucky, and thence to Missouri in 1812. He died in Lexington, Mo., in 1836. David J. was born February 14, 1820, at Lexington, Mo. In 1838 Mr. D. J. Thorp went to Buchanan County, and thence came to Platte in 1848, having married, May 26, 1846, Sarah E. Linville. He was elected in November, 1878, a justice of the county court of Platte, and reelected in 1880, and for the third term in 1882. He was a man of sound judgment and undeviating truth and honesty, and enjoyed the boundless confidence of the public. He left but one child, Coriolanus Thorp. (See.)

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—The contract to build the Gow ferry bridge let at \$2,650.

The Lathrop joints raided by women. W. M. Paxton published a poem justifying the act.

At Dearborn, G. W. Anderson, E. E. Gilbert, I. N. Hays, A. J. Hesse, and M. King are building.

Feb. 22—Teachers' Institute at Edgerton, W. A. Banister commissioner.

JOHN B. WELLS.

John B. Wells having died at his home, near Weston, L. E. Wells administered. Bond, \$1,000. His lineage is: 1st, John Wells, a native of Virginia, who moved to Montgomery County, Ky.; 2d, his son, Hasten Wells; 3d, John B. Wells. Mr. Wells was

born in Montgomery County, Ky., November 16, 1800; married April 12, 1832, Tabitha C. Davis, daughter of Benjamin. They removed to Marion County, Mo., in 1833, and to Platte early in 1837. Mr. Wells' name is closely associated with the early history of Weston; and his steam ferry, at Rialto, was the highway of emigration from 1854 to 1865. His enterprise and intelligence made him a prominent figure in commercial circles, until age paralyzed his powers. Ch:

- I. LEANDER E. WELLS, m'd Elenora Talbott; 2 children.
- II. JOHN D., b. March 5, 1841; d. March 5, 1889, leaving a widow, Ella (Clark), and a son, Evans Wells, b. Dec. 12, 1874.
- III. LITTLETON M. WELLS, m'd Bettie Pendleton.
- IV. LAURA WELLS, m'd James Blaine.
- V. MITTIE WELLS, dead; m'd J. C. Frazier. Ch:
 - 1. Vernie. 2. Regene.
- VI. HENRIETTA M. WELLS, m'd Oct. 1, 1865, H. M. Clark. Ch:
 - 1. Ernest. 2. H. M. Clark (ii), m'd May 14, 1897, M. P. Tebbs.
- VII. GEORGIA F., m'd Robert South.
- VIII. LUTHER J. WELLS, gone to Colorado.

A sister of Mrs. J. B. Wells, Susan Davis, married, September 17, 1853, Joseph B. Evans, born in Fleming County, Ky., November 23, 1827; died March 7, 1897. He came West in 1841, and for many years was a citizen of Weston. He filled the offices of justice of the peace, marshal of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, and public administrator of the county. He turned his attention, at times, to farming and stock-raising. He was a Mason and an expert accountant. His mother was a daughter of Captain Joseph C. Belt. Their son, George W. Evans, married Regina Brook, of St. Louis, Mo., and he is a traveling salesman. Ch: 1, George D. Evans; 2, Mabel O. Evans; 3, Joseph; 4, Eugene.

Feb. 24—Ben Deering made two temperance lectures at Platte City.

Feb. 26—REV. THOMAS R. VALLIANT died at Platte City. He was born in Talbott County, Md., April 12, 1835, came west entered the Confederate army, served four years, went to Clarks-ville, Tenn., and prepared himself for the Episcopal ministry. In 1878 he was ordained by Bishop Quintard. He came to Platte, and married, October 8, 1867, Maggie Darst, and after spending several years in Kansas City, commenced preaching at Weston, and subsequently at Platte City. He removed to Platte City and took charge of the business department of the *Landmark*, and in a short time he became proprietor and sole editor. In March, 1885, with Mrs. Valliant, he paid a visit to his old Maryland home. Upon his return he continued his editorial work with vigor. He was a true friend of the South, and a warm Democrat. He was a good writer of sketches, and a proficient in rhetoric, but deficient in logic. The *Landmark* while under his

charge was the best newspaper we have ever had. He had correspondents at every town, and all sides were given a hearing. He was a confirmed Episcopalian, and sold the *Landmark* that he might give himself wholly to the ministry. He was genial, kind, and true in his associations, and enjoyed the confidence and affection of the people of Platte County. He was devoted to Masonry, delighted in the work of its various degrees, and always joined in the excursions of the knights. But ill health cut short his career, and he died greatly lamented. Mrs. Valliant now resides in St. Joseph, and by her needle provides for her household. The children will be found classed with the Darst family.

MARCH.

ALEMANDER POPE.

March 1—Alemander Pope died at his home on Bee Creek. He was born in Garrard County, Ky., June 16, 1810. He married Mary Ann Fisher. In 1850 they came to Platte, and soon Mr. Pope became blind, and groped in darkness until his death. He possessed, by nature, a vigorous mind and sound judgment; and his children were intelligent and well informed. Mrs. Pope still lives. Ch:

- I. JOHN POPE, killed Sept. 12, 1896, at Kansas City, by a train. He was buried at Pleasant Ridge.
- II. JAMES POPE, unmarried.
- III. STEPHEN RICHARD POPE, m'd Mattie E. Elley. (See.)
- IV. MOLLIE POPE, lives with her mother.
- V. NANNIE, lives with her mother.
- VI. ELIZABETH POPE, m'd March 1, 1862, George Crutchfield. (See.)
- VII. MARIA POPE, dead; m'd Jan. 15, 1862, Ed Fairhurst. She died, and he m'd 2d, March 7, 1895, Lucy J. Cox.
- VIII. GEO. H. POPE, b. Dec. 19, 1857; d. Oct. 7, 1891. He engaged in the hardware trade in Platte City. He was elected county treasurer in November, 1890, and died in office. John I. Skillman was appointed to fill out his term. He was well-beloved, and was in the highway of success when called hence. He never married.

March 14—NANCY CLEMENTS having died near Pisgah Church, Woodford Clements administers. Bond, \$500. Children: 1. Mary J. Saunders; 2. Sarah Reese; 3. Joseph B. Clements; 4. Elizabeth Moore; 5. Josephine Fouts.

March 20—The contract to rebuild the Orphan School is let to D. J. Bennett at \$14,847.

APRIL.

ELECTIONS.

Fair—A. D. Burnes president, and Wm. Forman secretary.

Platte City—J. Beery mayor; Baker, Bane, and Dearing aldermen. The county voted down school supervision.

MILES HARRINGTON.

April 4—Miles Harrington died at his home south of Camden Point. He was a son of William Harrington and Hannah Lowell, and was born in Tennessee October 19, 1814. He came with his parents to Howard County Mo., in 1816. In 1821 the family removed to Chariton County, thence, in 1822, to Clay, and finally to Platte in 1837. He possessed public spirit and Christian zeal. He was a friend of Camden Point Academy, and was one of its founders. His friends pressed his claims for a seat on the county bench. His wealth and intelligence gave him prominence and influence. He was married five times. His first wife was Lerisa Fowler, mother of R. N. Harrington and William, who was killed in the war. He married, second, September 9, 1843, Sarah Ann Clark, née Cole. He married, third, January 25, 1849, Olive A. Jeter, daughter of Hiram. He married, fourth, October 12, 1854, Sophronia Brown, née Gaines (see); and he married, fifth, December 12, 1867, Cinderella Peyton, who survived him, went to Virginia, and died January 26, 1892. Ch:

I. RICHARD N. HARRINGTON, b. in Platte July 24, 1837. (See.)

II. FLORA S. HARRINGTON, dr. of the 4th wife; m'd Nov. 6, 1878, Edwin C. Pixlee. They went to Clay, where she died.

III. ELIZABETH HARRINGTON, m'd R. H. Bywaters. (See.)

IV. JEFF D. HARRINGTON, m'd Gertrude Powell. (See.)

N. T. Dick buys the *Republican* from Meads & Kurtz, and becomes sole editor.

April 6—GEO. W. DYER, aged 76, died in Marshall Township. He married, November 28, 1883, Mrs. Elizabeth Lawson, née Graves, who survived him. Ch: 1, Jennie Dyer, m'd a Jones; 2, Maggie Dyer, m'd Dec. 18, 1866, Wesley B. Cook, son of Thos. D. (See.) Ch: [a] Geo. Cook.

April 8—James K. Lamar having died in Green Township, his brother, Thomas J., administers. Bond, \$4,000. He was a son of

HENRY LAMAR,

Born in 1814, who married Eliza Kennedy. They came in 1843, and settled near New Market. He was a decided and outspoken Union man during the war, and possessed courage, wealth, and influence. Ch:

- I. JAMES K. LAMAR, d. April 8, 1890.
 II. MARY LAMAR, m'd Riley Ussary, of Buchanan County.
 III. ELIZABETH LAMAR, m'd Robert Brownwell, of Kansas.
 IV. THOMAS J. LAMAR, b. Oct. 27, 1843; m'd Feb. 17, 1873, Melvina J. Doyle. He is an industrious and thriving farmer.
 Children:
 1. *Henry A. Lamar.* 2. *James W.*
 3. *De Witt C. Lamar*, m'd Rebecca Ussary. 4. *Mary E.*
 5. *Thos. J. (ii).* 6. *F. E. Lamar.*
 V. ELIZA LAMAR, m'd William Warren, of California.
 Mr. Henry Lamar married, second, Malinda Martin, née Wood. Ch:
 VI. MARTHA LAMAR, d. Sept. 7, 1890; m'd Wm. Fitzgerald.
 VII. REBECCA F. LAMAR, m'd March 31, 1875, Wm. Wilhoite, b. in Oldham County, Ky., Sept. 5, 1843. He served the South throughout the war. Ch:
 1. *Fred.* 2. *Elma T.*
 VIII. LAURA LAMAR, m'd Nov. 2, 1880, Wm. T. Gabbert. (See.)
 IX. SARAH O. LAMAR, m'd Jan. 18, 1876, Joseph T. Smith.
 X. MINNIE LAMAR, m'd June 28, 1880, Geo. H. Swift.

April 10—Clinton Cockrill celebrated his 80th birthday.

John Collins sold his Platte City property to J. H. Daniels, and removed to the Dorriss mansion.

April 18—The officers of the Platte City Christian Church publish a card denouncing dancing and card-playing.

April 20—The Presbyterians reorganize their afternoon Sunday-school at Platte City, with H. Zonne superintendent.

April 23—DAVID ANDERSON, aged 90, died at Parkville.

April 30—Bank Deposits—Bank of Dearborn, \$25,090.40; Wells & Co., \$132,671.43.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Total receipts.	\$69,129.98
Paid on debt.	\$24,500.00
Warrants.	24,746.74
Interest paid.	10,643.18
	<hr/> 59,889.92

Surplus. \$9,240.06

But this is misleading, since warrants of one fund on another are embraced.

County Debt.

Bonds outstanding, 1889.	\$207,700
Paid since	24,500
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Debt, 1890. \$183,200

State taxable wealth, \$862,772,099.

Platte County marketed, in 1890: 6,340 head of cattle; 256,500 bushels of wheat; 119 cars of fruit; 1,853 cars of ice; 40,420 hogs; 2,293 horses and mules; miscellaneous shipments, 1,067 cars.

May 9—Frost injured gardens.

May 19—DANIEL SCOTT having died, John L. Miller administrators. Bond, \$3,000. His widow is Ella, and ch: 1, Nancy J. Pitcher; 2, Phœbe A. Wells; 3, Katie A. Scott; 4, Thomas A. Scott; 5, Mary Emma Scott; 6, John W. Scott; 7, Edgar E. Scott.

May 27—WILLIAMSON SIMMONS, aged 77, died above Weston. He came in 1857.

May 30—Ascension Day. Heavy rain. It is arranged for Platte City to visit Weston. The excursion takes place the next day.

ENOOH LINK is killed at Quindaro, by Fred Sorter, who is found guilty of murder and sent to the Kansas penitentiary for ten years.

JUNE.

GRADUATES.

At Daughters' College: Varda Cockrell, Lydia Cravens, Cora Keenan.

At Park College: John R. Jones, M. E. Krobzer, Jesse W. Martin, James K. Miller, Duncan McRuer, Philip Palmer, James Stone, Arthur T. Young, Emily McCarty, E. May Ollis.

Rev. C. B. McAfee is now in the Holy Land, and the *Independent* publishes a series of his letters.

National Bank No. 1, of Platte City, is organized with Judge E. H. Norton president, and A. R. Jack cashier. It takes the place of the Exchange Bank; but after a year's experience, it surrenders its charter, and resumes its old name of Exchange Bank of Platte City.

June 4—HENRY W. MAGERS died at Weston. He was a son of Heinrich Magers (see), and was born in Germany August 7, 1838. The family came to Weston in 1844. Reared as a merchant, Henry W. started a hardware store in Weston, and was highly regarded in business circles, as well as in society. In April, 1878, he was chosen mayor of the city, and filled other positions of honor and trust.

COL. GEORGE S. PARK.

June 6—Colonel George S. Park died at his home in Illinois, and was buried at Parkville, where a massive column of 22 tons weight, of Vermont (his native State) marble, marks his grave, inscribed: "George S. Park, born at Grafton, Vermont, October 28, 1811; died June 6, 1890."

In the *Advocate* of June 6 (note the coincidence), 1876, I published a kind notice of Colonel Park, a part of which I here copy:

"The time has come to do justice to the name of George S. Park. During the Kansas excitement of 1855-6 his name was cast out, and he was treated with scorn and obloquy; and during the Civil War he was often in personal danger. His schemes of enlarged benevolence were far in advance of the ideas of the people among whom he moved; and now, when the frosts of 65 years have whitened his scanty locks, his zeal in behalf of education and religion nerves him to greater efforts. His Industrial College is already shedding beams of light upon Platte County. Quite a number of youths of both sexes are preparing for lives of usefulness. Two young men are already supplying the pulpits of neighboring towns, and seven Sabbath-schools are sustained by as many students. In a few years these youths will be preaching the gospel in wider fields. Mr. Park has long been planning some scheme of benevolence, and his dreams of usefulness are in part realized in the endowment of Park College. May he long live to support and guide it.

"Mr. Park sprang from an old and worthy family of Vermont. Before he attained his majority his father gave him a farm, which he sold for \$1,200 and left for Illinois. His funds were invested in lands, and for several years he supported himself by teaching school. He then entered Illinois College, at Jacksonville, and received a superior education. In 1834 we find him teaching in Calloway County, Mo., where he joined a Presbyterian church, under the ministry of the now sainted Dr. Nelson, author of the work on "Infidelity," published by the Tract Society. When the Texas War broke out, he volunteered and served to the end. His health had been broken down by confinement in the school-room, but the exercise and exposure of a soldier's life in the West restored him to robust health. He was taken from the ranks and made commissary of his regiment. He was with Colonel Fannin when nearly all his men were murdered by order of Santa Ana. They had surrendered on the condition that their lives were to be spared, but were treacherously marched out in divisions, and to the number of 330 were mercilessly shot. When the squad in which Colonel Park was placed was led forth and placed in position, he suspected the purpose. They were drawn up in line near a fence, close to Coleta River. At a signal from the commanding officer he observed the men raising their muskets, and he fell prostrate in time to escape their murderous bullets. While protected from view by the smoke, he bounded over the fence, and, amid a shower of balls, reached the wood bordering the river. Though a poor swimmer, he succeeded in crossing the stream, and wandered alone for days through a country deserted by every inhabitant. He subsisted upon provisions found in abundance

in the unoccupied dwellings, until he reached a place of safety.

"The Texas War ended, Colonel Park returned to Missouri, and in 1838 selected the mouth of the Platte River as a suitable place for a town. He purchased the claim of Steve English, who had erected on the bank of the Missouri River, where Main Street strikes it, a log warehouse as a steamboat landing. Below the White Aloe Branch, on a gentle elevation, Colonel Park built a comfortable dwelling; and here, in 1839, I first met him; and here commenced a friendship that lasted throughout his life.

"In 1844 Colonel Park laid off Parkville, and sold out lots; built the stone houses at the foot of Main Street, and in 1854 erected the stone hotel, now Park College."

I have not space to follow Colonel Park through his remarkable career. A volume could be filled with accounts of his labors to build up Parkville, his newspaper enterprises, his public improvements, his railroad projects, his work for the church, his loyalty to his country, his sacrifices for freedom; his sufferings for the Union, and especially his heroic faith and burning zeal for Park College. Without his labors, prayers, counsel, and beneficence, the foundations of Park College would never have been laid; or, if laid, would not have achieved success. I was a consulted party to many of Colonel Park's plans of doing good, and I wish I had space to do him the honor he merits. I will still further notice Mr. Park when I reach the death of Dr. J. A. McAfee, which very soon follows.

Mr. Park's first wife was Eliza Vose, who had two children that died in infancy. His second wife was Marie Louise Holmes (sister of Lawson). Her only child is Ella Park, now the wife of Hon. George A. Lawrence, of Galesburg, Ill. She is lovely, both in person and in character, and inherits her father's beneficence. Mr. Lawrence is an eminent lawyer. They often visit Park College, and are continually doing something for its success. Mrs. M. L. Park is a grand and lovely old lady, waiting for the reunion that must take place above.

June 8—Mary Margaret Lott, née Dick, died at Edgerton.

THE DICK FAMILY.

John Dick came from Ireland to North Carolina. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He married in Ireland Peggy Wylie. They removed to Pulaski County, Ky., where the children were all born:

I. SAMUEL DICK. II. JAMES DICK.

III. ARCHIBALD DICK. IV. SALLIE DICK,

V. JOHN DICK. All these lived and died in Kentucky.

VI. ALEXANDER DICK came to Platte, and removed hence to Jefferson County, Kansas. Ch:

1. *Whitley Dick*, b. in Pulaski Co., Ky.; came to Missouri in 1855. His first wife died, and he m'd 2d, Oct. 24, 1889, Mrs. Amanda Shackelford. His daughter,

Melvina, married Nov. 10, 1875, John H. Newman (see), son of D. D. His son, F. M. Dick, m'd 1st, Sept. 6, 1860, Margaret Dick; and 2d, Dec. 22, 1892, Mary McComas.

VII. WILLIAM DICK, b. in 1789; m'd in Kentucky Fanny Spears. Ch:

1. *Hezekiah Dick*, b. in Kentucky Jan. 9, 1827; m'd 1st, Sept. 16, 1847, Caroline Adams, b. Feb. 28, 1827; d. Dec. 9, 1870. Mr. Dick is of sound judgment, and has held the office of justice of the peace. Ch: [a] Mary M. Dick, b. Sept. 13, 1867; d. June 8, 1890; m'd in 1844, Thos. J. Lott, a farmer living near Edgerton. Ch: [1] Louisa Caroline Lott; [2] Nellie Inez Lott. [b] Alex. Dick went West; [c] Granville G., m'd Fannie Smalley; [d] Jas. A. Dick, m'd Oct. 18, 1882, Susan J. St. John; [e] Newton T. Dick, m'd Aug. 24, 1889, Ella M. Flannery (see); [f] America Dick, m'd Andrew St. John. Hezekiah Dick m'd 2d, Dec. 19, 1889, Helena McKee.

VIII. NANCY DICK, m'd Micajah Wilson, of Kentucky.

DR. JOHN ARMSTRONG McAFEE.

June 12—Dr. John Armstrong McAfee, son of Joseph McAfee and Priscilla Armstrong, was born in Marion County, Mo., December 12, 1831. After his academic course at local schools, he pursued a regular course at Westminster College, and graduated in 1859. His *alma mater* afterwards conferred on him the degree of D.D. August 23, 1859, he married Anna Bailey, born in St. Charles County, Mo., April 28, 1838. Her father was Jas. G. Bailey. From 1859 to 1860 Mr. McAfee taught a young ladies' school in Fulton. He taught also at Ashley and Louisiana, Mo. In 1870 he was called to Highland, Kansas, as professor of Greek. Here he was successfully engaged with a class much devoted to him, when, in 1875, he was solicited by Col. G. S. Park to take the old stone hotel at Parkville and open an industrial school for both sexes on his own account. We have already, under date of April 12, 1875, referred to the negotiations and the acceptance of the place by Mr. McAfee. With faith and prayer he entered on the work, and with God's blessing he laid the foundation of one of the grandest institutions of earth. The trials and discouragements that hedged his way were enough to undermine his reason. But he was swayed by unyielding faith, burning zeal, and God's guiding spirit. He made no false steps, and persevered to the end. When his work was ended, he was called to come up higher, and his place was immediately filled by the widow and her children.

Dr. McAfee and Colonel Park were chosen of God for the noble enterprise they set on foot at Parkville. Neither could have accomplished anything without the other. The zeal of neither ever flagged. Each was necessary for the other—and, like

Saul and Jonathan, beautiful in their lives, in death they were not divided. Within the same week they entered the gates of pearl. Their life work was ended. Their labors and prayers, with God's blessing, were rewarded with success. They lie side by side in the cemetery below—and side by side they kneel before the throne. I sang my "Coronach" over their graves. I copy it from my "Legend of Parkville":

CORONACH.

In your lives ye were peerless,
And in death not divided;
For the right ye were fearless,
And for God were decided.
You have gone where vexation
Your communion can't sever,
And where peace and salvation
Shall be yours and forever.

Let the shepherd be taken,
And the flock will be scattered:
And the ship is forsaken
When its rudder is shattered.
But your prayers have been heeded,
And your work shall not perish;
For the Lord when most needed
Will deliver and cherish.

We have come here to cover
Your dear forms 'neath the sod;
But your spirits now hover
Round the throne of your God.
We are left broken-hearted,
But our tears will soon cease;
For the work ye have started
Shall go on and increase.

Children of Dr. McAfee:

- I. LOWELL MASON McAFEE, b. June 6, 1860; m'd Sept. 28, 1887, Carrie Canfield; graduated at Park College in 1880, and is the principal and business manager of the institution.
- II. HOWARD BAILEY McAFEE, b. Dec. 31, 1861; m'd Aug. 24, 1886, Lucy Hindman. He graduated at Park College in the class of 1880, and is superintendent and treasurer of the Park College Family.
- III. LAPSLEY ARMSTRONG McAFEE, b. March 31, 1864; m'd Aug. 17, 1887, Ella Taylor. He graduated at Park College in 1882, and is pastor and chaplain of Park College Family.

IV. CLELAND BOYD McAFEE, b. Sept. 25, 1866; m'd Aug. 10, 1892, Hattie L. Brown. He graduated at Park College in 1884, and is associate pastor and chaplain of Park College Family. Ch:

1. *Ruth Myrtle McAfee*, b. June 26, 1893.

2. *Catherine Agnes*, b. Dec. 21, 1896.

V. JOSEPH ERNEST McAFEE, b. April 4, 1868; graduated at Park College in 1889, and is preparing for the Presbyterian ministry.

VI. HELEN BAILEY McAFEE, b. Nov. 24, 1870. She finds employment in the Park College Family as a helper in any department.

The five brothers are extraordinary young men, and with their native talents, supplemented by superior education, will make their marks on this generation. Their wives are sprightly, spirited, and accomplished. All, perhaps without exception, are graduates of Park College.

Mrs. Anna B. McAfee is president of the college. She is tall, handsome, amiable, and courteous—an interesting speaker and a spirited conversationalist. Her health is somewhat impaired.

The Kansas City boom has bursted, and the proud and wealthy emigrants of 1887 are the poor and humble immigrants of 1890—poorer and wiser.

EDWIN W. RINGO, son of Dr. J. W. Ringo, died at Parkville. He was born in Parkville June 26, 1859; married October 25, 1882, Maggie Alexander. (See.)

June 14—Ira A. Hoffman, a student of Park College, drowned in the Missouri.

June 16—Todd's Creek Christian Church dedicated.

June 19—Crops promising—abundant rains—wheat grains large and full. A. J. Colman has sold 19 McCormick reapers.

June 22—Temperature 102°

June 27—Dr. Jas. A. Price and Editor J. B. Mundy have a newspaper war.

JULY.

July 1—Platte City School Finances: Collected, \$1,449.71; expended, \$1,326.37. Back debt paid, \$566.25. Bonded debt, \$1,500. Levy, 50 cents.

July 4—Celebrated at Weston. Attendance, 4,000. Dram-shop petitions filed, two from Weston and three from Stillings. Picnic at Edgerton, Dearborn, Camden Point, and Hickory Grove. Knights of Honor have a barbecue at Weston.

July 7—Temperature 106°, and scalding winds from the south. It continued about the same temperature until the 12th, when a light rain fell. It was said that the thermometer on the 11th was 108°.

July 12—Democratic Primary—Nominees: For Legislature, J. W. Coots; Sheriff, Jas. Synnamon; for Circuit Clerk, I. L. Free-land; for County Clerk, J. J. Blakley; for Probate Judge, J. L. Carmack; for Collector, W. J. Overbeck; for Assessor, W. A. Wilson. Beer was used by the candidates, and many were drunk.

July 14—Temperature 108°—but at night rain, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

July 20—Mr. L. B. Worth, of Iowa, comes to take charge of the Centennial Mill at Tracy. He rents of W. H. Cook his new house on Lot 8, Block 23, Platte City.

After the hot and dry weather, we have a tremendous rain.

July 30—The Democratic Congressional Convention at Rockport nominates R. P. C. Wilson.

JACOB DEETS, of Dearborn, dies; buried by Masons. He was a twin brother of Henry Deets, who died November 22, 1894. They were born in Ohio, and served as soldiers in the Mexican War. They came to Platte in 1843. Jacob's children: 1, Joseph Deets, m'd Mollie Hackett; 2, Mary F. Deets, m'd Sept. 4, 1880, Jeff. D. Keller; 3, Ella Deets, m'd Oct. 25, 1892, Robert Murray. (See.)

Care must be taken to distinguish the Deets of Dearborn from the Deitz of Weston.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—Emancipation Day observed by the negroes of Platte City, and fine watermelons make their appearance.

Aug. 3—SAMUEL POTTER died at Platte City; born February 15, 1808. His wife, Rhoda, born February 20, 1808, had died December 9, 1886. He was a carpenter, and a devotedly pious Methodist, as was his wife. Children: 1, Seba, b. Jan. 17, 1847; m'd May 18, 1882, Jas. L. Moore (see); 2, Emma Potter.

Four inches of rain—but corn seems ruined by the hot winds, and will be only a half-crop.

Aug. 5—DRURY WALLACE died south of Platte City; born in Cooper County, Mo., July 24, 1824; came to Platte in 1842; married October 30, 1847, Mary A. Mulkey. Children: 1, John; 2, James; 3, William; 4, George; 5, Sallie. He was a Baptist, and kind-hearted and industrious.

Martin Ford, cleaning out a well near Farley, was overcome by foul air, and called for help. One went down and tied a rope around him, but in drawing him up the rope untied, and Ford, falling back, was killed.

Aug. 6—Charles M. Johnston, late treasurer, indicted for forgery and embezzlement, took a change of venue to Clay, and plead guilty on one indictment. The other indictments were dismissed, and Johnston was sentenced to two years' confinement.

After a short service, he was pardoned. His sureties settled—gave bond for \$7,014.30, and subsequently all was paid.

J. A. Gamble was found guilty of murder, in killing Gluck, and was sent to the penitentiary for three years.

MRS. REBECCA REYNOLDS.

Mrs. Rebecca Reynolds died, and was buried at Platte City. She was the widow of William Reynolds, and was born in Kentucky July 9, 1809. She is interesting to us only as the mother of:

I. ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, m'd F. M. Oldham, son of Richard Oldham and Sallie Williams. With his brother, William O. Oldham, F. M. came to Platte about 1872, and after giving his attention to the purchase and sale of hemp for several years, went to farming. His killing of Jas. H. Jones will be noticed in its proper place. Ch:

1. *Eddie M.*, m'd Gabriel Rice. (See.)
2. *Alice R. Oldham*, m'd April 6, 1885, Ben E. Miller. (See.)
Ch: [a] Earl.
3. *Junie E. Oldham*, m'd W. Z. Jones.
4. *Richard*, m'd Ed. M. Wren. Ch: [a] Olive.
5. *Ben F. Oldham*, m'd Sept. 28, 1892, Minnie Adkins.
6. *Laura M. Oldham*.

Aug. 12—Jas. W. Higgins, aged 30 and unmarried, drowns himself by jumping from the Pontoon into the Missouri.

Rain—The 14th, 2 inches; the 18th, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch; the 24th, 2 inches.

Aug. 18—Camp-meeting at Iatan.

Aug. 23—The Farmers' and Laborers' Union have a picnic at Artesian Springs.

Aug. 24—W. T. Jenkins buys the *Landmark*, and J. B. Mundy retires.

Aug. 26—The fair—A. B. Burnes president; cleared \$1,715, but the debt is still \$1,000.

The new steam mill at Tracy is finished. It is built by a milling company of Avoca, Iowa, assisted by the people, who subscribed \$1,000 as a bonus. It cost \$25,000. Its capacity is 100 barrels of flour daily, and stores 10,000 bushels of wheat. L. B. Worth, of Avoca, Iowa, is manager.

SEPTEMBER.

GEO. W. NOLLEY.

Sept. 7—Geo. W. Nolley died at Weston. He was born in Brunswick County, Va., November 18, 1806; came to Platte in 1858. His wife died about 1860, leaving:

I. ALICE F. NOLLEY, m'd Feb. 18, 1861, Hugh McConnell. She was divorced, and took her maiden name. The name

of her child, Alma, was changed to Alma Nolley. Alma m'd June 23, 1890, Dr. S. W. Coots. Mrs. Alice F. Nolley m'd 2d, Jan. 8, 1872, Aug. Schneider, b. in Switzerland, and came here in 1849. Ch:

1. *Aug. V. Schneider* (ii).

II. PAUL W. NOLLEY (dead), m'd Sept. 25, 1871, Emma J. Bray. He for many years ran a daily hack between Weston and Platte City.

Sept. 8—Susan R. Ringo, wife of

LUDWELL R. RINGO,

Died in Atchison, Kas. She was born in Virginia, April 15, 1799. She married Ludlow R. Ringo, born in Virginia, March 10, 1804; died June 9, 1892. They came to Weston in 1840. He was a man of ability, and an enthusiastic Mason. Ch:

I. ELIZABETH RINGO, m'd D. P. Wallingford. (See.)

II. MRS. J. H. MATHENY.

III. LOTT W. RINGO, a man of business and enterprise, living in Weston.

IV. VIRGINIA RINGO, m'd Peter Ewry.

V. L. R. (REC.) RINGO.

CROPS, FRUITS, ETC.

Apples scarce, but good, 65 cents per bushel; peaches, pears, plums, and damsons are also scarce and good; wheat, 90 cents to \$1.00; corn, 40 cents. Though injured by the hot winds, corn turned out more than a half crop. Wheat is excellent. Sales of stock show prices: horses, \$70 to \$135; young steers, \$22; heifers, \$16; cows, \$18 to \$22; calves, \$10; milch cows and calves, \$25 to \$35; fat cows, \$30; brood sows, \$10; work mules, \$75 to \$140; stock hogs, 6 cents per pound.

Sept. 10—Camden Point Orphan School complete. It opened the 10th, and was dedicated with imposing ceremonies the 15th, with Prof. S. A. Hoover principal.

Sept. 13—Frost. Thermometer at 32 degrees. Little damage done.

Dr. J. H. Hollingsworth, having been appointed to a chair in the Dental College at Kansas City, removes thither.

The Farmers' and Laborers' Union holds frequent meetings.

Sept. 22—Malinda Hon, née Daniels, and widow of

MOSES HON,

Son of Joseph, died. She was a daughter of Eastridge Daniel, and sister of Shelby Daniel, and was born September 17, 1805. She married Moses Hon, who died in Illinois. The widow came to Platte with her children in 1865. Ch:

I. ALMANZA HON, m'd his cousin, Armilda Daniel. (See.)

II. AMANDA HON, m'd in 1861 John Wills, b. in Powell County, Ky. He was an industrious and thriving farmer and a meritorious citizen. Ch:

1. *Noah Wills*, m'd Mattie Boydston. Ch: [^a] Flora.
 2. *Harrison Wills*, m'd Laura Jacks, dr. of Con.
 3. *Thomas Wills*, m'd Nov. 11, 1890, Jennie Jacks, dr. of Con.
 4. *Ellen A. Wills*, m'd Oct. 20, 1890, Geo. Grooms. Ch: [^a] Annie; [^b] Jennie.
 5. *Charles Wills*. 6. *Martin*. 7. *Clinton*. 8. *Terry* (a girl).
- III. JOHN HON, m'd Mary Basket.
- IV. ELIZABETH HON, m'd John Fox; 6 children.
- V. CYNTHIA A. HON, b. April 15, 1841; m'd December 25, 1870, Hamilton Estes, b. Nov. 30, 1842. Ch:
1. *Waller Estes*. 2. *Cora*. They live in Kansas.
- VI. MARY ELLEN HON, m'd O. Faulconer. Live in Kentucky.
- VII. ISAAC HON, m'd May 25, 1876, Katie Hayter; 6 children.
- VIII. HERMINIA HON, m'd John T. Farmer. Ch:
1. *Price*. 2. *Grover*.

ISAAC HON

Was a son of Joseph Hon, and a brother of Moses (i). He was born October 27, 1808; married Herminia Haws. Both were natives of Montgomery County, Ky. In 1852 the family went to Iowa, and in 1866 came to Platte. Mrs. Hon died, but Mr. Hon is still a vigorous and intelligent old gentleman. Ch:

- I. VERDONIA HON, m'd Mary Clearwater, of Nebraska.
- II. SAMUEL, m'd Martha Brown, of Iowa.
- III. JOSEPH HON, m'd Ellen Lutes, of Iowa.
- IV. ACLAND HON, m'd Mary Kerr, of Iowa.
- V. NANCY, m'd in March, 1875, Lee M. Darnall. Ch:
 1. *Frank Darnall*. 2. *Wm. I.* 3. *Herminia*.
- VI. THEO. L. HON, m'd Oct. 6, 1880, Sallie Hudson, from whom he separated. His first wife was Mary Bane, dr. of Baldwin. She died, leaving:
 1. *Waller Hon*. 2. *Herminia*. 3. *James Hon*.

Isaac Hon (i) married, second, September 17, 1879, Lucinda Turner, née Wymer. She died, childless, August 28, 1893.

OCTOBER.

GOLDEN WEDDING OF W. M. PAXTON AND WIFE.

W. M. Paxton married October 1, 1840, Miss Mary Forman, and to-day the aged pair celebrated the 50th anniversary of their happy union. I gave notice in the papers that my wife and I would be at home on the 1st day of October for all callers. I dedicated a poem to my wife, and published it with the call. About 400 persons came, and my house was open for twelve hours. My friends fixed times at which the different classes and ages should attend, and throughout the day and evening there was a recurrence of guests, who were welcomed, feasted, and dismissed. Judge E. H. Norton, spokesman for a circle of donors, presented

us a golden chalice, as a special memento of the occasion, and an heirloom for our descendants.

I have already presented a chart of the family of my wife and myself. I will embrace this opportunity of giving a short notice of our lives since marriage. We were married in the old Forman mansion at Washington, Mason County, Ky., October 1, 1840. My home for twelve months past had been at Martinsville. Thither we started three weeks after marriage. Our route was down the Ohio, and up the Mississippi to St. Louis, by steamboat. Here we took a steamer for Weston, but, on account of low water and approaching winter, we could come no further than to Glasgow. Here we took stage for Martinsville, and after severe trials for the bride we reached our destination late in November. We rented a one-room cabin, worth \$5, of General Dorriess, and paid him \$3 per month for it. In the spring we removed to my claim on the prairie, seven miles east of Platte City, now belonging to John T. Kuykendall. Here I enclosed and put in cultivation a large farm. In 1849 we became tired of our prairie life, and January 1st, 1850, we removed to Platte City, and settled where we now live. I was so imprudent as to give up my practice of law, and, with Dr. H. B. Callahan, bought out J. H. Johnston's store. We did well, and in 1853 bought James Martin's one-half interest in the Platte City Water Mills. General W. B. Almond owned the other half of the mill property, then valued at \$30,000. Callahan and I bought enough of Almond's interest to make each partner own one-third. We did well until 1860, when General Almond and Mr. M. N. Owen (who had bought out Callahan) died, and left all in my charge. The war broke out, and the property became valueless. The estates of both Almond and Owen proved insolvent, and their debts, the debts of the firm, and my own liabilities fell upon me. I had been imprudent in going security for my friends, all of whom went south, leaving me to pay their debts. My liabilities were \$75,000. The war closed, and I proceeded to sell off my large landed estate, and to pay my most pressing debts. Conscious of my precarious situation, I formed a partnership with Joseph E. Merryman and resumed the practice of law. Our success was extraordinary, and I was able, in 1870, to settle the last debt I owed. I had paid \$25,000 as surety for various persons, and now resolved to indorse for none, except in the way of charity. In 1872 I made advances to my three daughters, and my will, giving the remainder of my estate to my wife. But in 1874 I became hard of hearing, and had to cease practicing law. Having abstracts of lands of Platte County, I have since that day been able to earn enough to support me and my family. But my restless mind sought employment, and I turned my attention to literature and poetry. In 1881 I issued a small volume—135 pages—of poetry, and distributed, gratuitously, 600 copies. For many years I had been gathering data and material for sketches and genealogies of the Marshall Family, from which, on my

mother's side, I am descended. In 1884 my daughter Phoebe and I started on a two-months visit to relatives in Missouri, Kentucky, Virginia, and Maryland. I visited nearly every family, and copied records and sketches of the Marshalls, from the earliest myths to the last-born child. Upon my return, I issued a volume of 425 pages, entitled "The Marshall Family," with genealogies of those connected with them by marriage. I again turned my attention to poetry, and in 1887 issued a second volume of poems of 454 pages. These volumes have not returned me one-half the cost. Since this last volume, I have written and published in various ways enough to make a third volume of poems. But for eight years past I have found my chief employment in gathering and arranging the voluminous material of the present book of history, sketches, and genealogies of Platte County, Mo., and of its early families.

My wife and I are in the autumn of life. We are in our 79th year. We have long been members of the Presbyterian Church. Our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are all with us. We are a happy family on earth, and hope we will form an unbroken circle in heaven. In another place I have noticed briefly our posterity. If God still lengthens my days, I shall devote them to poetry, and, like the dying swan, shall sing myself to sleep.

Oct. 6—The Bank of Camden Point moved into its new brick banking house.

H. S. Yates has threshed out 29,820 bushels of wheat.

JOSEPH BOSCH.

Joseph Bosch died at Parkville. He was born in Germany in 1838; married Wilhelmina Reiger, who administered, giving bond for \$2,500. They were excellent people. Ch:

I. JOHN BOSCH, b. March 24, 1860; m'd Nov. 4, 1882, Elizabeth Reinecke.

II. JOSEPH BOSCH (ii), m'd June 15, 1888, Anna Reinecke.

III. MARY BOSCH, m'd Ernest Wahl. IV. FRANK.

V. SOPHIA BOSCH.

The family are Catholics, and came to Parkville in 1870.

Oct. 14—Asa L. Smith commences work on the new two-story brick office for the *Landmark*, on Lot 1, Block 29, Platte City.

Oct. 22—REBECCA LAWLESS died in Green Township, aged 73 years. Ch: 1, Jonathan R. Lawless; 2, Sarah L., m'd an Underwood; 3, Thomas E. Lawless; 4, William H.; 5, J. S. N. Lawless; 6, Joseph B. Lawless; 7, Anna Lawless, m'd a Brown.

JODY ANDERSON, a printer, son of Joseph Anderson, shot himself at Platte City. He was buried at Weston.

Oct. 30—In October Dearborn received 84 car-loads of freight, weighing 2,600,000 pounds; and 64 car-loads were shipped, weighing 1,800,000 pounds.

Cor. Thorp has shipped from Weston 40,000 barrels of apples, for which he paid \$80,000.

NOVEMBER.

ELECTION.

Democratic ticket received 2,944 votes.

Republican ticket received 766 votes.

Congressman—R. P. C. Wilson, 2,999; N. Ford, 716.

Representative—J. W. Coots, 2,928; L. Dunbar, 770.

Sheriff—J. Synnamon, 2,911; W. H. H. Baker, 789.

Collector—W. J. Overbeck, 2,949; C. L. Banning, 741.

Circuit Clerk—J. L. Freeland, 2,975; W. H. Tibbatts, 735.

County Clerk—J. J. Blakley, 2,957; F. M. Dick, 764.

County Attorney—A. D. Burnes, 2,947; W. M. Paxton (Prohibition), 657.

Treasurer—G. H. Pope, 2,945; Joseph Wilson, 764.

Probate Judge—J. L. Carmack, 2,849; F. Luthy, 781.

Coroner—W. L. Stephens, 2,889; B. F. Whiteley, 806.

Assessor—W. A. Wilson, 2,965; J. W. Smith, 765.

Judge-at-Large—McComas, 2,954; S. Stuckey, 757.

Judge, West District—Crutchfield, 1,557; H. M. Burt, 309.

Judge, East District—H. D. Miller, 1,361; H. Cochran, 486.

Vote of District for Congress—Wilson, 15,825; Ford, 12,443.

Nov. 1—The depot of the Maple Leaf Railroad at New Market is placed at the center of the town.

Laurance and Thompson build new houses.

Nov. 10—FRED KAUFMAN died at Weston. He served as assessor of the county, and filled several minor offices in Weston. He married June 10, 1878, Nannie Louise Burch, born August 15, 1815; died December 5, 1884.

JUDGE JACOB HAMM.

Nov. 18—Judge Jacob Hamm died at Weston. He was born in Germany January 18, 1819. He came to America in 1834, and to Weston in 1837, settling a half-mile north of town. He married, in 1840, Lydia Wallace, of Kentucky, who survives. He possessed wealth and influence, and was a county judge for three years. Ch:

I. FRED W. HAMM, m'd Nov. 1, 1869, Josephine Lejeal.

II. JACOB HAMM (ii). (See.)

III. BENJ. F., m'd Oct. 23, 1878, Mattie Mundy.

IV. SUSIE HAMM, m'd Oct. 8, 1884, John Franklin.

Nov. 19—The Lewis McDaniel farm of 160 acres was sold publicly, at \$44.75 per acre, to Walter Bledsoe.

Nov. 26—Patrick Coots and wife celebrate their golden wedding. All his posterity were present, besides a circle of chosen friends.

Nov. 29—The house of William F. Cockrill, in Platte City, burned.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 2—The last spike driven in the Maple Leaf Railroad. The stations are Dearborn, New Market, Woodruff, and Beverly.

John Bywaters sells his farm near Camden Point to George A. Willis for \$45 per acre.

Grippe prevalent and fatal.

Dec. 6—The Presbyterians at Platte City had a bazaar, which was a success. It netted \$131.

Improvements at Edgerton: Mrs. Ellen St. John is building a dwelling-house of four rooms; H. T. Stone, one of five rooms; T. J. Doke, one of four rooms; J. H. Doke, one of five rooms; L. M. Morgan, one of five rooms; David Dodson, one of two rooms.

Sunday-school attendance: Baptist, 97; collections, \$62; John Cox superintendent. Christian, scholars, 76; collections, \$85; W. H. Dearmond superintendent. Methodist, scholars, 60; collections, \$65; Andrew Kerr superintendent.

Dec. 12—N. T. Dick, having removed the *Republican* from Platte City to Edgerton, issues the first number.

Shipments from Edgerton the last six months: Apples, 12,635 barrels; flour, 105 cars; wheat, 50 cars; stock, 75 cars; besides broken lots, estimated half as large.

Dec. 13—A car-load of cattle burned between Tracy and Camden Point.

Dec. 14—The old St. George (Exchange) Hotel at Weston burned. Loss \$8,000. But the Perkins House takes its place.

Dec. 22—The Dearborn Land Company buys of A. H. Burgess 9 acres of land, and lays off the Maple Leaf Addition.

ALFRED GUSTIN

Having died, his son, A. M. Gustin, administered. He was a son of Archibald Gustin, and born in Virginia February 5, 1810; married Abigail Ferguson, born February 7, 1816. She died, and he married, second, Judith Barnum. His third wife was Amanda M. F. Blankenship. He came to Platte in 1843, and became a merchant at Ridgely. During the war he was for the Union. He was honorable and upright. Children by first wife:

I. AMANDA GUSTIN, b. Sept. 5, 1834; dead.

Children by his second wife:

II. CONSTANTINE L. GUSTIN, b. March 4, 1837, in Greenup Co., Ky.; d. Dec. 21, 1891; buried at Ridgely. He was one of the early citizens of Edgerton. He married in 1860 Margaret Ralston. (See.) Ch:

1. *William J. Gustin*, b. Jan. 24, 1862; m'd Oct. 16, 1887, Josephine Stiff. Ch: [a] Wynne Gustin, b. March 7, 1889; [b] Jean, b. June 14, 1893.
 2. *Alfred M. Gustin*, b. Nov. 20, 1864; m'd April 30, 1887, Catherine Hopkins, dr. of Jos. Ch: [a] Ralph C. Gustin, b. Aug. 7, 1890; [b] Gretchen.
 3. *James A. Gustin*, b. Nov. 20, 1866; m'd Jan. 19, 1884, Eliza Bruce, dr. of Thomas P. He died at Moberly Oct. 31, 1892, where he had removed, and was editing the *Democrat*. He was a well-educated and urbane Christian gentleman. June 10, 1886, he purchased the *Argus*, which he edited with ability until it was sold to the Hunters, or, rather, exchanged for the Moberly *Democrat*. Death cut him off just as he was taking the stand of a leading Democratic journalist of the day. Ch: [a] Bruce Gustin; [b] Nannie; [c] Maggie.
- III. *MARY GUSTIN*, b. June 25, 1840; m'd Henderson Martin. They have several children. Live in Clinton.
By his third wife Alfred Gustin had:
- IV. *FRANCIS M. GUSTIN*.
V. *MILTON C.*, m'd Amanda I. Masoner. (See.)
VI. *MELISSA GUSTIN*, b. Feb. 17, 1855; d. March 16, 1880; m'd April 8, 1874, Henry M. Pack. (See.)
VII. *ELLEN GUSTIN*, b. Nov. 22, 1857; m'd Pierce Collier.
VIII. *LAURA B. GUSTIN*, b. Aug. 6, 1860; m'd Dec. 21, 1889, D. B. Shafer. Ch:
1. *Amanda*.
- IX. *GEO. A. GUSTIN*, b. Oct. 7, 1866; m'd Allie Cook, dr. of Hiram.

Dec. 23—Weston is lighted with street lamps.

ISAAC O. PARRISH

Died at Camden Point. He was born in Scott County, Ky., August 16, 1807. After marriage the family came to Clay, in 1843, and thence to Platte in 1855, settling at Camden Point. He was an earnest Christian and highly esteemed. Ch:

- I. *RICHARD M. PARRISH*, a merchant of Camden Point; removed to St. Joseph. He married Emma A. Smith, daughter of Garland. (See.)
- II. *LUCY PARRISH*, m'd John W. Jack. (See.)
- III. *JAMES M. PARRISH*, b. June 2, 1848; d. Feb. 6, 1895, from cancer of the tongue, produced by the tobacco habit.

Dec. 24—The first snow—4 inches. No rain since November 1st—roads in fine order.

DANIEL LINN died above Weston. Children: 1, Fannie, m'd a Rainey; 2, William; 3, Katherine; 4, Jennie E., m'd March 3, 1888, Ben Ninemyer. She died, leaving children.

Christmas at Platte City: Christians have a tree, Presbyterians a cantata and children's treat at the opera house. The Baptists have a tree at Elder Hunt's.

Dec. 28—Mrs. W. C. Wells died at Platte City.

Dec. 30—The Standard Mills at Parkville burned. Loss to Graden & France, \$10,000.

The *Landmark*, Jenkins editor, is removed into the new brick office on Lot 1, Block 29, Platte City.

Elder W. G. Surber resigns as pastor of the Platte City Christian Church, and removes to Cameron.

MARRIAGES IN 1890 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

January 21—A. W. Shafer married Nannie Layton.

January 22—S. G. Young married Emma L. Bullock.

January 29—Alonzo Drais married Lucy E. Duncan.

February 12—Charles Oldham married Eva Bundy.

February 22—Alfred H. Grover married Sarah Davis.

February 24—Charles Turner married Virgie Ebbard.

February 26—Harry Gosney married Dora Strange.

March 16—Robert T. Jacks married Lucy D. Flannery.

March 25—Jas. A. Thomas married Alice Carson.

April 28—Fred Nieman married Alice Overdick.

April 29—Alva C. Ellis married Tillie H. Haberman.

July 5—Sam W. Boydston married Lula E. St. John.

August 29—Henry W. Stiff married Elgie J. Cochran.

September 15—Jas. A. Marshall married Gertie Snow.

September 24—Jacob McFall married Millie Miller.

October 18—Cor. C. Abbott married Maud Stallard.

November 4—W. M. Breckenridge married Bettie Venrick.

December 7—Perry Denny married Jennie Coleman.

December 10—Frank Foster married Laura E. Walters.

December 17—Frank Bywaters married Tavie Bywaters.

December 24—Robert L. Pierce married Cora Adams.

December 25—Jos. N. George married Ellen E. Patton.

1891.

OFFICERS.

Governor, D. R. Francis; Congressman, R. P. C. Wilson; State Senator, N. B. Anderson; Representative, J. W. Coots; Circuit Judge, Jas. Sandusky; Probate Judge, J. L. Carmack; Prosecuting Attorney, A. D. Burnes; County Justices, S. McComas, H. D. Miller, Geo. Crutchfield; Circuit Clerk, J. L. Freeland; County Clerk, J. J. Blakley; Treasurer, G. H. Pope; Sheriff, Jas. Synnemon; Assessor, W. A. Wilson; Collector, W. J. Overbeck; Commissioner of Schools, J. M. Williamson; Surveyor, G. B. Anderson; Coroner, W. L. Stephens; Public Administrator, J. B. Evans.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Burnes, Carmack, Chinn, Coots, Forman, McRuer, Norton, Paxton, Roney, Wilson, Woodson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Coffey, Overbeck, Park, Redman, Walker.

Merchants, etc.—Baker, Bane, Beaumont, Clemings, Cole, Colman, Duncan, Elgin, Hulett, Krause, Lord, Lutes, McComas (postmaster), Mason, Meads, Mitchell, Pack, Perry, Pope, Recht, Redman, Rohring, Smith, Soper, Termier, Young, Zarn, Zonne.

Lodges—No. 504, J. H. Chinn, W. M.; Royal Arch No. 21, J. W. Coots, H. P.; Commandery No. 9, N. B. Anderson, E. C.; Nebraska, No. 12, A. J. Colman, N. G.

Schools—Public Schools, G. W. Broadus, principal; Daughters' College, Mrs. Park president.

Newspapers—The *Landmark*, W. T. Jenkins editor; the *Argus*, Hunter Bros. editors.

Banks—Wells & Co., W. C. Wells president; National Bank, A. R. Jack cashier.

Preachers—J. A. D. Hughes (Pres.), D. M. Proctor (M. E.). Baptist and Christian vacant.

At Weston: Coburn, Hillix, Feagan, Price, Coots, Sevier, Shortridge, Simpson, Baker, Breen, Brill, Cooper, Doppler, Evans, Gilbert, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Keller, Kenney, McComas, Magers (postmaster), Mauch, Newhouse, Noble, Noll, O'Dowd, Parr, Rail-eyes, Rentz, Ringo, Schneider, Siler, Thorp, Vermillian.

Lodges—No. 53, J. W. Cox, W. M.; Royal Arch, No. 4, L. W. Siler, H. P.

At Parkville: Brightwell, Bueneman, Carpenter, Coffey, Davidson, Dziubon, Fulton (postmaster), Gregg, Graden, Hatfield, Haines, Holt, Kahm, Luthy, Moore, Prather, Ringo, Rixey, Rutledge, Stultz, Summers.

Bank—Hamilton cashier.

Newspaper—The *Independent*, Tucker editor.

Park College—Mrs. McAfee president.

At Camden Point: Mrs. Prior (postmistress), Bywaters, Ewing, Hamblin, Hardesty, Herndon, Hull, Owens, Perrin, Reed, Stallard.

Orphan School—Hoover, principal.

Bank—Hardesty, cashier.

Lodge—No. 169, T. Fairhurst, W. M.

At Dearborn: Anderson, Arnold, Arthur, Bashford & Smith, Bious, Brooks, Bruce, Clay, Ferrel, Fletcher, Gilbert, Grist (postmaster), Hays, Heilman, Johnson, Kerby, Kurk, Means, Moore, Roberts, Robertson, Stagner, Watson, White, Sides.

Preachers—Bagley, Grooms, Nichol, Powers.

Lodges—Rawley Lodge, No. 204, Means, W. M.; Odd Fellows, Singleton, N. G.

Bank—Pumphrey cashier.

At Dye: Gittinger.

At Hampton: Bledsoe (postmaster).

At Edgerton: Mrs. Newman (postmaster), Bright, Bernard, Beery, Bennet, Cantwell, Chrisman, Clark, Conner, Cumberland, Dick, Doke, Endicott, Gustin, Hall, Handley, Johnson, Kerr, Kemper, Hopkins, Lewis, Pack, Ralston, Scott, Shafer, Standiford, Wallingford, Wilkinson, Yates.

Lodge—Odd Fellows, Morgan, N. G.

Bank—C. C. Kemper, cashier.

Preachers—Davis, Jones, Wilson, Winstead.

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At Farley: Carpenter (postmaster), Brasfield, Harrington, Johnson, Meyers, Oliver, Spratt, Dr. Yohe.

Lodge—Masonic, Simpson, W. M.

At Linkville: Fleming (postmaster), Barr, Bright, Froman, Johnson, Lowmiller, Slaughter.

At New Market: Bryant (postmaster), Lawrence, Leavel, Ringo, Wilson.

Bank—J. Bryant *cashier.

At Ridgely: Denman (postmaster), Gardener, Robinson.

At Settle: Skillman (postmaster).

At Stillings: Banning (postmaster).

At Tracy: Clements (postmaster), Adkins, Beall, Esmond, George, Glebb, Stone, Van Fossen, Turner, Worth.

At Waldron: Ellis, Heath, Pettillo, Simpson, Waldron (postmaster), Winn.

Markets—Beeves, 4 cents; bacon, hams, 11 cents; butter, 20 cents; eggs, 16 cents; corn, 45 cents; potatoes, 80 cents; granulated sugar, 7 cents.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Col. T. W. Park is appointed assistant secretary of state, under Secretary Lesueur.

Platte County has six saloons—Clay and Clinton none.

The war in Chili is raging. It continues until Valparaiso is taken, and President Balmacedo escapes and commits suicide.

A 4-inch snow.

JAMES W. HARRIS died east of New Market. He was born in Roanoke County, Va., May 5, 1838; came here in 1859; married May 5, 1868, Nannie Stafford, born July 29, 1843. Ch: 1, B. Marvin Harris, b. Jan. 25, 1870; 2, Ralph M. Harris, b. June 8, 1880; 3, Cynthia Harris, b. March 16, 1882.

Jan. 9—The Bank of New Market opened, with Hillix president, and J. Bryant cashier.

JEFF. J. PARK died at Humansville, Mo., under circumstances that indicated poison. He was born in Estill County, Ky., February 12, 1835; married, first, April 4, 1854, Martha E. Carey, daughter of Daniel. He was tall and handsome, of courtly address and sound judgment. He was divorced from his first wife, went to Kansas, and married, second, May 2, 1879, Mrs. Victoria D. Kamp, daughter of Wm. J. Norris. (See.) She survives, with one child: Jeff. J. Park (ii).

E. P. HUTSON died in the northwest corner of the county, in possession of a large tract of land, for which the title is in the name of his brothers. His widow survives, with children: 1, W. T. Hutson, b. Aug. 1, 1874; 2, Geo. E. Hutson, b. Feb. 28, 1876; 3, Capitola Hutson, b. Nov. 3, 1881; 4, Pluma G. Hutson, b. Sept. 12, 1884; 5, Golda P. Hutson, b. Jan. 4, 1887; 6, Galena O. Hutson, b. Oct. 20, 1890.

The Hutson family consisted of the children of William Hutson, as follows: 1, Isaac; 2, James; 3, David; 4, George; 5, William R.; 6, E. P. Hutson; 7, Lucinda; 8, Celia. All non-residents except E. P.

Jan. 20—W. F. Norton came from St. Joseph with his family, to Platte City, to take the position of teller in the First National Bank of Platte City.

The people of Weston contribute \$3,000, and A. B. Perkins, at the cost of \$8,000, builds the Perkins House, on the site of the old Exchange Hotel, which burned down.

ANNA L. DILLINGHAM, daughter of F. M. Oldham (see), and wife of John L. Dillingham, died at Platte City. She was born August 3, 1855, came from Kentucky in 1873, and married August 31, 1876. She was beautiful and interesting. Children: 1, Henry; 2, William; 3, Bessie; 4, Claude; 5, Joseph.

Jan. 22—John B. Mundy issues the first number of the *Weston Journal*, 32 columns, Democratic.

VINCENS RUF died at Weston. His wife had gone before. He was born in Baden, Germany, October 17, 1822; married Elenora Seile. They came to America in 1853. Ch: 1, Pauline Ruf, m'd S. Rentz; 2, Elenora Ruf.

HARMON B. WHITE.

Jan. 25—Harmon B. White died near Edgerton. He was born in Adams County, Ky., January 8, 1809; married October 12, 1833, Margaret Wright, daughter of Josiah. He was intelligent, cordial, and generous. His wife was born October 12, 1807; died in 1876. In 1873 he came, and settled near Linkville. He had been a great sufferer for three years, and death came in mercy. Ch:

I. FANNIE E. WHITE, m'd J. H. Handley. (See.)

II. W. W. White, b. March 16, 1836.

III. ROBERT WHITE, b. March 26, 1838.

IV. MARY C. WHITE, b. Aug. 8, 1831; m'd in January, 1871, Byrd Rogers. They live in Omaha. Ch:

1. *Margaret Rogers*.

V. AMANDA WHITE, b. Nov. 27, 1843; m'd Jan. 13, 1873, Henry C. Bond. They lived in Platte City several years. Mr. Bond is a business man, and held office in the Rock Island Railway. Ch:

1. *Susie Bond*, b. May 13, 1879.

MARGARET SUTTON.

Jan. 28—Margaret Sutton having died, W. L. Stephens administered. Her maiden name was Ropp, and she was born October 23, 1820; married, first, Benjamin Hedges (see), who died in 1860. Ch:

I. WESLEY HEDGES. II. BENJAMIN. III. WILLIAM.

IV. MARTHA J., m'd a Harmon.

V. MARY VIRGINIA HEDGES, m'd 1st, a Morgan. After his death, she m'd 2d, Dec. 28, 1880, William Lewis Stephens, b. near Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 12, 1822. He was a son of Dan. H. Stephens, b. in 1792, and Paulina A. Price, b. in 1794; died in 1838. Mary V. was the second wife of W. L. Stephens. Mr. S. is genial, and well informed upon the topics of the day. He has held the offices of coroner and justice of the peace two terms each, and his friends have pressed his claims to a seat in the Legislature. He came to the county in 1838, and settled north of Weston. At the beginning of the war, he enlisted under General Price, and served a campaign. Mr. Stephens' first wife was Lucinda Hawkins, dr. of Philemon, b. March 21, 1831; d. April 28, 1880; m'd Oct. 15, 1848. We will first give Mr. Stephens' children by his first wife:

1. *Louis Napoleon Stephens*, b. July 24, 1849; m'd July 5, 1871, Mary Kirkpatrick. Ch: [a] William Alfred; [b] Cora; [c] D. Emmet Stephens; [d] Harvey; [e] Lucy M.; [f] a boy.

2. *Daniel P. Stephens*, m'd Mary Pepper. (See.)

3. *Sarah J. Stephens*, b. Nov. 9, 1856; m'd Walter T. Lindsay; 3 children.

4. *Edwin Stephens*, m'd Victoria Simson.

W. L. Stephens' children by second wife, Mary V. Hedges:

5. *Polixina Stephens*, b. March 15, 1882.

6. *Mary C.*, b. Dec. 15, 1884.

7. *Nora Stephens*, b. May 2, 1886.

8. *John*, b. June 20, 1889.

9. *W. L. Stephens* (ii), b. Sept. 7, 1890.

Jan. 31—January was mild. The temperature was at no time below 25°.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 2—The first train of the Maple Leaf through from St. Joseph to Beverly. It was the Sabbath, and a large and profane crowd was aboard.

Edgerton is organized as a city of the fourth class, with Jesse Barnard as mayor.

Temperature—1st, 14 degrees; 2d, 20 degrees; 3d, 2 degrees; 4th, 20 degrees; 5th, 35 degrees—all above. On the 28th it was 4 below.

Feb. 5—The Kings' Daughters had a literary entertainment at the opera house for the benefit of the Christian Church.

James A. Gustin, having made an exchange with the Hunter Bros., of the *Argus*, for the Moberly *Democrat*, removes with his family to Moberly.

THEO. F. WARNER.

Feb. 9—Theo. F. Warner died at Kansas City, whither he had removed. He was a son of Colonel Wyncoop Warner and Minerva S. Boone, daughter of the pioneer Daniel Boone. He was born in Greenup County, Ky., April 10, 1818. The family removed to Callaway County, Mo., in 1819, and afterwards came to Independence, where Theo. F., as a merchant's clerk, had his first lessons in trade. About 1842 he located at Weston, and engaged in the commission business, buying, selling, and storing hemp, tobacco, wool, and other products. He established an enviable reputation for energy, judgment, and promptness in his mercantile transactions. During the Mexican War he operated largely in furnishing supplies for the army. For twenty years he traded upon the plains in merchandise and live stock. He never lost his commercial integrity, but lost his fortune, by bad habits. In 1868 he was elected as a Democrat to the State Legislature. He was cashier of the Platte Savings Institution. He served two terms (1878-1884) as county clerk. His wife died December 4, 1879. He became discouraged, and when defeated for a third term as county clerk, removed to Kansas City, and tried various ways of making an honest and honorable livelihood, but age and infirmities opened for him a grave February 9, 1891. He married June 19, 1842, Emily H. Underhill, born April 22, 1824; died December 4, 1879. She was a daughter of Charles Underhill, who established, at an early day, a store at Rialto. Oh:

- I. ANGIE S. WARNER, m'd Aug. 27, 1866, M. M. Blackmore, of Fort Smith, Ark.
- II. CHARLES S. WARNER, was teller in the Mechanics' Bank of St. Louis. He m'd a Miss Moss, and killed himself at Paris, Mo., June 27, 1895, leaving a child.
- III. HATTIE M. WARNER, m'd Geo. L. Andrews, of Decatur, Illinois.

IV. GEORGE A. WARNER, m'd Nov. 20, 1875, Ollie Basye, dr. of Henry. He was deputy county clerk under his father.

Mr. Theo. F. Warner had two sisters, Mrs. George T. Hulse and Mrs. J. A. Price. Mary B. Price, daughter of the latter, married December 10, 1879, Oscar D. Guthrie, an attorney of Weston.

Feb. 10—NAVIE MAUZEY, daughter of William, burned to death.

The Methodists have a supper at the opera house in Platte City, and raise \$65 to buy an organ for the church.

Joseph Hudspeth claims that he discovered zinc ore at a depth of 50 feet, in a well he was digging above Weston.

Feb. 17—John Skillman sells to Richard Mitchell half the hardware store in Platte City.

Feb. 18—A heavy sleet and a 3-inch snow; little damage done.

Dearborn is building a creamery.

Feb. 28—Adam Brown died at Prairie Point. He was a son of

WILLIAM BROWN (i),

Who was born in Madison County, Ky., in 1782; died in Platte A(ugust 21, 1843. He was a son of Samuel Brown. He came with his family to Howard County, Mo., as early as 1810. In 1832 he removed to Clay County, and in 1837 to Platte, settling near Prairie Point. So many of the family gathered around him that the settlement was called "Brown Town." I knew the old man when a dignified patriarch and an intelligent backwoodsman. William had a younger brother, Samuel Brown, who was a noted figure on the streets of Platte City until his death, in October, 1853. William married Polly Woods. Ch:

I. FRANKIE BROWN, m'd J. Welch, and went to California.

II. ADAM BROWN, b. in Kentucky June 3, 1806; d. in Platte Feb. 28, 1891; m'd Frankie Bell, dr. of William. He followed his father in his wanderings, and settled near him in Platte, in 1837. He was a typical pioneer, and possessed the generous and hospitable nature of his class. Ch:

1. *Mary*, m'd Joseph D. Settle. (See.) Ch: [^a] Jennie, m'd W. Rixey, (see); [^b] Fannie Settle; [^c] Joseph; [^d] Norton; [^e] James, and others.
2. *Sarah Brown*, m'd John L. Johnson. (See.)
3. *Margaret Brown*, m'd Dec. 2, 1873, Captain John Wallis (his second wife), the border chieftain, a prominent figure in the Kansas strife of 1856, and a brother of Mrs. Angeline Wood, wife of R. P., and an uncle of Mrs. T. W. Park. The family went to California, where Captain Wallis died. His first wife was Ann Brown (below).

4. *Henry B. Brown*, b. Dec. 22, 1852; m'd Oct. 23, 1879, Katie Williams, dr. of Ed. Ch: [^a] Ed A. Brown, b. Sept. 16, 1890.
 5. *Lura Brown*, m'd Feb. 27, 1879, Samuel Johnson, b. April 29, 1844. Ch: [^a] Fannie, b. Jan. 1, 1881; [^b] Mary, b. Jan. 29, 1883.
 6. *Charles A. Brown*, b. Feb. 15, 1860; m'd Oct. 27, 1881, Adeline Aslin, of Clay. Ch: [^a] Kate, b. July 14, 1892.
 7. *Nellie Brown*, m'd Carpenter Knighton. Ch: [^a] Margaret; [^b] Mary Knighton; [^c] Henry Knighton.
- III. *MARY BROWN*, m'd Captain Thomas Henry. (See.)
- IV. *ARCHIBALD BROWN*, m'd Maria Liggon. Ch:
1. *Annie*. 2. *James Brown*. 3. *Ben*. 4. *Obed*.
- V. *SUSAN BROWN*, m'd W. H. Spratt. (See.)
- VI. *HAMP BROWN*, m'd Sophronia Gaines. (See.) Ch:
1. *Frank Brown*.
- They were divorced, and Mrs. Brown m'd Miles Harrington. (See.)
- VII. *SASHEL BROWN*, died single in California.
- VIII. *JOHN BROWN*, m'd Amanda Brown, dr. of Jo. Ch:
1. *Emily Ann*. 2. *Mary Brown*.
- IX. *ANN BROWN*, d. in 1864; m'd June 22, 1837, Captain John Wallis, b. July 17, 1814; d. in California Feb. 22, 1896; his first wife. He m'd 2d, Dec. 2, 1873, Margaret Brown.
- X. *WILLIAM BROWN* (ii), d. on his way to California. He m'd Mandana Brown, dr. of Josiah.

MARCH.

Weather—1st, 2 degrees below; 2d, 20 degrees above; 3d, 14 degrees above; 4th, 2 degrees below.

CAPT. WARNER J. MILLER.

March 6—Captain Warner J. Miller died at his home in Platte City. He was born in Culpeper County, Va., Nov. 18, 1818; married May 7, 1840, Lucy M. Miller, born February 16, 1824; died November 22, 1884; dr. of Jesse (i). He was a son of John Miller, a brother of Jesse, and his mother was Jane Jackson. He came to Platte in 1861, and settled six miles southeast of Platte City. In 1880 he came to Platte City, where he and his wife died. His Virginia blood inclined him to the South, and when the war broke out he raised a company for Winston's regiment, and served out a short enlistment. Upon his return he was set upon by personal enemies, who, under the covert of war, were intent on destroying him. He went to Nebraska and engaged in business until the dangers passed; but he lost heavily. When peace was restored, he returned to his farm, and subsequently entered into the mercantile business in Platte City. He was violently opposed

to the North, and had no patience with those who differed with him. He was esteemed for his social and domestic virtues, and he always conducted himself with gentlemanly propriety. Ch:

- I. JANE H. MILLER, b. Feb. 25, 1842; m'd Thos. R. Darnall. (See.)
- II. JOHN ED MILLER, b. Feb. 3, 1847; m'd Dec. 7, 1882, Susie E. Clark, dr. of Joseph. For ten years before marriage he was a citizen of New Mexico; no children.
- III. MORTIMER M. MILLER, b. Nov. 2, 1849; m'd Feb. 4, 1877, Mary Hoy, b. in 1855, dr. of Samuel. (See.) Ch:
 1. *Mabel M.* 2. *Mort. M. Miller.* 3. *Robert J.* 4. *Darius.*
 5. *Roland B.* 6. *Nancy L.* 7. *William H.* 8. *A babe.*
- IV. WILLIAM E. MILLER, b. May 19, 1852; m'd Feb. 4, 1885. Dulcie George, dr. of E. R. Ch:
 1. *Virgie L. Miller.* 2. *Rufus J.* 3. *Willie Dulcie.*
 4. *Edgar S.*
- V. FRANCES W. MILLER, b. April 3, 1855; m'd Dec. 19, 1872. Jesse J. Blakley, son of Chas. Blakley and Velina Lewis, dr. of Jesse. He was born April 21, 1849. Mr. Jesse J. Blakley was reared to the mercantile business, and after selling goods at Settle, brought his stock to Platte City. In 1886 he was elected as a Democrat to the office of county clerk, and was reelected. He made an excellent officer. He is a superior accountant, and his books were well kept. When he retired from office he gave his attention to fruit, and is growing a large and valuable nursery on his farm, a half-mile south of Platte City. Genial and polite in his intercourse, he is a general favorite. His wife helps him in his official duties, and she, with her bevy of charming daughters and industrious sons, make for Mr. Blakley a happy home. Ch:
 1. *Lucy V. Blakley*, b. Jan. 20, 1873; m'd Nov. 7, 1893, J. N. Gittenger.
 2. *Frankie T.*, b. July 22, 1876.
 3. *Jesse J. Blakley* (ii), b. June 21, 1878.
 4. *Charlie P.*, b. April 17, 1880.
 5. *Welthea K. Blakley*, b. Aug. 4, 1883.
 6. *Foy T.*, b. Dec. 25, 1885.
 7. *Wm. Norton Blakley*, b. April 29, 1888.
 8. *Jas. Clark Blakley*, b. Feb. 28, 1890.
 9. *Jos. M. Blakley*, b. Feb. 9, 1892.
- VI. GIDEON T. MILLER, b. July 19, 1859; m'd Jennie Sebree.
- VII. JESSE B. MILLER, b. Aug. 4, 1861; d. Aug. 11, 1891; m'd Allie Park, dr. of Sol. D. Ch:
 1. *Park.* 2. *Jessie* (twins). 3. *Vey.* 4. *Jesse B.*
- VIII. JOSEPH J. MILLER, b. Aug. 30, 1864.

March 7—Nic Beery, after a hard contest, succeeded in getting a dram-shop license at Platte City.

March 10—No ice yet over five inches thick. Some are putting up.

The Farmers' and Laborers' Alliance is drawing off many from the old parties. The *Argus* gives it a feeble defense and support, while the *Landmark* does the order good by its scorn and contempt.

Woodruff boasts an elevator and several houses are going up.

APRIL.

April 1—The winter was remarkably mild. The first gardening to-day.

J. Ed Miller was chosen president of the fair, and Wm. Forman secretary.

J. P. Barnard was chosen mayor of Edgerton, and E. E. Pumphrey chairman of the board of trustees of Dearborn.

J. W. Williamson chosen superintendent of schools.

Sugar falls from 7 cents down to 5 cents, owing to the reduction of duties going into effect.

April 3—LAWRENCE B. WORTH died at Platte City, and his remains are taken to Avoca, Iowa, for burial. He was born in Indiana April 10, 1835. He came from Iowa a year ago to take charge of the Centennial Mills at Tracy. His Christian character, social disposition, and intellectual superiority gave him an enviable position in society. His family returned to Avoca.

April 6—Ex-Confederate meeting at the court-house, and a supper at the opera house.

April 9—LUDWELL H. FEAGAN died at Edgerton. He was born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1813, came to the vicinity of Edgerton in 1837, and went to California in 1849. Ch: 1, John; 2, William; 3, Robert; 4, Lucy Belcher; 5, Dr. Reed Feagan, of Weston; 6, James R., d. in 1882.

The Ex-Confederates are pressing collections in all parts of the county for the Home, at Higginsville.

ROBERT B. THOMAS.

April 20—Robert B. Thomas died at his home, three miles south of New Market. He was born in Kentucky July 11, 1817; married in September, 1838, Mary A. Ewalt. They came to Buchanan County in 1845, and removed to Platte in 1881. Ch:

I. SARAH THOMAS, dead; m'd a Noland. II. ROBERT H.

III. KATE S. THOMAS, m'd Lafayette Spencer.

IV. MOSES THOMAS. V. SAMUEL R. THOMAS.

VI. NOAH THOMAS. VII. MARY A., m'd a Martin.

VIII. BEN F. THOMAS, m'd Nov. 20, 1885, Mary A. Mullendore. dr. of Jerome. (See.) Ch:

1. Albert Thomas. 2. J. B. Thomas.

IX. EVA A. THOMAS, a handsome and accomplished young lady, and an honored school-teacher.

X. ED L. THOMAS, m'd Dec. 4, 1891, Fannie Fairhurst.

April 24—A. H. HEILMAN committed suicide at Dearborn.

A contract is let to J. W. Mitchell to build a suspension bridge over Bee Creek at Beverly for \$3,075.

The State board of equalization fixed the assessment of bank stock at three-fourths its face value.

April 25—B. F. STRINGFELLOW died. He lived at Weston from 1853 to 1859. He was attorney-general four years.

April 27—SIMON BARTON having died, F. Burnes administered. Bond, \$900. His widow was Harriet, née Burt, and his children: 1, Jennie Barton, m'd a Stockton; 2, Simon (ii), m'd April 13, 1889, Tillie Justus. Mr. Barton was born in Ireland April 11, 1819. He was a man of natural mind and some culture. He laid off the little village of Junction.

April 28—The Dearborn Mill Company, in failing circumstances, made a general assignment to T. J. Bashford. Some litigation grew out of the transaction.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

	Receipts.	Expenditures.
Sinking fund.. . . .	\$18,821.31	\$20,500.00
Interest fund.. . . .	11,833.00	10,285.54
Road fund.. . . .	5,073.78	4,084.36
Fines, etc..	326.50	.....
Witness fees.. . . .	.....	35.05
Contingent.. . . .	2,550.09	2,558.19
Jury fund.. . . .	1,203.38	1,213.61
Pauper fund.. . . .	4,679.27	4,401.53
Salary fund.. . . .	7,210.17	6,750.96
Bridge and Road fund.. . . .	9,089.70	9,004.52
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	\$60,787.20	\$58,833.76
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Surplus.. . . .	\$1,953.44	
<i>Bonded Debt.</i>		
Bonded debt, 1890.. . . .		\$183,200
Bonds paid since.. . . .		19,800
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Debt, 1891.. . . .		\$163,400

Unsatisfied Mortgages on Record.

December 31, 1890.	\$472,878
December 31, 1891.	576,742
Increase.	\$103,864

May 1—The Maple Leaf Railroad is receiving and delivering mails at Willow Brook, Faucet, West Platte, Dearborn, New Market, Woodruff, and Beverly.

May 2—JAMES F. FLANNERY found dead in his bed at St. Joseph.

May 7—Ascension Day observed by the Knights of Weston and Platte City. There were 50 in procession. Went to Lewis Magers', where lunch was served; rested at Sir Knight Jesse Brashear's, and at William Calvert's. Arrived at Weston, the Knights were addressed by Sir Knight N. B. Anderson. Belt Commandery elected J. L. Carmack E. C.

May 12—Founders' Day at Park College. Addresses by Rev. E. B. Sherwood, Hon. J. T. McRuer, Rev. G. S. Woodward, Drs. Brown and Ballard, and Prof. Tibbatts.

The assets of Park College are estimated at \$405,000.

May 16—The ladies of Camden Point open a bazaar for the purpose of raising funds for charitable use.

May 18—Part of the old dam at Platte City blown up with dynamite.

May 21—Mary Ann McMillan died. She was a daughter of

JACOB H. HUFFORD,

Who married Mary Link, a sister of Israel and Eli. We will now trace Mr. Hufford's lineage. Ch:

- I. MARY ANN HUFFORD, b. in Bourbon County, Ky., in 1810; d. in Platte May 21, 1891; m'd Oct. 30, 1834, Daniel Boone McMillan, b. Oct. 9, 1809, in Scott County, Ky. They came to Missouri in 1844, and settled on Second Creek, near Linkville. He was a farmer of judgment and enterprise. He d. in Feb., 1884. His parents were Robert McMillan and Mary Houston. Ch:

1. *David Washington McMillan*, b. in Kentucky in 1835; m'd July 27, 1854, Violetta King. (See.)
2. *James W. McMillan*, b. April 10, 1837, in Indiana.
3. *Mary E. McMillan*, b. in 1838; m'd April 4, 1853, Thos. Davis; 7 children, in Texas. Mr. Davis died, and Mary E. m'd 2d, A. O. Carrott; 5 children. They live in southwest Missouri.

- II. ALFRED HUFFORD, dead; m'd Martha ——. Ch:

1. *Wm. A. Hufford*, m'd Nov. 18, 1886, Sallie Neighbors.
2. *Lizzie V. Hufford*. 3. *Addison Hufford*, m'd Mary Link.

4. *Lula B. Hufford*, m'd Sept. 4, 1888, Henry Alexander.
5. *Georgia E. Hufford*, m'd March 6, 1889, Richard Gosney, b. June 9, 1861. Ch: [^a] Alice.
6. *Marie*. 7. *Barnie*. 8. *Alfred*.

May 22—ABSALOM WEBBER died at Edgerton. He was born in Clark County, Ky., in 1836. He was a merchant at Union Mills and subsequently at Edgerton. He married a daughter of J. H. Doke (i). Ch: 1, Lillian Webber, m'd Sept. 12, 1879, John H. Doke (ii); 2, James Webber; 3, Ollie Webber; 4, Lizzie, m'd March 7, 1892, Richard W. Yates (see); 5, Lena Webber.

Weston does some prospecting for coal, but without results.

May 27—Peter Hornback having died, his son Jesse administered. Bond, \$2,000.

THE HORNBACK FAMILY.

I. PETER HORNBACK, d. in May, 1891. His widow was Charity. Ch:

1. *Mary Hornback*, m'd an Irwin. 2. *Solomon*. 3. *John*.
4. *Jesse B. Hornback*, b. Nov. 20, 1846; d. Feb. 3, 1894; m'd in 1867, Eliza Conway. Ch: [^a] Emma, m'd Jan. 2, 1889, John F. Logan; [^b] Lucy, m'd Jan. 2, 1889, Paul B. Gabbert; [^c] Charles Hornback; [^d] Thomas.
5. *John W. Hornback*, dead. 6. *Rhoda*, m'd a Watson.
7. *Sarah J. Hornback*, m'd a McClung.
8. *Bettie*, m' a Hewitt. 9. *Peter Hornback* (ii).

II. ADAM HORNBACK, was a cousin of Peter, and was b. in 1800. He was a son of Samuel Hornback and Cynthia Hammond, of Bourbon County, Ky. He came at an early day to Platte, and settled near Smithville. Ch:

1. *Mary Jane Hornback*, b. in Bourbon County, Ky., May 28, 1828; m'd Aug. 20, 1848, Jerry Beery. (See.)
2. *Kesiah Hornback*, m'd Wm. Johnston. She is now a widow in Bates County.
3. *Lucinda Hornback*, m'd George Blake, of Clay.
4. *Eliza Hornback*, m'd Wm. Reeves.
5. *William*, m'd Susan Doyle, dr. of Allen. (See.)
6. *Dan Hornback*, m'd Amanda Hornback.
7. *John*, lives in Clay. 8. *Samuel*. 9. *Missouri*.

JUNE.

GRADUATES.

At Park College: Web E. Browning, Edward F. Kelly, Elie Theureux, James Rennie, Walter S. Scroggs, Sadie V. Armstrong, Mag P. Best, Anna L. Latimer, Grace McClung, E. Frances Shrimp.

At the Orphan School: Lela Collins, Pauline Renz.

June 1—The Centennial Mill at Tracy has passed into a new management, with J. W. Magee as president. The dimensions of the mill are 32x52 feet, three stories and basement; 6 double rollers and 2 for corn. The engine is 65 horse-power. The company have bought the Phoenix Mill of Tracy, and both are now under the same management.

June 3—Public sale of lots in Maple Leaf Addition to Dearborn.

CAPT. FRANKLIN LUTHY.

June 13—Captain Franklin Luthy dies at Parkville. He was a son of Jacob Luthy, who came from Switzerland to Virginia, and married Mary Fox. Franklin was born in Virginia February 20, 1824. He served under General Price in the Mexican War, came to Parkville in 1857, kept a lumber yard and worked as a builder and contractor. He was a strong Union man during the war, and raised a company of militia that did good service in protecting Parkville. He was a Republican, and one of the most honored and trusted of the party, and at one time was their nominee for representative. In January, 1851, he married Margaret A. Mannion, of Middleton, Mo., who still lives in Parkville. Ch:

I. LEONIDAS A., m'd Nov. 20, 1888, Mollie Haines, dr. of John.

Children:

1. *Roy Luthy.* 2. *Frank.*

II. EMMA LUTHY, m'd J. J. Crosswhite, dead.

III. JAMES F. LUTHY, b. Dec. 25, 1858; m'd Sept. 24, 1888, Eulalia C. Henry. Ch:

1. *Emma.* 2. *Homer.* 3. *Leah.* 4. *Reah* (twins).

IV. WILLIAM H. LUTHY, b. May 21, 1861; He lives in Kansas City.

V. MAGGIE A. LUTHY, a beautiful and accomplished teacher.

VI. LUELLA W. LUTHY. VII. HARRY T.

June 14—W. M. Paxton read publicly in Platte City, and subsequently in Parkville, his poem of 30 pages, entitled "The Vision of Narva; a Legend of Parkville."

June 19—The *Landmark* contains a remonstrance of D. B. Higgins against the unjust sneers, jeers, charges, and insinuations made against the Farmers' and Laborers' Union. But Jenkins replies even more severely.

June 21—WILLIAM T. PATTON died at Tracy. He was born in Ohio June 13, 1837; married in 1862, Susan A. Stallard, daughter of Randolph. (See.) He served in the Confederate army under General Price. He was buried in the Confederate cemetery at Platte City.

The Missouri River is 12 feet above low-water.

HIGH AND LOW WATER MARK AT KANSAS CITY.

Since 1889 the altitude of St. Louis has been the basis of high and low water; 347.43 feet above St. Louis is high-water at Kansas City, and 334.91 feet is low-water.

The following shows the height of the river above low-water mark for the past ten years:

1881.....	April 29.....	25 feet, 10 inches
1882.....	July 2.....	18 feet, 1 inch
1883.....	June 26.....	21 feet, 5 inches
1884.....	April 9.....	17 feet, 11 inches
1885.....	June 19.....	17 feet, 9 inches
1886.....	March 26.....	14 feet, 9 inches
1887.....	March 31.....	18 feet, 2 inches
1888.....	July 3.....	18 2-10 feet
1889.....	March 2.....	12 8-10 feet
1890.....	June 20.....	10 5-10 feet
1891.....	June 21.....	12 feet

The highest point of the rise this year is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet below high-water mark.

June 26—A severe wind storm did much injury at Platte City, and on the Leavenworth road. The tin roof of the National Bank of Platte City was blown into the street.

WALTER B. SWAIN

Having died, M. W. Swain administered. Bond, \$2,000. His widow was Elizabeth, and his children:

- I. CLARISSA SWAIN, m'd a Dooley.
- II. ANN E. SWAIN, m'd an Alderman.
- III. LEANDER. IV. MILLIE W.
- V. BETTIE SWAIN, m'd a Patton. VI. ALICE, m'd a Tays.
- VII. ESTELLA SWAIN, m'd a Richardson.

JULY.

July 1—Platte City has expended the past year for schools, \$1,422.70. The district now owes \$1,500 in bonds.

Judge E. H. Norton is appointed a member of the commission to select a uniform list of school-books for the schools of the State.

July 12—Mounce Wood drowned in Smith's Fork.

A canning factory erected at Dearborn, and the culture of tomatoes encouraged.

E. McD. Coffey is appointed a State commissioner to represent Missouri at the World's Fair at Chicago. He is made treasurer of the board.

July 17—County meeting at Platte City of the Farmers' and Laborers' Union. Forty sub-unions are represented. I. W. Carson is president.

Picnic at Dearborn the 11th, and at New Market the 30th.

GEO. H. ALBRICHT (ii) died on his farm near Farley. He was a son of Geo. H. (i). He was born in Germany in May, 1816; came to America in 1850, and to Platte in 1866. He spent the intervening years in Ohio and Indiana. In 1858 he married Elizabeth Clausing, who survives. Children: 1, Charles; 2, Fred; 3, Geo. H., m'd Feb. 5, 1896, Maggie Ninemeyer; 4, Lizzie, m'd a Mooseman.

July 23—The *Landmark* claims a circulation of 2,400.

The W. P. Abbott farce.

The Christian Church, having let out a contract for the erection of a new \$8,000 house at Platte City to Mr. G. W. Jenkins, the latter is removing the old house on Lot 1, Block 32.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—The State school moneys apportioned to Platte, \$5,204.50. Number of children, 5,173.

At the Swamp College picnic \$68.10 was raised for the Platte County cottage at the Higginsville Ex-Confederate Home.

Aug. 5—Sunday-school Convention at Camden Point, C. B. McAfee presiding.

I have among my files two numbers of the *Dearborn News*, Nos. 27 and 28, issued August 6 and 13, 1891, by W. F. Kurk. The latter number contains the ordinances of Dearborn from No. 1 to No. 11.

Aug. 11—Asa L. Smith purchases the Arnold farm, five miles north of Platte City, for \$7,900.

The Missouri River pontoon is washed away. The Leavenworth ferry boat is laid by. Much dissatisfaction is expressed, and great desire shown to have a bridge.

Rains the 15th and the 18th.

Aug. 24—Temperature 42°, and indications of frost.

Aug. 25—The fair commenced; J. Ed. Miller president. Receipts, \$5,597.40. Expenses, \$4,633.85.

Aug. 28—Mrs. Mahala Loller, wife of Levi, died in Marshall Township, leaving an old and decrepit husband,

LEVI LOLLER.

He was a son of John Loller and Susan Pettillo; was born in North Carolina January 29, 1807; married Mahala Ray, born May 29, 1807; died August 28, 1891. They came to Platte in 1839, and settled in Marshall Township. Children:

I. SUSANNA LOLLER, m'd Andrew Henson.

II. SALLIE, m'd Fred Roach.

- III. ISAAC LOLLER, m'd 1st, Mary Carpenter. His second wife was Jane Thomas.
- IV. MIRANDA JANE LOLLER, m'd Wm. H. Cook. (See.)
- V. WILLIAM LOLLER, m'd an Ellison, and two more wives.
- VI. BIRD LOLLER, m'd Fannie Carroll.
- VII. FERNETTA, m'd Jo. Hedgpeth.
- VIII. MOETTA LOLLER, m'd Wes. Lawrence.
- IX. PINKNEY, m'd Ollie Martin.

JAMES RATLIFF

Died. He was a son of John Ratliff, and married Lucretia McDaniel. Children:

- I. JOHN W. RATLIFF, b. June 27, 1855. (See.)
- II. MARTHA RATLIFF, b. in 1857; m'd John H. Fleshman, son of Perry. Ch:
 1. *Grace M. Fleshman.* 2. *James.* 3. *Dora.*
 4. *Rosa Fleshman.*

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—J. M. Pumphrey had the water of his spring in Lawn-dale Park, at Dearborn, analyzed, and it was found to possess medical properties.

Sept. 2—The brickwork on the new Christian church at Platte City commenced. The corner-stone was laid August 27.

Sept. 4—Temperature 38°. Rev. R. S. Cook takes charge of the Baptist Church at Platte City.

Sept. 7—W. P. Abbott's seat as a member of the Democratic Central Committee is vacated because he was an Alliance man. In a few months he came back to the Democratic fold.

Prof. C. W. Bowen is principal of the Weston public schools. Miss Nora Allen teaches the intermediate classes, and Mrs. Lou Dunbar the primary department.

Sept. 13—Dr. J. W. Ringo died at Parkville.

Sept. 17—At the Linkville picnic \$173 was raised for the Platte County Cottage at the Ex-Confederate Home at Higginsville.

Sept. 18—The first number of the *Monitor* issued at New Market by Litts & Bro. 7 columns, 4 pages, patent outside, \$1.00. Dr. J. W. Bryant is the principal contributor.

A silly escapade of one Blakeley, a washing machine agent, and the *Landmark*.

The Dearborn *News* is removed to Stewartsville.

Sept. 25—Deposits of the National Bank of Platte City, \$71,297.60.

A splendid year for all kinds of fruit. Everybody is canning or preserving. Platte City is out of sugar.

Sept. 30—The first frost.

OCTOBER.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS OF PLATTE COUNTY.

Baptist, 4 schools, 248 scholars; Catholic, 1 school, 22 scholars; Christian, 14 schools, 926 scholars; Colored, 3 schools, 116 scholars; Episcopalian, 1 school, 25 scholars; Lutheran, 1 school, 30 scholars; Methodist, 10 schools, 912 scholars; Presbyterian, 3 schools, 530 scholars; Cumberland Presbyterian, 1 school, 45 scholars. Total schools, 26; total scholars, 3,242.

The county clerk's report shows the public school interest collected on county fund, \$705.17; on township fund, \$1,122.55.

The county expended for teachers' wages, \$25,558, or \$300 to each.

WILLIAM C. BAKER.

Oct. 2—William C. Baker died at Plattsburg, whither he had gone to receive the attention of relatives in his protracted illness. He was a son of John Baker and Mary Bradford, and was born in Fayette County, Ky., in November, 1829. William C. graduated at Center College, Kentucky, in 1849. He chose the law as his profession, and coming to Platte City, he was admitted to the bar March 3, 1852. He was at one time public administrator, and for years wrote in the county offices. His mind was trained to thought—his reading embraced every department of literature, and his conversation was interesting and instructive. He had little to say, but his practice received profound attention. It is said he never lost a case. But in the midst of a successful career he was attacked by acute rheumatism, and his remaining years were full of suffering. First he moved on crutches, then he wheeled himself in an invalid chair, and finally he lay for many months on his bed, only leaving it as lifted from it. Several months prior to his death he was conveyed to friends in Plattsburg, who smoothed his course to the grave. He never married, and never joined any church. Two aunts of W. C. Baker, Margaret and Catherine Baker, married brothers of Senator Atchison.

Oct. 6—The brickwork of the Platte City Christian church is finished.

Oct. 10—H. T. PETTILLO, a lawyer of Waldron, is declared insane by a jury. He is sent to the St. Joseph Asylum, and there dies in January, 1895. His wife survived until January 30, 1895. Ch: 1, Perd Pettillo, m'd W. D. Dunagan. (Sec.) 2, Charles H. M. Pettillo.

Oct. 20—The King's Daughters give a literary entertainment at the opera house, Platte City.

The Doves was the name given to a social club of young ladies, who for several months entertained Platte City and enlivened society. The boys got up their own club, calling it the P. A. K. There was sparring and sparking between them.

Oct. 24—M. E. quarterly meeting at Platte City.

JUDGE G. W. DUNN

Died at his home at Richmond, Mo. The following is part of a tribute I paid him at the time:

Judge Dunn is no more! Born in Mercer County, Ky., October 15, 1815; his pure spirit ascended to its final home the 24th of October, 1891. Borne down by the weight of seventy-six years, and by the excruciating pangs of asthma, he gladly exchanged a bed of pain for a throne of glory. At the age of twenty he entered on the study of law, at Nicholasville, and taught school for a support. In 1836-7 he attended the law department of Transylvania University, and in 1839 came West, and settled at Richmond, Mo. In 1841 he returned to Kentucky, and married Miss Susan M. Henderson, who survives. Reared in the Presbyterian faith, he was an honored and beloved brother throughout life. I shall not trace his career as a lawyer and jurist. That is part of the history of the State. He held the scales of Justice in equipoise, and no bribe ever tarnished his spotless ermine. And yet his sympathetic heart moderated his condemnation, and "Mercy's tears bedewed the beam" of the balance of Justice.

I formed acquaintance with Judge Dunn in 1838, when he was studying law in Kentucky, and until his death we were friends. Others may commend him for his uprightness, but I desire now to express my admiration of him as a poet. In 1882 he published a small volume. Some of the pieces are admirable. I can point out imperfections in nearly every piece written by another that I have critically examined, but a half-dozen of Judge Dunn's poems are above criticism. He is the only poet that has ever commended in verse the administration of justice. The bar of Missouri owe him a sacred debt. His "Temple of Justice" and his "Ermine and Harp" should be framed in gold, and hung in every court-room. The diction of Judge Dunn's poems is always correct, the sentiment is pure and striking, the measure and accent are faultless, and there is melody in every line.

Judge Dunn's poetic talent was of the highest order. I have never met his equal in pure and lofty sentiment, nor his superior in critical acumen. I have seen him, under the inspiration of a sublime conception, spring from his seat and clap his hands with enthusiastic emotion. He possessed the rare talent of polishing and improving his verses. He had the power to criticise his own writings. Each change was an improvement, and after years of correcting, his lines were beyond criticism. I will conclude by a stanza of a poem I wrote in his honor, and which my granddaughter handed to him while on the bench, with a bouquet of flowers, September 29, 1879: (See.)

These verdant immortelles proclaim
 The chaplet that undying fame
 Shall wreath around thy honored name,
 Or place upon thine urn.
 This heliotrope, whose rich perfume,
 As fragrant incense, fills the room,
 Foretells that, rising from the tomb,
 Thou shalt to bliss return.

Col. John H. Winston went to California, and sojourned until January, 1894.

Oct. 29—DR. A. R. BRASFIELD died at Farley. He was a son of Thos. J. Brasfield, who was a brother of James (see), and consequently the doctor was a cousin of Judge John S. Brasfield. He was born in Kentucky, reared in Clay, and practiced at Farley.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 2—W. J. Stone, candidate for Governor, and J. Heard, candidate for Congress in another district of Missouri, speak at Platte City.

JESSE PAGE.

Nov. 3—Jesse Page died near Sugar Creek Lake. He was born in Fleming County, Ky., December 29, 1818; married June 11, 1839, Emily G. Plummer. They came to Platte in 1845, and settled in Marshall Township. He was a farmer of wealth, intelligence, and influence. Ch:

- I. LOUISA PAGE, m'd N. B. Lawson. II. GEO. W.
- III. ALICE PAGE, m'd Sam'l S. Hargrave. IV. ELIZABETH.
- V. CHARLES PAGE, m'd Feb. 16, 1888, Belle Dyer.
- VI. AMANDA PAGE, b. Dec. 16, 1850; m'd March 12, 1868, William Rees, b. in Ohio Jan. 15, 1837, son of Thos. Rees and Mary Hyatt, natives of Virginia. He volunteered as a private in Co. F., 7th Ohio Cav., and went through the Civil War; came to Platte in 1867, and with John M. Downey purchased a large tract of land on Bean's Lake, which has since enhanced in value. He and his excellent wife have children:
 - 1. *Mary E. Rees*, b. July 10, 1869; m'd July 10, 1888, Abe Risk.
 - 2. *Ida May Rees*, b. Feb. 21, 1872.
 - 3. *Thomas Rees*, b. Feb. 19, 1874.
 - 4. *Bertha*, b. July 10, 1881.
 - 5. *Lena Martha Rees*, b. June 9, 1885.
- VII. EMMA PAGE, m'd March 7, 1891, Garret L. Brown.
- VIII. JOHN W. PAGE, killed by cars Oct. 13, 1894.
- IX. MELISSA A. PAGE, m'd B. W. Holland.
- X. JAS. M. PAGE. XI. CHARLES PAGE.
- XII. ANNA PAGE.

JAS. ALEX. MILLER.

Nov. 5—James Alex. Miller died. He was born in Fleming County, Ky., January 7, 1817. He was the son of John D. Miller and Ellen Highfield. They came to Marshall Township in 1843, and he married in 1848, Rachel J. Pepper. Ch:

- I. JOHN T. MILLER, b. Jan. 16, 1849; m'd Katie T. Oswell.
- II. ANNIE A. MILLER, b. May 20, 1850; m'd John H. Wells.
- III. ROBERT F. MILLER, b. Feb. 16, 1853; d. Nov. 14, 1892.
- IV. GEORGE R. MILLER, b. in May, 1856; m'd April 11, 1880, Nancy E. Harmon.
- V. WILLIAM A. MILLER, b. Dec. 4, 1889; now a lunatic.

Nov. 13—DR. W. T. SHORTRIDGE died at Weston. He was a son of William Shortridge, of Calloway County, Mo., and a cousin of John and George Shortridge. Dr. Shortridge was for many years a physician of Weston, and was a courteous gentleman. He married, first, a Miss Frazier, of Kentucky, and, after her death, he married Juliana McAdow, dr. of Dr. Samuel. (See.) The widow still lives, childless, at Weston.

Nov. 17—A. J. Colman's 52d birthday observed by 50 self-invited guests, whose bill at Termier's he paid.

Temperature 20° above.

Nov. 18—Edgerton burned; loss, \$55,000. Sufferers: Chrisman, Wallingford & Co., Mrs. Farris, Hopkins & Porter, Kerr & Cumberford, N. T. Dick, Masonic Hall, O'Conner Bros, the *Republican*, the postoffice, Mrs. Wilkerson, Sturgiss & Son.

Nov. 22—The first snow—4 inches. Temperature 28° above.

EDWARD WILLIAMS.

Edward Williams died at his home near Barry. He was born in Scott County, Ky., in 1814; married Frances Turner, and came to Platte in 1837. He was an Universalist and a social gentleman. His wife died before him. Ch:

- I. OSCAR WILLIAMS, m'd Ann Eliza Woods, dr. of Arch.
- II. GEORGE WILLIAMS, m'd Sallie Woods, dr. of William.
- III. SIS WILLIAMS, m'd John Belt.
- IV. JENNIE, m'd Henry Wheeler.
- V. F. M. WILLIAMS, m'd Alice Knighton.
- VI. TEET, m'd Richard Elliott.
- VII. BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, m'd Kate Ham, dr. of H. B.
- VIII. KATE WILLIAMS, m'd Oct 23, 1879, Henry Brown, son of Adam.

Nov. 24—William M. Hunter, father of the editors of the *Argus*, comes from Moberly, Mo., and becomes editor-in-chief of that paper.

Nov. 25—Mrs. Martha J. Zachery, wife of W. D. Zachery, and daughter of Alfred Harris, died at Platte City.

THE HARRIS FAMILY.

Two brothers came from Madison County, Ky., to Platte.

I. ALFRED HARRIS, m'd Mary Kincaid. Ch:

1. *Martha J. Harris*, m'd in 1863, Wm. Dorsey Zachery, b. in North Carolina June 24, 1823; son of David Zachery and Margaret Todd. He came to Platte in 1851. The family lived some ten years in Platte City. Ch: [^a] Callie Zachery, b. June 26, 1862; m'd Dec. 6, 1893, J. T. Marshall. They live at Excelsior Springs, and Mr. Zachery lives with them.
2. *Sarah Harris*, b. April 20, 1827; m'd Nov. 4, 1853, John E. Elmore, b. Dec. 6, 1825. Mr. Elmore is an estimable gentleman. He lived five miles west of Barry for many years, but has removed to Clay. Ch: [^a] Mary Elmore, b. Jan. 4, 1855; m'd March 10, 1874, Geo. Spicer (see); [^b] James; [^c] Jennie Elmore, m'd Nov. 1, 1878, Wm. Link; [^d] Robert Elmore; [^e] Dovey.

II. JOHN HARRIS, m'd Jane Warren. Ch:

1. *Norman Harris*, b. in Madison County, Ky., July 22, 1814; d. Aug. 31, 1892; m'd Dec. 26, 1848, Mary J. Wood. (See.)
2. *Warren Harris*, b. March 8, 1808; m'd May 23, 1842, Elizabeth Roberts. He was the veteran cock-fighter of New Market. He d. in 1896.
3. *Elizabeth Harris*, m'd George Roberts. (See.) Both dead.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—The Perkins House (Exchange Hotel) of Weston is complete.

The *Landmark* hoists Judge E. H. Norton's name for governor, but he declines.

Dec. 6—Temperature 2° below; 8-inch snow, but all gone by the 10th.

Crop Average of Missouri for Ten Years—Corn, 24.40 bushels per acre; heat, 11.70; potatoes, 70.30; hay, 1.20 tons.

Seven brick buildings are going up in Edgerton.

The *Republican*, after being burned out, issues several half-sheets, and then takes the name of *The County Press*.

Dec. 10—Trades' carnival in the opera house in Platte City, gotten up by the Presbyterian ladies, in which 46 young ladies appear in costumes representing as many trades. The marching and evolutions of the troupe were much admired. Net proceeds, \$160.

The Keeley Institute is in operation at Leavenworth. Dr. R. P. C. Johnston, having been cured of the drink habit, gives up his medical practice at Dearborn and advocates the Keeley cure.

Weather—The 14th, 10 degrees below; 15th, 10 degrees above; 16th, at zero; 20th, 22 degrees below; 21st, 8 degrees above. Six inches of snow.

Dec. 17—D. E. Bailey's house burned.

The annual election of officers for the fair is changed to the third Monday in January of each year.

Dec. 20—The new Christian church in Platte City is finished, except seats.

Dec. 25—Christmas tree at Elm Grove.

DR. JAMES A. PRICE

Leaves Weston and settles at Savannah, Mo. His parents were Nathaniel Price and Nancy Lee, and he was born in Bedford County, Va., September 7, 1829. His father removed to Lafayette County, Mo., where he was elected to the office of county judge. James A. spent his youth on his father's farm, and was educated at Lexington and Pleasant Hill. After a full course in dentistry, he entered on the practice at Ft. Leavenworth in 1851. February 5, 1852, he married, first, Rosetta Warner, a sister of Thos. F. Warner. (See.) They removed to California, but, owing to the illness of Mrs. Price, they returned to Weston. After assisting Mr. Warner in his business for a year or two, he was elected in August, 1859, clerk of the Weston Court of Common Pleas, and reelected in August, 1860. In December, 1862, Dr. Price enlisted in the 18th Missouri Militia, and was made captain. He was severely wounded at Shiloh, and he now enjoys a pension for his services. He was promoted to major, for meritorious conduct, and for a time commanded the regiment. After his return, Col. Price engaged in recruiting for the 16th Kansas. His loyalty was never doubted, though his enemies hatched up charges against him; but, on trial by a military commission, he was, April 1863, honorably discharged. After the war, he engaged in the practice of dentistry at Weston, and for a time opened an office at Platte City. In 1874 he was elected mayor of Weston, and reelected in 1880. When in command at Weston, his discipline was strict, and order was enforced; and he thus incurred the hatred of some who thought him too severe. He held the office of postmaster at Weston for a number of years, under President Grant. Mrs. Price died December 16, 1875, leaving:

I. NATHANIEL E. PRICE. II. MARY B.

III. MINERVA W. IV. NANNIE C. V. BEN W. PRICE.

Colonel Price married, second, May 26, 1880, Mattie Gibson, a beautiful and lovely woman. They are living at Savannah, Mo. Colonel Price is a man of marked intelligence. He has held State offices in the orders of Odd Fellows and of Good Templars, and as a Mason he is of high rank.

MARRIAGES IN 1891 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

January 25—Sam Jones married Mary M. Paxton.
 January 26—Henry Overdeck married Sophia W. Robeker.
 January 29—G. L. Collum married Mrs. A. P. Linn.
 March 14—Lenney Benner married Kate Breckenridge.
 April 4—Lesley L. Moxley married Nettie M. Gustin.
 April 18—W. H. Montgomery married Mrs. N. L. Anderson.
 May 18—John C. Ginter married Maggie Smith.
 July 2—J. W. Whitacre married Clara Wilson.
 September 23—James E. Justus married Mary B. Colman.
 September 30—John Haines married Hester B. Carson.
 November 29—J. B. Porter married Bettie Ingram.
 December 15—John F. Gaines married Anna Caffee.
 December 24—Dillard Baker married Mollie E. Offutt.
 December 30—J. F. Sale married Laura E. Dick.

1892.

OFFICERS.

Governor, D. R. Francis; Congressman, R. P. C. Wilson; State Senator, N. B. Anderson; Representative, J. W. Coots; Circuit Judge, James Sandusky; Probate Judge, J. L. Carmack; County Justices, McComas, Miller, and Crutchfield; Prosecuting Attorney, A. D. Burnes; Circuit Clerk, J. L. Freeland; County Clerk, J. J. Freeland; Sheriff, James Synnamon; Collector, W. J. Overbeck; Treasurer, T. J. Cole; Assessor, W. A. Wilson; Surveyor, G. B. Anderson; Superintendent of Schools, J. M. Williamson; Public Administrator, J. B. Evans; Coroner, W. L. Stephens.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Burnes, Carmack, Chinn, Coots, Forman, Norton, Owens, Paxton, Roney, Wilsons, Woodson.

Physicians — Baldwin, Coffey, Overbeck, Park, Redman, Walker.

Merchants, etc.—Baker, Bane, Beaumont, Clemings, Cole, Colman, Duncan, Elgin, Hulett, Krause, McComas (postmaster), Mason, Meads, Mitchell, Pack, Perry, Recht, Redman, Rohring, Smith, Soper, Termier, Wells, Young, Zarn, Zonne.

Mayor—J. Beery.

Lodges—No. 504, B. F. Murdock, W. M.; Royal Arch, No. 21, N. B. Anderson, H. P.; Commandery No. 9, J. Carmack, E. C.; Nebraska, No. 12, A. J. Colman, N. G.

Newspapers—*Landmark*, Jenkins editor; *Argus*, Hunter Bros. editors.

Banks—Bank of Platte City, Smith cashier; Wells & Co., W. C. Wells president; National Bank of Platte City, A. R. Jack cashier.

Fair—J. Ed. Miller president.

Preachers—Hughes (Pres.), Proctor (M. E.), Cook (Bap.).

At Weston: Coburn, Hall, Hillix, Coots, Feagan, Jones, Simpson, Baker, Breen, Doppler, Evans, Gilbert, Howe, Ilkenhans, Jacquemin, Keller, Kenny (mayor), Magers (postmaster), Mauch, Newhouse, Noble, Noll, O'Dowd, Parr, Perkins, Raileys (bankers), Rentz, Ringo, Rohring, Rumpel, Schneider, Shindler, Siler, Thorp.

Preachers—Beller (Bap.), Grimes (M. E.), Dunning (Chris.), Petrie (M. E.), Shaw (Bap.), Schaaf (Cath.).

Public School—Bowen principal.

At Parkville: Broadhurst, Bueneman, Carpenter, Coffey, Culberson, Davidson, Dziubon, Fulton (postmaster), Gregg, Graden, Hatfield, Haines, Higgins & Noland, Holt, Kahm, Moore, Prather, Ringo, Rixey, Rutledge, Stultz, Summers.

Banks—Park Bank, A. J. Hamilton cashier.

School—Park College, Mrs. McAfee president.

Preacher—Sitton (M. E.).

Lodges—Compass Lodge, No. 120, W. T. Noland, W. M.

At Artesian Springs: R. W. Pack.

At Dye: J. A. Gittinger.

At Camden Point: Mrs. Pryor (postmaster), Bywaters, Ewing, Hamblin, Hardesty, Herndon, Hull, Hoover (principal), Owens & Son, Perrin, Purdy & Stallard, Reed.

Lodges—Lodge No. 169, T. Fairhurst, W. M.

Preacher—C. A. Moore (Chris.).

At Dearborn: Arnold, Bashford, Bioux, Brooks, Bruce, Clay, Ferrel, Fletcher, Grist (postmaster), Heilman, Kerby, Kurk, Means, Moore, Roberts, Robertson, Stagner, Watson.

Lodges—Rawley, No. 204, J. T. Means, W. M.; I. O. O. F., T. J. Stagner, N. G.

Preachers—Nickell, Powers, Grimes.

At Edgerton: Mrs. Newman (postmaster), Barnard, Beery, Bright, Chrisman, Clark, Cumberland, Doke, Dick, Endicott, Gustin, Hall, Handley, Hopkins, Johnston, Kerr, Lucas, Pack, Ralston, Scott, Shafer, Standiford, Wilkerson, Yates.

Lodge—No. 355, W. H. Lewis, W. M.

Bank—Kemper cashier.

Preachers—Jones, Harven, Tirrill, Wilson.

At Farley: Carpenter (postmaster), Brasfield, Harrington, Johnson, Meyer.

Lodge—J. H. Carson, W. M.

At Hampton: Bledsoe (postmaster).

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: Fleming (postmaster), Bright, Johnson, Lowmiller, Slaughter.

At New Market: Bryant, Elgin, Dr. Hale, Laurance, Leavel, Ringo, Shouse, Stockdale. Bank, Bryant (cashier).

At Ridgely: Denman.

At Settle: Skillman (postmaster).

At Tracy: Clements (postmaster), Adkins, Beall, Dr. Davis, Dr. Easman, Gleb, Magee, Koster, Murdock, Stitt.

At Waldron: Ellis, Heath, Naylor, Simpson, Waldron (postmaster), Dr. Winn.

At Woodruff: Farrington, Beall (postmaster), Montgomery, Smith, Lindsay.

MARKETS.

Apples, 80 cents; butter, 18 cents; cattle, \$3.50; corn, 30 cents; flour, \$2.00; hogs, \$3.80; potatoes, 40 cents; sugar, 5 cents; wheat, 75 cents.

JANUARY.

Weather—1st, snow of 2 inches; 2d, 2 inches more.

Temperature—5th, 10 degrees above; 6th, 2 degrees above; 12th, 19 degrees below, and 6 inches of snow on the ground; 13th, 5 degrees below; 19th, 3 degrees below; 20th, 22 degrees below; 21st, 2 degrees below. Ice-houses filled with a superior article. Sickness prevalent.

Jan. 1—The Doves have their leap-year party, and the P. A. K. their soirée, at Platte City.

A. G. Meads retires, and R. L. Duncan is proprietor of the Platte City dry goods store.

Jan. 3—E. C. Lindsay's store at Woodruff burned. Loss, \$1,200; insurance, \$800.

Jan. 4—R. P. C. Wilson's fine house east of Platte City finished at a cost of \$12,000, and he has a merry house-warming.

PATRICK S. COOTS.

Jan. 7—Patrick S. Coots died at Platte City. He was born in Richmond County, Va., October 13, 1814. His father, Wilson Coots, was born in Virginia December 7, 1790, and his grandfather, William Coots, came from England. His mother was Jennie Brown, born in Virginia in 1786. The family came to Shelby County, Ky., in 1815, and when 17 the youth engaged in wagon-making. He married, first, Jane Carress, who died within six weeks. He subsequently, November 26, 1840, married, second, Narcissa C. Burnett, born December 3, 1821, a cousin of Governor Peter H. She still lives. Mr. Coots brought to Missouri considerable money, and bought 160 acres three miles north of Platte City. But before the war he endorsed too freely for friends, and had to sacrifice his land to pay the debts of others. He then bought 80 acres northeast of Platte City, and there lived until age and infirmities suggested his removal into town,

where he could attend church. He was a zealous Christian, and a member of the Baptist Church. Ch:

- I. BETTIE COOTS, b. in Oct., 1841; m'd July 12, 1876, Ishmael Davis, of St. Joseph, son of Ishmael.
- II. S. WILSON COOTS, M.D., a rising physician of Weston; m'd June 23, 1890, Alma Nolley. (See.)
- III. MARY C. COOTS, b. in 1857; m'd Oct. 4, 1883, Phil. S. Davis. (See.)
- IV. JOHN W. COOTS, b. May 27, 1856; m'd May 28, 1889, Ola W. Funk. Mr. Coots is an ambitious and rising young lawyer. In 1886 he was elected prosecuting attorney, and reelected two years later. In 1890 he was chosen representative in the Legislature. He received his education from Prof. Gaylord, and was licensed in 1883. He possesses not only intelligence, but that kindliness of spirit and suavity of manner that make friends and lift him to office.
- V. LIDA K. COOTS, m'd Oct. 26, 1892, Judge L. W. Walker, of Plattsburg. She was a school-teacher for several years, and was greatly admired for her graces and accomplishments.

Civil War in Kansas—Sheriff Dunn and *posse*, of Seward County, ambushed and several killed. The life of Judge Botkin threatened by mobs. The trouble grew out of Brannan killing Sam Wood, and the fear that the murder would go unavenged—as it did.

Jan. 8—The Missouri University burned; loss, \$300,000. The governor called a special meeting of the Legislature to provide means of rebuilding.

Sulphur said to have been discovered, in immense quantities, by Ed Dowling, eight feet below the surface, near East Leavenworth.

Jan. 9—WILLIAM E. MINOR died at Neosho, Mo. He was an urbane gentleman and possessed of wealth. He married, first, Mary D. Duncan, daughter of Judge Ed P., and was divorced. She then married D. R. Stallard, and he married a Miss Green, of Kentucky.

GEO. W. JOHNSON.

Jan. 11—George W. Johnson died at his home, Union Mills. He married October 19, 1843, in Marion County, Ind., Amy McCullum, and in 1856 removed to Valley Falls, Kas., and in 1866 came to Platte and purchased Union Mills. He was a man of enterprise, and after putting the property in complete repair, built up a small town and himself became postmaster. He was a kind-hearted, intelligent, and honorable gentleman, full of charity and good works. Mrs. Johnson was a lovely Christian woman, but after her husband's death, ill health gradually bore her to the grave. She died in faith, April 28, 1897. Their children:

- I. MARY JOHNSON, m'd May 31, 1889, Wm. J. Ralston. (See.)
(His second wife.)
- II. MRS. FANNIE MUNSON, of Kansas.
- III. MRS. LAURA PETTIT.
- IV. A. F. JOHNSON, lived with his mother until her death. He is a man of intelligence and business qualifications.
- V. AMANDA, m'd Geo. P. Buchanan. (See.)
- VI. ALBERT, m'd Sept. 2, 1886, Stella M. Higgins.

Jan. 13—DORA BONDS, wife of Everhart Bonds, died at Weston. She was born in Prussia October 23, 1815, and married Mr. Bonds May 10, 1844. They came to Weston in 1849, and there Mr. Bonds still lives. They were Catholics.

Jan. 18—J. Ed Miller elected president of the fair, and William Forman secretary.

The Legislature changes our Congressional District, No. 4, and it now embraces the old Platte country, to-wit: Andrew County, Atchison, Buchanan, Holt, Nodaway, and Platte. Total population, 164,469.

Jan. 18—The Populists form an insurance company that proved a success.

H. Koster and Cam. Wells buy 17 acres of land of Charles Kurtz, lying east of and adjacent to Platte City, and lay off Koster's Addition. Koster, Wells, and Dr. S. Redman build fine houses upon it.

H. Koster and W. C. Wells purchase ground at Tracy and proceed to build a grain elevator. All the contracts are let to G. W. Jenkins.

GEO. P. YOUNG.

Jan. 25—George P. Young died at Platte City. He was a son of Loyd B. Young, of Tennessee, and was born September 1, 1831. He learned the saddler's trade, came to Platte about 1852, and married March 28, 1854, Marcella Hodge, born March 22, 1838; died March 26, 1896. She was the daughter of James L. Hodge and Eliza Beckum, now Mrs. Tolly. George led a precarious existence for forty years in Platte City. Intemperance was his failing; but drinking produced drowsiness, and never violence, or even talking; yet the last ten years of his life were spent in a heroic effort to curb his appetite, and to furnish the necessities of life to his loved family. He was humble, true, and faithful to man and God, and as a member of the Methodist Church set a good example to the world. He was generally at prayer-meeting and preaching. I loved him as a friend, often helped him, and strove to hold him up. He was a good man, and a weak one, too. His widow married, second, June 6, 1895, S. A. Rose, of Stanbury, and left him. She died in 1896. Ch:

- I. JENNIE YOUNG, single.

II. ELLA YOUNG, a sweet and lovely girl; m'd Oct. 5, 1874, R. M. Huston. They live in Kansas City. Ch:

1. *Neva*. 2. *Frankie*. 3. *Ralph*.

III. CHARLES B. YOUNG, b. Jan. 2, 1862; d. Jan. 10, 1888. He married Sept. 12, 1883, Linkie Babb, who survives, with 1 child, Earl Young. They live in Kansas.

WILLIAM NEWTON KENNEY.

Jan. 28—William Newton Kenney died in Weston. He was a son of E. D. Kenney and Patsey Routt, and born in Owen County, Ky., May 12, 1814; served in the Mexican War; married in 1840 Fannie J. White, daughter of John D., of Woodford County, Ky.; came to Weston in 1856, and worked as a blacksmith; a Mason for 50 years, and a highly esteemed citizen. Children:

I. HELEN M. KENNEY, b. in 1840; m'd John W. Kenney, of Daviess County, Mo.

II. JOHN F. KENNEY, b. in Kentucky Oct. 30, 1841; d. suddenly in Weston Aug. 14, 1892, from apoplexy, falling in the street, and creating intense sorrow. He was a blacksmith and a Mason of high order; elected several times mayor of Weston, and died in office. He was at one time chairman of the Democratic Central Committee. He married June 16, 1863, Laura H. Cordray, an accomplished and educated lady. Ch:

1. *Chace C. Kenney*, d. April 18, 1897. 2. *Nellie H. Kenney*.

3. *Eliza Kenney*, m'd E. F. Sprague.

4. *F. M. S. Kenney*. 5. *Alice Kenney*.

REV. JOHN G. FACKLER died in Texas. He is entitled to our notice as a holy man of God, with many stars in his crown from Platte County. He was born in Virginia February 6, 1822; ordained at Jefferson City November 28, 1852; preached at Liberty in 1855, at St. Joseph in 1857; health failed; went to California; returned to Texas to die. He was stated supply for Platte City prior to the war, and was the spiritual father of numbers.

FEBRUARY.

MRS. MATILDA MORELAND.

Feb. 1—Mrs. Matilda Moreland, widow of Chesley Moreland, and only child of John Tofflemire, died at her home near Junction. She was born in 1810; married Chesley Moreland, born in 1808 in Estill County, Ky.; came to Platte in 1838. Children:

I. SUBLETTE B. MORELAND, m'd July 19, 1886, Carrie H. Hatton.

II. HENRY C. MORELAND, m'd Aug. 29, 1883, Ardella Cook.

III. JOHN T. MORELAND, m'd Nov. 24, 1864, Martha Miles.

IV. LUCY MORELAND, m'd July 19, 1886, Jas. T. Bitrick.

M. C. Park sells the Artesian Springs, and R. W. Pack sells to J. Hoy his stock of goods there.

Henry Weighman sets his house afire at Weston, and shoots himself.

BRIDGES.

The county court has ordered the following bridges: Over Bee Creek, at Dearborn, 60-foot span; over Jowler, near Camden Point, 50-foot span; over Rush Creek, below Waldron, 50-foot span; over Platte, at Skinner's Mill, 160 feet; over Sugar Creek, 100 feet. All to be constructed for \$9,000.

Feb. 2—Presbytery at Parkville. Rev. E. M. Palmer died there, where he was teaching. He preached at Platte City one year.

Mardi-Gras at Platte City.

GERTRUDE DURKES died at Weston. She was born in Germany in 1824, and married, first, B. J. Bless (i). He died in 1862, leaving: 1, B. J. Bless (ii), editor of the *Chronicle*, a Democratic paper published at Weston. He married October 14, 1887, Mary E. How. 2, Mary A. Bless, married March 2, 1886, Peter Seegar.

After Mr. B. J. Bless (i) died, his widow, Gertrude, married, second, February 2, 1864, Matthias Durkes, who survives.

Feb. 7—ANDREW J. HOLLADAY died near Edgerton. He was born in Andrew County, Mo., November 8, 1841; married February 15, 1870, Alice Frazier. His widow administered, giving bond for \$1,500. Ch: 1, Geo. W.; 2, Lemuel J.; 3, Sarah E.; 4, Susan J.; 5, Andrew J. (ii).

Feb. 16—The business men of Weston form a Commercial Club, with A. F. Walruf president.

The Parkville *Independent* becomes a 7-column folio.

Feb. 22—WILLIAM F. YOCOM died in Colorado and is buried in Weston. He was the only child of Geo. W. Yocom, of Weston, and inherited a good patrimony. He married February 21, 1854, Martha J. Fulton, daughter of Dr. J. Mark Fulton. She was born January 4, 1834; died in October, 1886. He served as mayor of Weston, and was elected public administrator in 1868-72-74-76. His genial and generous nature involved him, and he went west to recover his fortunes, but death anticipated him. Ch: 1, Oscar M.; 2, Jas. A.; 3, John W. Yocom.

Feb. 23—Farmers' Institute at Platte City.

Feb. 27—Fire in Tracy at 8 p. m. Sufferers: B. E. Perry, \$2,000; insured, \$1,000. W. T. Clements, \$700, fully insured.

MARCH.

March 1—JERRY JOHNSON died. He married September 7, 1879, Nannie Stone, who survives, with 1 child, Ida Johnson.

March 18—DR. J. F. MORTON died at New Market. He was a son of Richard and Eleanor Morton, and was born in Clark County, Ky., March 18, 1824; married July 9, 1866, Judea Hall. He graduated in medicine at St. Louis; located at Liberty; served as a surgeon in Doniphan's regiment, in the Mexican War; practiced in Clay, Clinton, and Platte; a Mason, and buried with the honors of the fraternity at Camden Point.

March 20—DABNEY BOWEN died on his farm three miles west of Platte City. He was born in Virginia December 29, 1809. He married three times, and left children by each wife. His last was Elizabeth Doyle, née Noon, widow of John Doyle. He was a man of fine sense, but every member of his body trembled with palsy.

Elder W. M. Featherston is chosen pastor of the Platte City Christian Church.

The Bank of Platte City and the First National Bank of Platte City consolidate, with the new name of The Exchange Bank of Platte City. The latter surrenders its charter, and A. R. Jack continues cashier.

March 27—W. E. Stitt buys out A. P. Fulcher's store in Tracy, and takes charge of it.

March 30—Weston votes to become a city of the fourth class, and Mayor Kenney so announces by proclamation. J. F. Kenney reelected mayor.

APRIL.

REV. GEO. S. WOODWARD.

April 1—Rev. Geo. S. Woodward died at Leavenworth. He was a native of Maine, and a graduate of Bowdoin College. He commenced preaching at Parkville in March, 1849, to a Presbyterian church of three members. He soon raised \$500 for a church, and a like sum for a parsonage, and by his labors the foundations were laid of the present church and college; and it was but an act of justice that the first and principal structure of Park College has, since his death, been called "Woodward Institute." He married April 7, 1853, Mrs. Eliza Tylee, widow of John R. Tylee, a lawyer, who came to Weston in 1842, and died about 1850. Mr. Woodward supplied the Platte City Presbyterian church before the war, but his fidelity to the Union cause brought him into danger, and he accepted a call to Leavenworth. From disease of the throat he had to stop preaching, and he entered into the insurance business. He was a learned, true, and faithful man of God. He left a small estate to his widow, his son, and his daughter. I am proud to claim him as a friend and brother.

April 2—A terrific storm of 60 miles per hour visited Platte City. It took off the roof of Daughters' College. Other damage was done in town.

"La Violante" is the name of a piece of admired music, composed and published by Miss Virginia Field.

A petition of 500 voters is published, soliciting Senator N. B. Anderson to become a candidate for circuit judge. He declines.

Subscriptions for the Ex-Confederate Home, at Higginsville, are taken up by school districts, and \$238 raised. Edgerton was the banner district.

April 5—New Market, having been incorporated as a village, holds its first election.

The circuit court decides that no evidence exists that the Stock Law was ever adopted in Platte. The county court, therefore, in compliance with a petition, orders an election in November to determine the question, and takes care that the evidence is preserved in proper form.

April 15—G. R. Arnold assigns to E. E. Pumphrey, at Dearborn. Arnold was born January 9, 1850. His daughter Fannie married January 27, 1897, Henry G. Oliver, son of W. R.

April 19—The Cheyenne and Arapahoe reservations are open to-day, at noon, for settlement, and our idle boys have all gone there.

Dr. S. Rixey goes to Indianapolis to take charge of a Keeley Institute.

April 26—Wet weather and no plowing done.

MAY.

FINANCES.

State Revenue: Collected, \$3,049,192; disbursed, \$4,456,220.
Bonded debt of the State, \$7,083,000.

County Revenue.

Cash on hand May 1, 1891.....	\$17,190.39
Received since.....	62,836.97

Total.....	\$80,027.36
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Cash on hand May 1, 1892.....	\$ 9,080.30
Paid out.....	70,947.06

Total.....	\$80,027.36
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Bonded Debt.

Debt May 1, 1891.....	\$163,400.00
Paid since.....	28,200.00

Leaving.....	\$135,200.00
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LIVE STOCK, 1890 AND 1891.

Horses, 1890, 7,146; 1891, 7,421. Mules, 1890, 2,110; 1891, 2,151. Jacks, etc., 1890, 55; 1891, 73. Cattle, 1890, 18,131; 1891, 17,099. Hogs, 1890, 25,615; 1891, 26,042. Sheep, 1890, 2,275; 1891, 3,374.

STATE ASSESSMENT.

The constitution provides that when the State assessment exceeds \$900,000,000, the State levy shall fall to 15 cents on \$100. The assessment of 1892 is \$907,033,710; at 15 cents this will produce only \$1,360,550, thus falling short of last year (which was \$1,755,445) nearly \$400,000. To meet this deficit, the State Board of Equalization called on the county courts to increase assessments. But this is an off year, and no assessments of land can be made. Therefore the \$40,000 apportioned to Platte had to be assessed on personal property only. No increase was made on the assessment of land. This increase and inequality produced dissatisfaction.

In 1892 the surplus products of Platte were \$1,479,665; per capita, \$91.06. Clay's were \$1,503,184; per capita, \$75.70.

The per capita of Clinton was \$75.30; of Buchanan, \$35.42; of Andrew, \$55.63; of Atchison, \$32.44. This shows that in industry and thrift we surpass our neighbors.

In 1891 our surplus cattle were valued at \$309,200; our surplus hogs, \$330,880; our surplus horses and mules, \$249,600; our surplus wheat, \$226,906.

DR. C. C. KEMPER.

May 3—Dr. C. C. Kemper, cashier of the Dearborn Bank, is found dead in his bed. His life was insured for the large sum of \$90,000, and an effort was made to show he had poisoned himself. But the insurance was paid. His will gave to his brother and sisters, Lee P. Kemper, Minnie Kemper, and Mary L. Kemper, \$5,000 each. To Flora A. Dutcher, a sister, and to W. H. Kemper, a brother, each \$2,500. To Mary R. Wilkerson \$400, and to Miss Florence Strother, Mrs. N. D. Wilkerson, and John D. Wilkerson each \$500. He left \$5,000 to the Camden Point Orphan School, to endow the Kemper scholarship. The balance went to his heirs at law. Dr. C. C. Kemper was a son of V. G. Kemper and Sarah A. Holland, and was born in Benton County, Mo., February 9, 1852; graduated in medicine at Keokuk, Iowa, in 1873; married December 25, 1877, Mary Woodson, daughter of B. J. She died, childless, January 18, 1879. Dr. Kemper came to Platte City in September, 1878. He possessed a genial disposition and a cultivated mind; was an active worker in every good cause, and inspired universal confidence and esteem. In 1885 he became cashier of the Bank of Edgerton, and, while on duty, answered the sudden call of death.

May 6—The *Landmark* contains a call of 90 voters for a public meeting of Populists at the court-house, May 14th.

May 9—Constant rains—roads muddy—landslides on railroad above Iatan and below Weston—150 men at work day and night to make repairs. The Missouri River is 25.15 feet above low water—Harlem endangered. Platte River has reached the highest stage since 1858, excepting June, 1883; it is one foot below 1858, and two feet below 1844; bottoms all overflowed. Very little plowing has been done in the bottoms; very little corn planted anywhere, or, if planted, is rotted. The Missouri River is running through the old bed of the Platte, at Waldron.

May 11—W. M. KROWSER died near Weston, aged 70; came in 1850.

May 12—Founders' Day at Park College. B. J. Brown, of Columbus, Ohio, gives the college \$25,000, to endow a chair of mental and moral philosophy.

May 14—The Populists meet at the court-house, and organize.

May 17—A tremendous rain. J. O. White, of Weston, removes to St. Joseph.

The Peabody Company having sold the Tracy creamery to Kimball & McNish, of Kansas City, the latter start into business, with flattering prospects and promises.

May 21—The Missouri River at Kansas City is 24 feet 11 inches above low water.

The election of officers of Platte City having been held, but not under the Australian plan, a new and legal election was held to-day, and Jerry Beery was chosen mayor.

James Sexton is chosen principal of the Platte City public school.

THE DEITZ FAMILY.

May 24—Jacob Deitz died at St. Joseph. With his younger brothers, Henry and Matthias, he came from Germany, and married October 2, 1867, Charlotte Brill. In 1888 he removed to St. Joseph. Charlotte was born in Germany in 1842, and died in St. Joseph May 24, 1892, leaving 7 children.

Henry Deitz had a son, John, who married September 21, 1871, Caroline Dessew.

Matthias Deitz married Wilhelmina ———, born in September, 1823; died June 15, 1853.

Mrs. Pattie Moore, president of the Ladies' Board of the World's Fair Commissioners for Missouri, visited Platte City, and organized a local board.

May 26—Ascension Day. Observed by Belt Commandery of Knights Templars; met and entertained Weston Commandery

No. 2 at the fair grounds. They are addressed by Senator N. B. Anderson. Belt Commandery elected Sir Knight A. D. Burnes E. C.

May 28—Benjamin J. Woodson died at his home in St. Joseph.

THE WOODSON FAMILY

Is one of the most illustrious in the West. They are descended from John Woodson, of Dorsetshire, who settled in Virginia in 1624. We will here trace the lineage of the Woodson family.

John Woodson (i), the progenitor, had a son.

- I. ROBERT WOODSON, who m'd Elizabeth Ferris, dr. of Richard Ferris, of "Curles," which afterward became the seat of the Randolph family. Their son,
- II. JOSEPH WOODSON, m'd Mary Woodson, dr. of John Woodson (ii) and Mary Tucker, dr. of John.
- III. TUCKER WOODSON (i), m'd 1st, Sarah Hughes. Her brother John Hughes m'd Annie Moore, and they were parents of Letitia D. Hughes, who m'd Gen. Joseph Winston (see), father of Col. John Hughes Winston, C. S. A. Ch:
 1. *Tucker Woodson* (ii), of Jessamine Co., Ky., who served several terms in the Kentucky Senate and House.
 2. *Samuel Hughes Woodson*, member of Congress from the Jessamine District of Kentucky in 1821-1825. He m'd Ann R. Meade, dr. of David Meade and Sarah Waters. She was born in 1782; he died in 1825. Their ch:

[a] Tucker Woodson (iii), 1804-1874.

[b] David Meade Woodson, b. May 18, 1806, in Jessamine Co., Ky.; d. Aug. 27, 1877; elected to the Kentucky House in 1831; m'd the same year Lucy McDowell, dr. of Major John McDowell, of Fayette Co., Ky. She died in 1836, leaving an only child: [1] John McDowell Woodson, b. June 6, 1834. The same year (1834) D. M. Woodson removed to Greene Co., Ill. There he became a representative in the State Legislature, member of a constitutional convention, and a circuit judge. He ran for Congress, as a Whig, against Stephen Douglas, and was beaten by only a few votes. His son, John Woodson (iii), graduated at Center College, Ky., in 1853; at Harvard in 1857, and, after holding places in the State Senate, and in a constitutional convention, removed to St. Louis to continue the practice of law. D. M. Woodson m'd 2d, in 1838, Julia Kennett, who survived him a year.

[c] Samuel Hughes Woodson, b. in Jessamine Co., Ky., Oct. 24, 1815; d. at Independence, Mo., in 1881; m'd in Madison Co., Ky., Margaret J. Ashby, b. in June, 1820. He graduated at Center College, Ky., in 1835; came to Independence, Mo., in 1840; member of the

General Assembly in 1853-4, of the Constitutional Convention in 1855; member of Congress in 1856-60; judge of the Kansas City circuit, and held court to the hour of his death. Ch: [1] Judge William H. Woodson, m'd Cora Winston (see); [2] Margaret Woodson, b. in 1847; [3] Ellen, b. in 1850; [4] Sallie W.; [5] Samuel H. Woodson (iii).

[^d] Robt. E. Woodson, graduated at Center College in 1837; practiced law in Kansas City; died in 1872. He m'd 1st, Miss Barnett, and 2d, Miss Carter. Two of his children by his last marriage are influential citizens of Kansas City.

[^e] Kidder Woodson, lives on a farm near Frankfort, Ky.

[^f] Sallie Woodson, m'd Alex. Waddle. She died in 1838, leaving a son.

[^g] Betsy, m'd Cary Lee, of Ohio, who died, leaving a daughter, Cara. She m'd 2d, John C. McCoy, one of the founders of Kansas City.

Tucker Woodson (i) m'd 2d, Mary Netherland. Ch:

[^h] Wade N. Woodson, of Goochland Co., Va., m'd 1st, Mary Harris, dr. of John Harris, of Powhatan Co., Va., whose wife, Obedience, was daughter of Thomas and Mary Jefferson Turpin, a sister of President Thomas Jefferson. Judith, another daughter of Col. John Harris, m'd Senator John J. Crittenden. The children of Wade and Mary were: [^a] Thos. J. Woodson (i), m'd in 1825 Sallie Redd. Ch: [1] Mary Woodson, m'd in 1840 Wm. Garrett, of Clay; [2] Sallie Woodson, m'd in 1850 Jas. D. Carson. Thos. J. Woodson m'd 2d, in 1831, Martha Gilbert. Ch: [3] Thos. J. Woodson (ii), m'd Emma Mitchell; [4] Martha Woodson, m'd Samuel Hayes; [5] Adeline, m'd in 1852 Andrew Dysart; [6] Ellen, m'd Geo. Frame. [^b] Emily Woodson; [^c] Mary W.; [^d] John P.; [^e] Charlotte; [^f] Benjamin Jourdan Woodson (see below). Wade N. Woodson m'd 2d, in 1815, Alice Cheek. Ch: [^g] Silas Woodson, governor of Missouri (see below); [^h] Wade Woodson (ii), m'd Elizabeth Stewart.

Benjamin J. Woodson and Governor Silas Woodson, half-brothers, are entitled to special notice. Their ancestry will be found above.

I. BENJAMIN J. WOODSON

Was born in Knox County, Ky., November 2, 1808; died in St. Joseph May 28, 1892; married, first, Rebecca P. Redd, in 1832. She died, childless, in 1833, and he married, second, May 4, 1837, Margaret Fulkerson, of Lee County, Va., daughter of John Fulkerson and Jane Hughes. Mrs. Woodson still lives. In 1854

they came to Lafayette County, Mo., and engaged in farming. A year later they removed to Buchanan, and settled near old Sparta. In 1869 they came to the vicinity of Camden Point, and until 1886 Mr. Woodson farmed and sold goods. They then removed to St. Joseph. He possessed marked traits of character—decision, industry, resolution, and, withal, faith and piety. Ch:

I. JANE H. WOODSON, d. June 12, 1879; m'd April 15, 1869, Geo. W. Harrold, of California.

II. MARY W. WOODSON, m'd Dec. 25, 1877, Dr. C. C. Kemper. (See.)

III. WILLIAM E. WOODSON, m'd Jan. 14, 1864, Emma J. Patterson, of Lafayette Co., Mo. Ch:

1. *Emma Lee Woodson* (dead), m'd Sam'l Cooper.

2. *William P.* 3. *Joseph F. Woodson.*

IV. JOHN F. WOODSON. (See.)

V. STEPHEN C. WOODSON, m'd Margaret Perrin. (See.)

VI. CHARLES R. WOODSON, m'd Feb. 26, 1873, Julia Tabor. Children:

1. *Peter J. Woodson.* 2. *Julia.*

VII. LETITIA J. WOODSON, m'd April 8, 1873, Elisha Melton. She died July 8, 1874, and Mr. Melton died in 1876.

VIII. BEN F. WOODSON, a lawyer of St. Joseph, b. June 19, 1854; m'd Dec. 28, 1882, Maggie C. Norton. (See.) No children.

IX. ARCHELAUS M. WOODSON, m'd Bettie Oliver. (See.)

X. CALLA E. WOODSON, m'd May 12, 1886, John B. Reynolds. Children:

1. *Jas. B. Reynolds.* 2. *Stephen C.*

II. GOV. SILAS WOODSON

Was a son of Wade N. Woodson and Alice Cheek. He was a member of the Kentucky Constitutional Convention of 1849, and the only one to vote for the gradual emancipation of slaves. He was born May 18, 1818; married in Kentucky, in 1843, Mary J. McRoberts; no issue. He married, second, in 1848, Olivia Adams, who died childless. He came to Missouri in 1854, and married, third, Virginia Lard, daughter of Elder Moses Lard. He was judge of this circuit in 1861, and governor of the State in 1872. Ch:

I. MARY WOODSON. II. SILAS. III. VIRGINIA.

Governor Woodson died at St. Joseph, Mo., October 9, 1896.

May 29—DR. JOHN S. BROWN, of New Market, died in New Mexico. He was born March 7, 1858; graduated at Missouri Medical College in 1881; came to New Market; m'd April 15, 1883, Livie L. Balley; went to New Mexico for his health. He left a widow and 1 child, John M. Brown.

The Presbyterian Sunday-school at Platte City celebrated Children's Day, with music and literary exercises.

May 30—Decoration Day observed at Weston and Platte City. The *Landmark* claims a circulation of 2,900.

JAMES VEATCH.

May 31—James Veatch died at Waldron. His father was James Veatch, of Trimble County, Ky., and his grandfather was Benjamin Veatch, of Pennsylvania. He was born in Woodford County, Ky., Nov. 22, 1832; married October 22, 1860, Louisa Snedegar, born August 12, 1841. Mr. Veatch was an honorable and esteemed citizen. Ch:

- I. ANDREW J. VEATCH, b. April 22, 1866.
- II. JOHN N. VEATCH, b. March 7, 1868.
- III. ANNIE LEE VEATCH, b. Aug. 24, 1870; m'd Dec. 25, 1890, Fred Reed, b. Jan. 22, 1869.
- IV. SUSAN B. VEATCH, b. Sept. 1, 1880.

The season unfavorable on account of constant rain the early part of May, but before June 1st the rains ceased, and corn was planted on the hills. Wheat was somewhat injured.

JUNE.

GRADUATES.

At Park College: F. Jos. Akers, Harry L. Arnold, Amb. E. Beckes, Waller P. Davidson, John Gillette, John H. Hatfield, Arthur B. Herr, Frank D. Hickman, William Y. Jones, Robert S. O'Brien, Jennie M. Bailey, Anna L. Clark, Margaret A. Demuth, Alma L. Keith, Annabelle King, Helen B. McAfee, Luella M. Reece, Nina Robinson, Ida D. Stump.

At Orphan School: Alice Beall, Katie Lewis, Birdie Nockolds, Minnie Pittman.

At Daughters' College: Ethel Brown.

Corn is up to \$1 in Chicago.

June 9—R. P. C. Wilson withdraws and leaves the Congressional course to D. D. Burnes, who is nominated and elected.

Temperature 98°. The *Monitor* is removed from New Market to De Kalb.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION.

Representative—J. W. Coots, 1,392; C. Thorp, 1,088.

Prosecuting Attorney—A. D. Burnes, 2,406.

Sheriff—O. Berry, 783; J. M. Bane, 463; J. H. Dillingham, 348; A. R. Murdock, 485; Ed. L. Smith, 213; T. J. Stagner, 185.

Collector—J. J. Burgess, 1,316; W. J. Overbeck, 1,252.

Treasurer—Ed. L. Anderson, 1,291; J. I. Skillman, 1,233.

Assessor—Ira N. Walker, 1,179; J. C. Lindsay, 1,014.

Surveyor—W. E. Montague, 1,389; G. B. Anderson, 1,109.

Public Administrator—J. B. Evans, 2,456.

County Justices—Western District, T. Fairhurst, 712; C. T. Dye, 518. Eastern District, H. D. Miller, 988.

June 11—HENRY G. REINEKE died. Born in Germany April 23, 1823; came to America in 1852; married in St. Louis Catherine Veigel; came to Platte in 1855, and settled on a farm near Parkville. He left a widow and 4 children.

June 13—The County Medical Society met at Dr. S. Redman's office in Platte City. Present: Drs. Bryant, Davis, Hale, Herndon, Jones, Winn, and the local physicians. Herndon was chosen president.

There are no peaches and very few apples. The latter were nearly all destroyed by the incessant rains of May. Such as ripened were hard and knotty, and would not keep.

June 20—B. R. Beal, of Woodruff, fails. A hot and sarcastic war between Jenkins, of the *Landmark*, and Hunter, of the *Argus*.

This month Cleveland, Harrison, and Bidwell are nominated by their respective parties for President.

June 27—Platte City full of drunken people. Nic. Beery knocks down Levi Link, while drunk.

CAMDEN POINT MILITARY INSTITUTE.

Twelve citizens of Camden Point and vicinity form an association, subscribe \$100 each, and build a Military School at Camden Point. It was opened September 1, 1893, with Prof. G. W. Broadus as principal, who was succeeded by Major J. Porter Cummins.

JULY.

July 1—Rain $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

The following are erecting handsome residences in Platte City: Dr. J. A. Baldwin, a costly and stylish dwelling on the southeast corner of Block 21; A. L. Smith, a splendid house in Eastern Extension; J. H. Dillingham, a two-story handsome frame on Block 40; and Dr. S. Redman, H. Koster, and H. C. Wells, costly and artistic homes in Koster's Addition.

J. W. Magee is building a beautiful residence in Tracy. Beautiful weather—wheat is turning out well.

July 4—Tournament at the fair grounds.

July 11—Teachers' Institute at Weston. J. M. Williamson commissioner.

The strike at Homestead, Pennsylvania.

July 14—The Democratic Senatorial District Convention met at the court-house, with Gash, of Clay, and Turner, of Clinton, candidates. After much contention, Turner withdraws, and Theo. Gash is nominated.

July 16—Republican mass meeting at Platte City.

July 19—The Democratic State Convention nominates W. J. Stone for governor.

Presbyterian Mission Conference at Weston.

The new elevator of Wells & Koster at Tracy is going up.

July 23—Barbecue given at Dearborn by the Odd Fellows. Candidates speak.

MRS. MARTHA ILKENHANS died at Weston. She was born in Germany November 29, 1827; came to America in 1851, and to Weston in 1855; married Emmanuel Ilkenhans, born in Germany February 19, 1831; came to Weston in 1848; survived his wife, and died March 15, 1893. He was a jeweler, and well regarded. Ch: 1, Anna J. Ilkenhans, m'd April 7, 1879, A. P. Doppler; 2, L. P. Ilkenhans, m'd Nov. 14, 1883, Cora A. Shindler; 3, C. P. Ilkenhans.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—School Report: Number of children, 5,070; State money, \$4,973.34.

The County Sunday-school Convention met at Weston, and held an interesting two-days session, C. B. McAfee presiding.

Aug. 3—Camp-meeting at Iatan.

JESSE McCALL died at Camden Point. He came at an early day and entered land near Ridgely; removed to Camden Point, and became a small trader; married, first, October 1, 1842, Jane Endicott. After her death, he married, second, June 30, 1873, Adelia A. McKinney. He had two brothers: Isaac, who went to Kansas; and William, who now lives at Conner, Kansas, and is father of Millard F. and of Jesse McCall, Jr.; the latter is father of Mrs. Missouri A. Kline, of Oklahoma.

CONDUCTOR CASSEL falls from his train at Parkville and is killed.

Aug. 5—Candidates' picnic at Dearborn.

Aug. 6—Picnic at Edgerton, addressed by Coots, Burnes, Moran, S. C. Woodson, F. M. Wilson, and others.

MRS. ELIZABETH TERMIER, second wife of Gabriel Termier, died. He married, first, Pauline Risse, who died, leaving August Termier, born in 1854; married May 10, 1883, Rosa Bence, daughter of Henry. They live in Platte City; have no children. Mr. Termier is an experienced and thrifty baker and confectioner, and an intelligent and social gentleman. His wife is sprightly and agreeable. Mr. Gabriel Termier married, second, Elizabeth Kern, who died August 6, 1892, leaving children, all of whom have left the State. Their son, Fred Termier, died in August, 1896. Mr. Gabriel Termier still lives in Weston.

Bud Shannon, Charles Loan, Todd Burgess, and F. Cockrill try the Keeley cure successfully.

Aug. 9—A lodge of the Mystic Circle organized at Platte City. Dr. S. Redman, W. R.

A number of Knights Templars and ladies attended the national conclave at Denver, from Weston, viz.: William Galvert, T. J. Davis and lady, G. M. Doppler and three young ladies, T. A. Gilbert, R. H. Mundy, L. W. Siler, A. F. Winzer.

The Tracy creamery is doing good service under Superintendent Talbott.

Aug. 12—J. W. Magee moves into his new house in Tracy.

Twelve white men, masked, took from the bed of a negro woman, at Pres. Whaley's, three miles east of Platte City, a white man from St. Joseph, and cowhided him.

Aug. 13—PETER McKINLEY, of Smithville, was shot and killed by his son, William, who then shot himself through the head, dying instantly. The son was mortified by his father's drunkenness.

Aug. 14—J. FRANK KENNEY, mayor of Weston, fell dead on the street; business suspended; Masons and benevolent societies attended his funeral. (See sketch.)

The Denver conclave attended by A. J. Colman and wife, J. J. Blakley and family, and John Zarn, all of Platte City.

Aug. 18—YOUNG HARRY WELDON, son of Reubin, killed by runaway mules, near Waldron.

Aug. 29—H. B. BRANCH died at St. Joseph. He was a fearless advocate of freedom. I remember at one time, before the war, he spoke in our court-house, with an audience of two—one besides myself. He was Indian agent under Lincoln, and President Johnson appointed him postmaster at Kansas City. He was related to the McDowells, the Blairs, and the Harrisons. He possessed mental vigor and independence.

Aug. 30—A heavy rain, but not in time to save corn; but it prepared the ground for ploughing.

JOHN ELAM, while drunk, killed by cars near Weston.

Prohibitionists hold a conference at the court-house.

Cholera fatal at Hamburg.

H. Koster enters his new house.

The fair a success; paid all debts.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 2—Peyton Newman (ii) and his wife celebrate their golden wedding near Edgerton. Mrs. Newman was Susan Woodward, daughter of

LANCE WOODWARD,

Who was born in Bedford County, Va., September 3, 1797. His parents removed to Montgomery County, Ky., in 1800. There he married, September 20, 1823, Fanny Shearer. They came to Platte, and August 15, 1840, settled near Edgerton. His wife was born in Madison County, Ky., April 22, 1802; died August 26, 1878. He celebrated his 92d birthday, and his daughter, Mrs. P. Newman, celebrated her golden wedding September 2, 1892. He died September 9, 1894. Their children:

- I. SUSAN WOODWARD, m'd Peyton Newman (ii). (See.)
- II. MARTHA WOODWARD, m'd W. R. Newman. (See.) Ch:
 1. *Theo.* 2. *Ellen Newman*, m'd a Woodward (2d cousin).
 3. *Emily Newman*, m'd Ed Duncan, of Clay.
 4. *Price*, m'd a Rupe.
 5. *William Newman*, m'd Lula Black. (See.)
 6. *Matthew*.
 7. *Henry Newman*, m'd Fannie Black. (See.)
 8. *Alexander*.
- III. JEPHTHA WOODWARD, m'd Mary Eliza St. John. Ch:
 1. *Delia Woodward.* 2. *Fannie D.*
- IV. MATTHEW WOODWARD, killed in the Confederate army.
- V. HENRY, lives on the home place.
- VI. AMANDA, m'd John Chesnut. VII. MRS. M. MITCHELL.
- VIII. MRS. SPAN.

Sept. 8—W. E. Montgomery succeeds N. T. Dick as editor of the *County Press*.

Sept. 9—Cockrell, Burnes, and Boyd speak at Weston.

Sept. 10—MARIA ROSE, née Benner, died north of Weston. She was born April 13, 1841; married November 29, 1859, M. S. Rose. Ch: 1, Julia Rose, m'd Sept. 20, 1885, William Mann; 2, William Rose, a printer, formerly of the *Landmark* office. He m'd June 1, 1896, Angelia J. Beller.

The Democrats are wearing Cleveland white hats.
New York quarantined against cholera.

Sept. 19—W. J. Stone, Democratic nominee for governor, speaks to an immense audience of men only, in the court-house.

Sept. 21—Joe M. Bane assigns his stock of groceries to F. M. Wilson.

Watermelons abundant, large, rich, and good.

OCTOBER.

JOSEPH F. COONS.

Oct. 7—Joseph F. Coons died at his home, five miles south-east of Platte City. He was a son of Henry Coons and Mary Grimsley, and was born in Bourbon County, Ky., April 11, 1819.

He married Catherine Gaines, and they came West, arriving at their future home November 10, 1842. Mrs. Coons died April 30, 1857. Ch:

- I. MARY C. COONS, m'd 1st, William Kimsey, who died, and she m'd 2d, F. M. McCormick. (See.)
- II. SUSAN E. COONS, m'd March 22, 1866, R. G. Daniel.
- III. SOPHRONIA COONS, m'd Nov. 22, 1867, G. H. Hatton. (See.)
- IV. JOHN COONS.
- V. JOSEPHINE, m'd Oct. 31, 1875, Joel Denton, a half-brother of David.
- VI. THORNTON COONS, m'd Nov. 8, 1883, Anna Srite.
Mr. J. F. Coons married, second, May 13, 1860, Clarissa C. Eddleston, of Kansas, born February 7, 1845; died August 10, 1895. Ch:
- VII. EMMA COONS, b. March 8, 1861; m'd Jan. 15, 1879, John O. Yates.
- VIII. H. NEWTON COONS, b. April 9, 1864.
- IX. JOS. L. COONS, b. July 17, 1868; m'd March 3, 1890, Bettie Moore.
- X. ANNIE COONS, b. Nov. 22, 1870; m'd April 12, 1890, W. T. Brightwell. (See.)
- XI. NELLIE M. COONS, b. March 13, 1873; m'd Dec. 11, 1891, David A. Link.
- XII. NORA E. COONS, b. June 13, 1875.
- XIII. WALTER T., b. Oct. 10, 1879.
- XIV. CLAIBORN F., b. July 7, 1884.

Mr. J. F. Coons served two terms as coroner. He was a genial and kind-hearted man, and a zealous member of the Christian Church.

Prof. Broadus opens the Military Institute at Camden Point.

Oct. 8—Hon. A. M. Dockery spoke at Platte City.

Oct. 10—Fine rains do good service for wheat.

Colonel Sobieski spoke at Platte City in favor of prohibition. J. S. Duncan's house, near Dearborn, burned.

Oct. 13—D. D. Burnes, candidate for Congress, spoke at New Market.

The Missouri River lower than ever previously known.

Judge E. H. Norton is sick at Joplin, Mo., and Mrs. W. F. Norton and Mrs. Pres. Norton are sick here. Mrs. Carmack is slowly sinking.

Oct. 17—Medical Society met at Weston.

Oct. 20—George Crowther, Republican candidate for Congress, speaks at Platte City.

D. T. Polk, Jr., buys J. M. Bain's stock of groceries, and continues the business.

Oct. 21—The fourth centenary of the discovery of America observed.

Oct. 23—Governor D. R. Francis speaks in the court-house to crowded benches. W. C. Wells presided.

NOVEMBER.

FIRST GENERAL ELECTION UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN SYSTEM.

President—Cleveland, State, 268,400; county, 2,663. Harrison, State, 227,646; county, 885. Weaver, State, 41,204; county, 150. Bidwell, State, 4,333; county, 34.

Governor—Stone, 2,666; Warner, 897; Leonard, 135; Sobieski, 31.

Congressman—D. D. Burnes, 2,486; Crowther, 914.

State Senator—Gash, 2,679.

Representative—Coots, 2,620; McGeehan, 842; Edwards, 230.

Circuit Judge—Herndon, 2,661; Mercer, 875.

Sheriff—Berry, 2,610; Dick, 861.

Collector—Burgess, 2,664; Clements, 888.

Prosecuting Attorney—Burnes, 2,625; Beller, 882.

County Justice, East District—Miller, 1,176; Jewett, 644.

County Justice, West District—Fairhurst, 1,411; Kyle, 408.

Treasurer—Ed L. Anderson, 2,667; Lentz, 871.

Coroner—Brashear, 2,655; Shields, 873.

Assessor—Walker, 2,670; Carter, 862.

Surveyor—Montague, 2,680; Grist, 857.

Public Administrator—Evans, 2,675; Kimsey, 196.

Stock Law—Yes, 1,893; no, 697.

Total District Congressional Vote—Burnes, 15,862; Crowther, 14,585; Wilcox, 3,123; Casetey, 255.

A lodge of colored Masons formed at Parkville.

Senator Vest speaks at Platte City.

H. A. Koster's 36th birthday observed at Platte City by a reception of friends and speech-making.

Nov. 12—The bakery building at Park College burned.

Clements and Oldham commence building a large stable on Lot 8, Block 25, Platte City.

Nov. 17—Winter commences with snow and wind.

It is now known that Cleveland is elected, and there will be some changes. For the Weston postoffice we have the following candidates: George Bedison, A. H. O'Dowd, L. W. Ringo, George Sebus, and L. W. Siler.

Nov. 20—The sheriff, by order of the county court, killed the horse of Barton Bellis, affected with glanders, and burned his barn.

Nov. 29—MRS. MARGARET HARDWICKE, née Gregg, died at Liberty. She was born July 31, 1804; married in Howard County, Mo., October 9, 1821, Phil. A. Hardwicke. They came to Clay in 1824. They were parents of Hon. Samuel Hardwicke, the distinguished lawyer of Liberty, born September 8, 1833; enrolled as a member of our bar March 4, 1857; died July 18, 1895. He was a pure, true, and conscientious man, and had the independence, nerve, and honesty to support the Union in war, to vote for prohibition when unpopular, and to denounce the brigandage of the "James boys" when dangers assailed. Mrs. Hardwicke was a sister of David Gregg (see) and of

JACOB GREGG.

sons of Harmon Gregg. Jacob was born in Tennessee April 9, 1802. The family removed to Illionis in 1811, and in 1812 came to Boone County, Mo. In 1818 Jacob saw the first steamboat ascend the Missouri. In 1825 he went to Santa Fé with one of 24 wagons, piloted by Hi Emmons. He was surveyor of Jackson County in 1828; in 1850 represented the county in the Legislature, and was sheriff from 1832-36.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—J. H. Throckmorton buys of Bledsoe the drug store at Hampton.

Dec. 6—The "Deestrick Skule" performed at the opera house in Platte City by amateurs, and among them W. A. Banister and Miss Phoebe Paxton.

Beautiful weather and fine roads.

Dec. 8—John A. Baldwin's hotel in Parkville burned.

Dec. 9—The Edgerton *Rustler* succeeds the *County Press*. A. M. Gustin is editor. 28 columns, patent outside. It fails in three months.

The contract signed for building a new steel bridge at Leavenworth.

Dec. 12—An 8-inch snow.

Dec. 15—Masonic: Allen McDowell, State Lecturer, had a lodge of instruction at Edgerton. Present from Platte City: Jo M. Bane, A. D. Burnes, J. H. Chinn, A. J. Colman, John Dillingham, J. L. Freeland, Jas. Synnamon, H. Cam. Wells.

From Camden Point: J. A. Herndon, S. A. Hull, A. S. Herndon, A. L. Perrin, James and Joseph Walters.

From Dearborn: W. R. Blakley, T. Brooks, J. W. Kirby, G. W. Johnson, John Sherwood.

From Paradise: Geo. Hill, John Miles.

Dec. 20—Ground broken for the new steel bridge at Leavenworth.

MRS. GALEN E. BISHOP died at St. Joseph. Dr. G. E. Bishop settled at New Market; issued a medical journal; was full of enthusiasm in his profession; removed to St. Joseph, and enjoys a national reputation as a physician.

The weather: On the 20th, 2° below zero; the 22d, 4° below, and ground covered with snow; on the 26th, 10° below.

Dec. 24—Frank Lewis killed Alf. Spencer opposite the jail in Platte City. Both colored. Lewis was sent to the penitentiary for ten years.

Dec. 25—Sunday. Christmas received general attention in a small way.

Dec. 26—JAMES WHITLOCK died in Leavenworth. He was a brother of Preston (see); was a prominent pro-slavery man, in the settlement of Kansas; lived in Platte prior to 1856; married Caro Crockett, daughter of Peter. (See.) 1 child, Lysander.

Dec. 27—Masonic dinner at Camden Point.

MARRIAGES IN 1892 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

January 7—Laurence Weeden married Maggie Shields; Clay Means married Laura Houseman.

January 27—J. W. Benner married Stella Allison.

February 16—Frank Neff married Lee Justus.

February 18—Richard Cox married Lizzie Field.

February 21—Frank Jennings married Addie Laswell.

February 24—W. A. Hillix married Eva D. Stagner.

March 2—John S. Stone married Mary A. Elliott.

March 15—Jesse M. James married Ida May Black.

June 8—E. E. Mathes married Jennie W. McRuer.

August 11—P. D. Haling married Mrs. Berdotte J. Dunagan.

October 5—R. M. Wilson married Nettie Fulton; John V. Harvey married Kate Bernstein; James B. Stallard married Nannie Wilson.

November 17—G. M. Reneke married Mary Johnson.

December 8—W. G. Hoskins married Nannie E. Morton.

December 27—Chas. W. Atkinson married Laura H. Cooper.

1893.

OFFICERS.

Governor, W. J. Stone; Congressman, D. D. Burnes; State Senator, Theo. Gash; Representative, J. W. Coots; Circuit Judge, W. S. Herndon; Probate Judge, J. L. Carmack; Prosecuting Attorney, A. D. Burnes; Circuit Clerk, J. L. Freeland; County Justices, McComas, Miller, Fairhurst; County Clerk, J. J. Blakley; Surveyor, W. E. Montague; Sheriff, Oscar Berry; Public Administrator, J. B. Evans; Collector, J. J. Burgess; Coroner, Jesse Brashear; Treasurer, Ed. L. Anderson; Assessor, Ira N. Walker; Superintendent of Schools, C. W. Bowen.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Burnes, Carmack, Chinn, Coots, Forman, Norton, Owens, Paxton, Roney, Wilson.

Physicians—Drs. Baldwin, Coffey, Overbeck, Park, Redman, Walker.

Merchants—Baker, Beaumont, Clemings, Cole (postmaster), Colman, Duncan, Elgin, Hulett, Krause, McComas, Mason, Meads, Mitchell, Pack, Perry, Polk, Recht, Redman, Rohring, Smith, Soper, Termier, Wells, Zarn, Zonne.

Mayor—Jerry Beery.

Lodges—Royal Arch No. 21, E. L. Anderson, H. P.; Commandery No. 9, A. D. Burnes, E. C.; Nebraska, No. 12, W. E. Hunter, N. G.

Newspapers—The *Argus*, Hunters editors; the *Landmark*, Jenkins editor.

Banks—Wells Banking Co., W. C. Wells president; Exchange Bank of Platte City, Jack cashier.

Preachers—Featherston (Chris.), Linn (M. E.).

Schools—Daughters' College, Mrs. Park president; Public School, Sexton principal.

Fair—W. A. Elgin president.

At Weston: Coburn, Hillix, Coots, Feagan, Simpson, Baker, Breen, Doppler, Evans, Engel, Gilbert, How, Jacquemin, Keller, Magers (postmaster), Mann, Mauch, Newhouse, Noble, Noll, O'Dowd, Parr, Raileys, Rentz, Rohring, Ringo, Rumpel, Saunders, Sohneider, Shindler, Seever, Siler, Thorp.

Preachers—Dunning (Chris.), Petrie (M. E.), Proctor (M. E. S.), Shaw (Bap.).

Public School—C. W. Bowen principal.

At Parkville: Ashby, Brightwell, Broadhurst, Bueneman, Carpenter, Dr. Coffey, Davidson, Fulton (postmaster), Graden. Hatfield, Higgins, Haines, Dr. Holt, Kahm, Dr. Moore, Noland. Prather, Ringo, Stultz, Summers, Wood.

Bank—Park, Hamilton cashier.

Schools—Public School, Frozelle principal; Park College, Mrs. McAfee president.

Preacher—J. M. Sitton (M. E.).

At Camden Point: Mrs. B. Prior (postmaster), Bywaters, Ewing, Hamblin, Dr. Herndon, Hardesty, Hull, Owens, Perrin, Purdy, Reed, Stallard.

At Dearborn: Burnett, Grist (postmaster), Stagner (mayor), Dr. Brooks, Bruce, Clay, Heilman, Johnson, Kirby, Kurk, Means, Merchant, Moore, Roberts, Robertson, Ferrel, Squires, Stagner, Walker, Watson, Dr. Sampson.

Preachers—Bone (M. E. S.), Powers (Cum. Pres.), Stout (Chris.).

Newspaper—The *Democrat*, Harrington editor.

Bank—Pumphrey cashier.

At Edgerton: Mrs. Newman (postmistress), Beery, Bennett, Bernard (mayor), Bright, Burnett, Chrisman, Cox, Cumberland, Davis, Doke, Handley, Hopkins, Johnson, Kerr, Lewis, McComas, Pack, Ralston, Scott, Shafer, Standiford, Stone, Wallingford, Wilkerson, Yates.

Lodges—Adelphi, No. 355, W. H. Lewis, W. M.; Odd Fellows, W. S. Mays, N. G.

Bank—Bruce cashier.

Preachers—Parvin (M. E.), Wilson (M. E. S.), Jones (Bap.), Terrel (Chris.).

At Farley: Carpenter (postmaster), Dr. Harrington, Johnson, Meyers.

At Hampton: Throckmorton.

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: Bright, Fleming, Johnson, Link, Lowmiller, Robertson, Slaughter.

At New Market: Bryant, Dr. Hale, Logan, Ringo, Stockdale, Singleton.

Bank—Bryant cashier.

At Ridgely: Denman.

At Settle: Skillman (postmaster).

At Tracy: Adkins, Clements (postmaster), Conant, Dr. Esmond, Dr. Davis, Gleb, Koster, Murdock, Still, Stone, Swarthout.

At Waldron: Heath, Naylor, Simpson (postmaster), Waldron.

At Woodruff: Crutchfield, Farrington, Jewett, Lindsay (postmaster), Montgomery.

Corn, 35 cents; hogs, 6 cents; wheat, 60 cents.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—H. A. Koster and associates form a company to run street cars from Platte City to the Tracy depot, and the county court give the right of way over the public road. But nothing has yet come out of it.

The Banking House of Wells & Co. is incorporated under the general law, and the family compose the stockholders.

R. W. Pack takes charge of the Virginia Hotel in Platte City.

The first World's Fair postage stamps are in use, and the memorial half-dollar appears.

Park College has 336 students.

Jan. 4—The weather: After two weeks of extremely cold weather, the mercury is at 45 degrees. Sleighing has been delightful. The 10th the temperature was 5 degrees above; the 11th, 22 degrees above; the 13th, 4 degrees below. Snow that fell December 12th is still on the ground. The roads would be rough, but the snow fits them for good sleighing. The 15th, 12 degrees above; the 18th, 10 degrees above; the 19th, 2 degrees below; the 28th, 8 degrees above; the 29th, 3 degrees above; the 30th, 18 degrees above; the 31st, 50 degrees above; but the next morning 7 degrees below with a blizzard.

The Kansas legislative embroglio.

Jan. 8—T. J. Stagner's house at Dearborn burned.

Jan. 12—A whisky free fight at Tracy. Cal. Davis shot by Nic. Beery, and severely wounded.

Clements & Oldham open their new stable at Platte City.

Jan. 15—Elias Siler died above Weston.

THE SILER FAMILY.

Two brothers, Philip and Elias Siler, came in 1846 from Berkeley County, Va. They were industrious farmers and earnest Cumberland Presbyterians. They were sons of John Siler.

I. PHILIP SILER,

Born about 1815; died March 2, 1879; married in Virginia Elizabeth Robinson. She died February 5, 1879, and her husband survived only 25 days. Children:

I. JOHN W. SILER, m'd Elizabeth Way, of Kansas. Ch:

1. *Lena Siler.* 2. *Zela.*

3. *Maggie.* They live in California.

II. JENNIE R. SILER, m'd I. W. Carson. (See.) Ch:

1. *William Carson,* m'd Blanche Bledsoe, of Texas.

2. *Minnie Carson.* 3. *Fred P.* 4. *Mary E.* 5. *Arthur.*

6. *Norman.* 7. *Kittie Carson.*

III. NANNIE E. SILER, m'd C. C. Graves. (See.)

IV. CHARLES M. SILER, b. Jan. 12, 1858; m'd Oct. 31, 1878, Jennie M. Carson, dr. of the sainted John H. (See.) Ch:

1. *Alma M. Siler,* b. July 2, 1881.

II. ELIAS SILER,

Born in 1818; died January 15, 1893; married April 23, 1840, Susan Stuckey, a relative of Samuel. They celebrated their golden wedding. Mrs. Siler still lives. Children:

I. LEWIS W. SILER, a man of enterprise and a leading Mason at Weston. He m'd March 9, 1880, Lizzie Schindler, dr. of Mat. Ch:

1. *Kittie*.

II. SAMUEL P. SILER, b. in Virginia Oct. 26, 1844; m'd Dec. 28, 1871, Alwilda Wilson. Ch:

1. *Mary S.* 2. *Fannie E.*, m'd Nov. 25, 1896, Jas. Wyatt.

3. *Jessie P. Siler.* 4. *Nellie Siler.*

III. WILLIAM S. SILER, m'd Dec. 29, 1870, Elizabeth Huvendahl. (See.)

IV. EDWARD E. SILER, m'd Feb. 18, 1875, Mary H. Saunders, dr. of W. D.

V. LUCINDA M. SILER, m'd Dec. 29, 1874, Jas. W. Kenney.

VI. AND. BEN SILER, m'd Jan. 23, 1882, Kate Cox, dr. of Jacob Cox and Melissa Wilson. (See.)

Jan. 17—Ex-President Hayes died.

The *Independent* opens a "Woman's World" column, edited by a lady.

Jan. 18—W. A. Elgin is elected president of the fair, Wm. Forman secretary.

J. B. Mundy has trouble with his diseased leg, and amputation being necessary, he sells the *Weston Journal* to L. M. Dolde & Co., and it soon becomes incorporated with the *Chronicle*, under B. J. Bless (ii), editor.

Two hundred men are at work on the steel bridge at Leavenworth; 500 feet of dyke is completed, and the excavation for the eastern pier is commenced.

Jan. 26—DR. F. M. JOHNSON died at Kansas City. He was a surgeon of eminence; born in Scott County, Ky., August 27, 1828, graduated at the Louisville Medical School in 1852; came to Farley in 1855; was surgeon of Winston's regiment; returned in 1864, and settled at Platte City; went to Kansas City in 1878, and became a leading physician of the place. The unfortunate event of his life was killing Addison Burge February 2, 1872. (See.) He married, first, November 9, 1854, Mary J. Timberlake (see), who died January 12, 1867. She was the mother of his children. He married, second, June 23, 1870, Julia Tillery. The children by his first wife have been noticed. Mrs. Julia Johnson still lives in Kansas City.

Jan. 27—Ex-Secretary James G. Blaine died.

The frame house of E. W. Hardesty, near Camden Point, burned.

Hogs, 7 cents; beeves, 5 cents.

FEBRUARY.

FIELDING LEWIS.

Feb. 1—Fielding Lewis died at Weston. He was born April 5, 1835; m'd June 30, 1859, in Missouri, Lydia Walker. His home was at St. Joseph at the time of his death. He lived his early years in Weston; served as marshal and collector of the city; he was of sound mind and undoubted integrity. He was of the family of the Colonel Fielding Lewis who married Catherine Washington, a cousin of the President. His lineage, as far as can be traced, is:

- I. EDWARD LEWIS, of Green County, Ky., m'd Mary Wright.
- II. EDWARD WRIGHT LEWIS, b. Sept. 29, 1807; d. Sept. 8, 1846; m'd in Hart Co., Ky., Dec. 2, 1829, Mary O. Maxey, b. Jan. 27, 1812; d. June 25, 1846. She was a daughter of Ephraim Maxey and Nancy Woodfin, of Virginia.
- III. FIELDING HAWKS LEWIS (above), m'd in 1860 Lydia Walker, b. in 1840; d. Feb. 14, 1897. Ch:
 1. *Edward N. Lewis*, b. May 30, 1860.
 2. *Albert Lee*, b. Nov. 15, 1863.

Elder G. W. Everett becomes pastor of the Baptist Church of Platte City.

Weather—Temperature February 1st, 7 degrees below; 2d, 1 degree above; snowing, thunder; 3d, 3 degrees below; 4th, 2 degrees above; 5th, rose to 50 degrees, and half the snow disappears; 6th, 4 degrees below; 7th, 6 degrees below; 8th, 1 degree above.

Feb. 3—William H. Spratt died.

THE SPRATT FAMILY.

John Spratt, born in Virginia June 19, 1733, had two sons, Isaac and John (ii), from whom the Missouri branch of the family is descended:

I. ISAAC SPRATT (i),

Lived in Virginia. His ch:

I. WILLIAM SPRATT.

II. ISAAC SPRATT (iii), m'd Mary Hall. Ch:

1. *William H. Spratt*, b. in Washington Co., Va., March 15, 1815. He wandered west, and reached Martinsville (Platte City), in June, 1839. After serving as constable and justice of the peace, he was elected sheriff in August, 1854, as a Whig, and reelected in 1856. He then possessed a genial and hearty disposition that made him popular; but he was addicted

to the bowl and the gaming-table, and failed to meet his obligations as sheriff and collector. His fall made him morose, and he lived a hermit's life until his death, Feb. 3, 1893. He first married May 21, 1840, Susan Brown, dr. of Adam. (See.) She was the mother of his children. But after her death he married, second, February 24, 1886, Mrs. Lydia Hardman, who died before him. Ch: [a] Missouri V. Spratt, m'd Wm. L. Todd (see), no children; [b] Medora M. Spratt, m'd John Cahill; [c] James M. Spratt lives in Texas, with a large family; [d] Gus. Spratt volunteered in Si. Gordon's company, and fell at Franklin.

2. *James G. Spratt*, m'd Elizabeth W. Brasfield. (See.)
3. *Jerry Spratt*. 4. *Polly*. 5. *Martha*.

II. JOHN SPRATT (ii),

Was born in Virginia; married Mrs. Wright, née Patrick. Ch:

I. JOHN SPRATT (iii), m'd Polly Buchanan. Ch:

1. *Dr. William A. H. Spratt*, b. in Wythe County, Va., March 19, 1808; d. in Kansas City June 12, 1884; m'd Sept. 1, 1835, Emily H. Crawford, née Gordon. He was eminent as a physician, and as a minister of the M. E. Church. He followed Alexander Campbell, and as an evangelist preached all over Missouri and Kansas. His wife survived him. Ch: [a] Geo. B. Spratt, b. in Saline Co., Mo., Jan. 24, 1846. At the age of 15 he enlisted under Gen. Joe Shelby, and at the end of the war surrendered at Shreveport. He was in 15 battles and a hundred skirmishes, without receiving a wound. In 1866 he came to Platte, and attended Prof. Gaylord's school. After years spent in the West, he returned to Kansas City, where, in 1889, he m'd Susan Brown, née Gibson, widow of Clark Brown, b. in Canada. He left one child, Geo. T. V. Spratt. He (George) went to Santa Fé for his health, and there died in 1895. [b] Thos. G. Spratt; [c] John W.; [d] Elizabeth V., m'd a Caldwell.

2. *Harvey Spratt*. 3. *James*. 4. *Charles*. 5. *Jane*.
6. *Ann Spratt*.

II. ISAAC SPRATT. Ch:

1. *Isaac* (iv). 2. *William*. 3. *Jerry*. 4. *Martha*. All live in Virginia.

III. FRANK SPRATT, lives in Virginia.

IV. WESLEY, went to Ohio.

V. LUVICY SPRATT, m'd Robert Buchanan.

VI. ELIJAH SPRATT, b. Feb. 8, 1794; d. in Platte in Aug., 1843; m'd Mrs. Ann Wilson, née Booth, b. Jan. 10, 1794. Ch:

1. *William Wilson Spratt*, b. in Clark County, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1820. The family came to Platte in 1840. Eli-

jah, the father, bought the John Spratt farm, on the road to Weston. W. W., in the fall of 1841, m'd Susanna Wyatt, dr. of Marcus; settled in Weston and engaged in the tobacco trade. In 1852 he went to Fort Smith, and thence to Kansas. He was assessor of Bourbon County, Kas., in 1855; in 1856-7 represented that county in the Legislature; in 1858 he went to Lawrence County, Mo.; in 1862 he was commissioned a captain in the militia. He entered the Confederate service under General Joe Shelby, and served until the return of peace. His son, Thos. J. Spratt, died in the service Dec. 21, 1861. He came to Farley in the fall of 1868; in 1872 was elected a justice of the peace. His only living child, Missouri A. Spratt, m'd a Brushwood.

2. *John Anderson Spratt*, b. in Kentucky June 9, 1823; m'd Sept. 28, 1848, Sarah E. Biggs, b. May 29, 1832. He is a farmer living at the old homestead, three miles west of Platte City. Ch: [a] James H. Spratt, b. Oct. 9, 1851; m'd March 5, 1879, Emma Mitchell, dr. of William. Ch: [1] Myrtle; [2] Lela; [3] Donala. [b] Martha E. Spratt, b. Feb. 18, 1854; m'd Oct. 24, 1877, Geo. C. Newton; no children. [c] Laura V. Spratt, b. Jan. 20, 1856; m'd Feb. 3, 1874, John W. Cooper, son of Wylie. Children: [1] George B. Cooper; [2] William H. Cooper; [3] Gracie M. [d] George W. Spratt, b. Dec. 19, 1858; m'd March 20, 1882, Katie Fulton. [e] Flora E. L. Spratt, b. July 17, 1863; m'd Jan. 6, 1886, T. C. Hendrix. Ch: [1] Eva Hendrix; [2] Tancy. [f] Wm. L. Spratt, b. April 6, 1866; m'd May 22, 1889, Nettie L. Ven Emmen, dr. of Tim; no children. [g] Thomas A. Spratt, b. May 21, 1867. [h] Henry C. Spratt, b. Sept. 24, 1868; m'd Oct. 8, 1890, Josie Fulton. [i] Ada L. Spratt, b. Feb. 5, 1871; m'd Sept. 27, 1892, W. Fulk. Ch: [1] Leta.
3. *D. W. Spratt*, b. Aug. 11, 1826; m'd Sophia Demory.
4. *Martha J. Spratt*, b. Aug. 18, 1829; m'd in 1849, David Surrat; both dead. Ch: [a] Lum; [b] David; [c] James; [d] Fannie; [e] Belle Serit.
5. *Isaac Spratt* (iv), b. June 8, 1832; m'd Feb. 14, 1856, Elizabeth Roberts; both dead.
6. *Polly Ann Spratt*, b. Jan. 19, 1835; m'd Jackson Hendley.
7. *James W. Spratt*, b. in 1839; m'd in 1859, Elizabeth Spratt. Ch: [a] John; [b] Alonzo Spratt; [c] Nora; [d] Robert.

Feb. 10—An extraordinary revival in Edgerton; 135 joined the different churches.

Feb. 12—Burke McComas died.

THE MCCOMAS FAMILY.

Moses McComas, of Virginia, married Lucy Napper, and came to Platte in the fall of 1840. They settled northeast of Platte City. Ch:

- I. ELISHA MCCOMAS, remained in Virginia.
- II. DICEY MCCOMAS, remained in Virginia.
- III. GEORGE MCCOMAS, d. in Platte in May, 1860. He m'd 1st, in Virginia, and had 6 children. He m'd 2d, in Platte, Jane Morris; 2 children, all dead or gone off.
- IV. HIRAM MCCOMAS, d. in Jan., 1849; m'd Reb. Hatfield, dead. Children:

1. *Rush McComas*, a man of sprightliness and business tact. He was a merchant in Parkville, and, with Stoddart as his partner, did a large business. He m'd Aug. 5, 1854, Anna Swope, dr. of Jacob. (See.) They now live in California; 6 children.
2. *Charles McComas*, m'd July 13, 1856, Eliza J. Hatfield. They went to California and died.
3. *Joseph E. McComas*, b. May 15, 1834; m'd Dec. 13, 1860, Reb. Yount, dr. of Henry. They went to California and he was elected to the State Senate. Children: [a] Lane McComas; [b] Rush; [c] Maud McComas; [d] Ethel.

Mr. J. E. McComas m'd 2d, in California, Emma Langley. Ch:

4. *Guy McComas*, m'd Feb. 25, 1858, Margaret Lanter, dr. of Thomas. He died, and she m'd 2d, a Locke, of Kansas.
 5. *Hiram McComas*, is in California.
 6. *Lucy McComas*, m'd Samuel J. Miller, and lives in California.
- V. SARAH (SALLY) MCCOMAS, b. Oct. 10, 1801; d. Oct. 1, 1847; m'd Jos. Edwards, b. March 6, 1801. Ch:
1. *Elisha M. Edwards*, m'd Mary Lyons, of Waverly, Mo.
 2. *James H. Edwards*, b. in Prestonsburg, Ky., Jan. 16, 1839; m'd Feb. 10, 1861, Lucinda McClary, dr. of Robert; b. Sept. 8, 1840, in Indiana. Mr. Edwards is well educated, a forcible writer, and a chaste speaker. He is the leader of the Populist party in Platte, and their chosen candidate for the Legislature. Ch: [a] Sarah Edwards, b. Feb. 26, 1862; m'd Jan. 9, 1882, Jas. Baber (see); [b] Lucy Ann Edwards, b. June 14, 1863; m'd Sept. 30, 1883, Jeff D. McComas; [c] Jo. M. Edwards, b. June 19, 1866; m'd Vernie Day, dr. of James; [d] Susan Edwards, b. Feb. 3, 1868; [e] Burke M., b. Jan. 28, 1870; [f] Jesse Edwards, b. March 6, 1872; [g] Clarissa,

b. July 20, 1874; [^h] Quincy Edwards, b. July 21, 1876; [ⁱ] William C., b. Jan. 3, 1879; [^j] Jas. H. Edwards (ii), b. Oct. 10, 1881; [^k] Lucinda, b. March 7, 1883.

3. *Reb. Edwards*, m'd March 8, 1860, Jos. Ralston, of Kansas.

4. *Lucy Edwards*, m'd T. Phelps. They live in Kansas.

5. *Josephine Edwards*, m'd Sam Hill. (See.) Divorced.

VI. *CHLOE McCOMAS*, m'd James Heath. (See.)

VII. *BURK McCOMAS*, b. in Cabell Co., Va., Feb. 20, 1810; d. Feb. 12, 1893; m'd Feb. 22, 1832, Nancy Heath, b. July 31, 1814; d. in July, 1871. He was tall in person, and of powerful frame; his judgment was sound, and his influence extensive. Ch:

1. *Pembert McComas*, b. Jan. 8, 1833; m'd Eliza J. Kerr. (See.)

2. *Stephen McComas*, b. Jan. 4, 1835; m'd March 20, 1855, Virginia Byrd, b. in Clay Feb. 27, 1834; d. Feb. 25, 1897; dr. of Wm. Byrd and Mary Shafer. He became a justice of the county court in 1886, and is still in office. He is a large farmer, and possesses intelligence and public spirit. He is a faithful officer, and has regard for the interests of the county. Ch: [^a] Mary F. McComas (dead), m'd Wm. Dougherty, son of W. H. H.; [^b] William B. McComas, m'd Maggie Simpson. Ch: [¹] Robt. McComas; [²] Charles; [³] James; [⁴] Harry; [⁵] Pearl. [^c] Jeff. D. McComas, m'd Lucy Ann Edwards (see); [^d] Thomas J. McComas, m'd Lizzie Hon. Ch: [¹] Almanza. [^e] Kate McComas, b. April 10, 1860; m'd Sept. 17, 1879, Thos. B. Flannery, b. June 16, 1857. Ch: [¹] Maud; [²] Estill. [^f] Melvina McComas, m'd Chas. Chinn. Ch: [¹] Grace; [²] Nellie. [^g] John B. McComas, m'd Dec. 22, 1888, Nannie Lutes, dr. of Dr. G. D.; 3 children; [^h] James McComas.

3. *Elisha McComas*, b. Jan. 17, 1837; m'd Cath. C. Lutes. (See.)

4. *Moses McComas* (ii), b. Feb. 26, 1839; m'd Feb. 29, 1860, Addie Kerr. (See.)

5. *Sanders McComas* (ii), b. Jan. 2, 1841. (See.)

6. *Julia McComas*, b. Jan. 27, 1843; living.

7. *James McComas*, b. Oct. 25, 1845; m'd Oct. 25, 1871, Nannie E. Kerr, b. May 9, 1851, dr. of W. S. Ch: [^a] Augustus; [^b] William McComas; [^c] Burk (iii); [^d] Mary; [^e] Jessie; [^f] Low McComas; [^g] Nancy. They live in Oklahoma.

8. *Israel McComas*, b. April 16, 1848; m'd Dec. 20, 1870, Mary E. Miller. Ch: [^a] Edward McComas;

[*b*] Leonard; [*c*] William; [*d*] Myrtle; [*e*] Susie McComas; [*f*] Nancy; [*g*] Samuel, *et al.*

9. *Elizabeth Melvina McComas*, b. Jan. 21, 1851; m'd Feb. 18, 1869, Isaac S. Miller, of Edgerton, b. Sept. 11, 1846. (See.) Ch: [*a*] Nancy J., b. Oct. 12, 1869; [*b*] Cora, b. Dec. 12, 1872; [*c*] Chas. I., b. May 31, 1875; [*d*] Burkee Miller, b. July 15, 1883; [*e*] William, b. March 11, 1886.

10. *Mary McComas*, b. March 29, 1854; m'd Sept. 11, 1879, D. M. Kimsey, b. in June, 1860. Ch: [*a*] Lesley; [*b*] Charles.

11. *Hiram McComas*, b. Oct. 31, 1856; m'd Dec. 18, 1877, Mamie Daniel, Ch: [*a*] Claude McComas.

VIII. JUDITH MCCOMAS, m'd John Heath. (See.)

IX. SANDERS MCCOMAS (i), m'd Laura Heath. Ch:

1. *Benjamin*. 2. *David McComas*. 3. *Israel*.

4. *Cynthia*. They live in Kansas.

X. REBECCA MCCOMAS, m'd Jackson J. Mayo. (See.)

XI. JULIA MCCOMAS, lived in Virginia.

XII. CYNTHIA MCCOMAS, lived in Virginia.

Feb. 16—A twelve-inch snow.

The Kansas legislative embroglio settled.

GEORGE W. ANDERSON,

Son of Joseph, died near New Market. He was born in Culpeper County, Va., January 20, 1813; married January 29, 1839, Mary Roberts, born February 4, 1824; died March 2, 1890. He was highly respected as an intelligent and useful citizen. He came with his parents to Fleming County, Ky., and thence to Platte in October, 1837. He owned a large and valuable farm south of New Market, which was partitioned among his children. Joseph Anderson and Peyton Anderson were brothers. James W. Anderson was a son of Peyton and a cousin of George W. Ch:

I. HIRAM A. B. ANDERSON, b. Sept. 11, 1842; died from an accident Dec. 30, 1870; m'd Nannie M. Bywaters. (See.)

II. JAMES H. ANDERSON, b. Oct. 4, 1845; m'd Dec. 21, 1884, Mary Jeffrey. She died Nov. 2, 1890.

III. JOHN ANDERSON, b. March 6, 1848; m'd March 21, 1872, Virginia F. Drais.

IV. F. C. ANDERSON, b. Jan. 12, 1853; m'd May 15, 1877, Katie C. Wells.

V. ELIZ. M. V. ANDERSON, b. May 28, 1855; m'd April 8, 1875, N. W. Kirkman.

VI. GALEN B. ANDERSON, b. Nov. 2, 1857; m'd May 2, 1889, Belle Dean. She is his second wife. He m'd 1st, Nov. 12, 1884, Eva Buzan, who died, childless, Feb. 12, 1885. (See.) He was county surveyor, and possesses fine sense.

Feb. 24—WILLIAM THOMAS HANCOCK died near Farley. He was born in Boone County, Mo., July 31, 1820; married in

April, 1861, Eliza Chreech, widow of Jones Chreech, and daughter of Ezekiel Copeland. She still lives. Ch: 1, Ann Eliza Hancock, m'd Frank Poss; 4 children; 2, W. J. Hancock; 3, Charles T. Hancock.

The last issue of the *Edgerton Rustler*.

SQUIRE W. TUDER.

Feb. 26—Squire W. Tudor died four miles southeast of Platte City. He was a son of Thomas Tudor (see) and Elizabeth Titus, and born in Madison County, Ky., February 24, 1817. In 1824 the family came to Howard County, Mo., and thence to Platte in 1837. He married December 18, 1845, Frances Perkins, born August 13, 1830; died January 7, 1882; daughter of Edward Perkins. Mr. Tudor married, second, Luvisa Lay, who survives, childless. He was a farmer of sound judgment, an ardent Baptist, and a quiet and dutiful citizen. Children by his first wife:

I. SARAH ANN TUDER, b. Nov. 28, 1846; m'd Jan. 30, 1866, James M. Baker, b. April 7, 1835; d. Oct. 13, 1894. Mr. Baker was an excellent citizen, residing five miles southeast of Platte City. Ch:

1. *Dillard*, b. Dec. 15, 1867; m'd Mollie Offutt. Ch: [a] Albert F. Baker.
2. *Jettie Baker*, b. Feb. 5, 1871; m'd Feb. 22, 1893, W. P. Naylor (ii).
3. *Daniel T. Baker*, b. Jan. 18, 1875.
4. *Julia F.*, b. May 6, 1880.
5. *Nellie T. Baker*, b. Oct. 6, 1883.

James Marion Baker was a son of Daniel Baker and a brother of Alfred R.

II. THOMAS E. TUDER, b. Dec. 18, 1849; m'd Nov. 9, 1873, Nannie Yates, of Buchanan. Ch:

1. *William H.* 2. *John Tudor.* 3. *Roy W.* 4. *Cleveland.*

III. GEORGE H. TUDER, b. Aug. 4, 1852; m'd Feb. 9, 1882, Julia A. Moore, dr. of James. Ch:

1. *John T.* 2. *Lycurgus S.* 3. *Annie B. Tudor.*
4. *David R.* 5. *Polly E.* 6. *Jettie F.*

IV. LYCURGUS S. TUDER, b. July 6, 1858; m'd Sept. 9, 1896, Myrtle V. Matteson.

V. ELLIE FREDDIE TUDER, b. Aug. 20, 1874; m'd Jan. 17, 1895, W. E. Porter.

MARCH.

March 1—The ladies of Linkville form a W. C. T. Union, with Mrs. Morrow president, and 15 members.

March 2—WILLIAM WILSON having died, Zack Mills administered, giving bond for \$2,000. His widow's name was Belle, and children: 1, Lizzie, m'd Nichols; 2, William; 3, Henry; 4, Thomas Wilson; 5, Benjamin; 6, Robert; 7, Fannie.

March 6—W. H. H. Baker's house burned.

March 8—A sudden rise in the Missouri engulfs 50 feet of the bar above the steel bridge, and some alarm for the proposed structure is manifested.

March 10—ISAAC HOUSE, for many years a citizen of Platte, dies in the Wyandotte, Kansas, poor-house. He married a daughter of John Lewis.

March 20—R. W. Pack sells his stock of goods in Platte City to Reuben Davis, and takes in exchange a farm of 220 acres in Gooseneck, subject to a mortgage. Pack removes to the farm.

The McKay building at Parkville finished and occupied.

MRS. DORCAS MASON

Died at her home in Platte City. She was the wife of R. F. Mason, and daughter of Conrad Stigers and Mary Snell (see), and born in Ohio December 22, 1828; married May 20, 1844, Robert F. Mason, born in Washington County, Pa., September 5, 1813. He is a son of George Mason (i), who died January 14, 1849. His mother, Sarah, died September 14, 1844. Mrs. Mason was a woman of deep piety and a zealous Methodist. Mr. Mason came to Platte in 1839, and was one of the early merchants of Farley. Kind-hearted and generous to all, his benevolence was shown to a youth, named Jervis Johnson, then poor and friendless. But Johnson became wealthy, and remembering his old benefactor, deeded him lands worth \$18,000. This munificent gift lifted the Mason family to ease and independence. After selling goods for many years in Farley, Mr. Mason in 1864 came to Platte City, and with John R. Swain carried on the mercantile business for many years. He is still living in Platte City, with all his children near him, and is revered by all. Ch:

I. GEORGE MASON, b. Aug. 31, 1847. He is a grocer in Platte City.

II. MARY L. MASON, b. July 17, 1849; m'd Feb. 9, 1871, Jas. F. Flannery. (See.)

III. LAURA MASON, b. March 26, 1853; m'd Feb. 17, 1875, Richard Mayo, son of H. J. (See.) They separated, and she lives in Platte City. Ch:

1. *Mary*. 2. *Robert*. 3. *Earl Mayo*. 4. *Mason*. 5. *Edna*.

IV. ROBERT M. MASON, b. April 30, 1861; m'd Oct. 19, 1887, Anna Funkhouser, dr. of George, of Plattsburg. Ch:

1. *Penelope Mason*, b. Jan. 27, 1893.

V. ROSA MASON, b. Oct. 5, 1864; m'd Jan. 3, 1889, Dr. E. J. Walker, b. Feb. 15, 1854. He is a physician of education and professional eminence. They live in Platte City.

VI. MINNIE MASON, b. Feb. 16, 1867—a zealous worker in the church.

VII. CHARLES R. MASON, b. Aug. 23, 1869; keeps a livery stable at Platte City.

March 27—An 8-inch snow—went off in two days.

APRIL.

April 1—Cyrus W. Bowen elected school commissioner over B. F. Hatton.

A. F. Walruff chosen mayor of Weston.

The revenue of Weston the past year, \$2,508.27.

The Bank of Weston opened, with K. M. Woods, Jr., president, and J. T. Collins cashier.

April 3—Judge W. S. Herndon holds his first term of circuit court.

April 7—The Hunters sell the *Argus*, with subscription list and good will, to Rettig & Reinhart for \$4,050.

Fred Krause commences to build a two-story brick business house on Lot 2, Block 30, Platte City.

MRS. ANNA EDWARDS

Died. She was born in Bourbon County, Ky., December 16, 1815; married, first, James Leary, by whom she had:

I. JAMES LEARY, of California.

Mrs. Leary m'd 2d, Robt. Edwards (i), who died April 3, 1866. They lived in Weston. They had 10 children, but we are interested in only:

II. SARAH EDWARDS, m'd Hensil, of Alma, Kansas.

III. BELLE EDWARDS (dead), a lovely girl, m'd Aug. 25, 1875, J. B. Lutz.

IV. LAURA EDWARDS, m'd June 2, 1872, Geo. Sims, now of Kansas.

V. ROBERT EDWARDS, a blacksmith of Platte City; b. Jan. 9, 1856; m'd Sept. 22, 1872, Virginia Wright; d. June 13, 1896. The family are faithful Baptists. Ch:

1. *Jessie*. 2. *Ava*. 3. *Frances*. 4. *Ralph*, b. in 1882.

April 15—A heavy frost.

April 17—Platte Presbytery meets at Parkville.

Mrs. Frances Link, wife of

ELI LINK (i),

Died at her home near Linkville. She was one of the lovely daughters of William Hansford (see), and born August 4, 1820, in Bourbon County, Ky., where she was married, November 18, 1841, to Mr. Link, son of Jacob Link and Elizabeth Creger. He was born in Bourbon County, Ky., January 13, 1808; died September 25, 1896. Immediately after marriage, they came West, and

settled on the unbroken and beautiful prairie, where she died. I was their nearest neighbor for nine years, and know them to be good and true. The bereaved husband died in 1896 from age and the want of sympathy and companionship of his beloved wife. Children:

- I. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 22, 1843; m'd Aug. 21, 1860, Jeff. Moore, son of Ben D. He died Nov. 6, 1867, and Mrs. Moore m'd 2d, Jan. 1, 1877, Oscar Berry. (See.)
- II. LEVI A. LINK, b. Oct. 21, 1847; m'd Oct. 6, 1878, Frankie Henry. (See.)
- III. WILLIAM F. LINK, b. June 1, 1850; m'd March 6, 1873, Estella Chinn. She died, childless, and he m'd 2d, Nov. 2, 1878, Jennie Elmore, dr. of Jas. (See.)
- IV. MARY J. LINK, b. Oct. 23, 1852; m'd March 7, 1872, J. R. Harrel.
- V. ELI J. LINK, b. Nov. 28, 1854.
- VI. CORDELIA A. LINK, b. March 23, 1857; m'd Feb. 26, 1878, Jeff. Vance. Eli and Israel Link were brothers.

April 26—Hail fell at Platte City as large as hen eggs.

April 27—W. T. CARBAUGH having died, John J. Ford administered. Bond, \$2,500. His widow was Rachel F. His ch: 1, Mary J.; 2, Calvin; 3, Iva Carbaugh. He was a brother of Daniel Carbaugh, and of Mrs. Sarah Naylor.

MAY.

	Receipts.	Expenditures.
County Sinking Fund.	\$17,658.03	\$22,292.52
County Interest Fund.	11,572.34	11,459.52
Pauper Fund.	4,600.30	5,056.38
Road and Bridge Fund.	16,163.78	13,911.43
Salary Fund.	6,403.58	6,483.42
Jury Fund.	4,215.55	4,065.52
Contingent Fund.	2,984.11	2,708.10
Road Fund.	5,075.84	5,759.27
Fines and penalties.	461.00	248.00
	<hr/> \$69,134.53	<hr/> \$71,984.16

Debt.

Bonds outstanding May 1, 1892.	\$135,200
Bonds redeemed since.	19,200
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Debt May 1, 1893.	\$116,000

Assessments in 1893.

Platte County	\$ 4,779.040
Clay County	5,749.447
Clinton County	5,753.454
Ray County	6,691.888
Buchanan County	28,351.010
State of Missouri	925,138,267

Weston collected and expended for schools the past year, \$2,722.97.

The hog and stock law is now in force in Platte City, and some front yards are thrown open. Many farms, especially in bottoms, are unfenced.

May 12—Ascension Day observed by the Knights of Platte City paying a visit to the Knights of Weston. Belt Commandery elected E. L. Anderson E. C.

Founders' Day observed at Park College, and the McKay building dedicated.

Cholera scare and a general cleaning up.

May 26—The Tracy Mill Company, Magee president, covers the property with mortgages.

N. T. Dick has a good poem in the *Landmark*.

May 28—The new Christian church at Platte City dedicated by Elders Alex. Proctor and T. P. Haley, in the presence of a large assemblage of people.

JUNE.

GRADUATES.

At Park College: Cyrus B. Beckes, Anna E. Best, Harvey Brokaw, John Kerr Caughey, Susan G. Cantwell, Jas. Cooper, Frank Thomas, B. F. Crissman, John F. Feteroff, Emma E. Fleming, Margaret Frazer, Jacob Hammation, Chas. T. Henry, F. S. Herndon, Jessie C. Herr, Mary Hindman, Anna Creighton Hodges, Jas. M. McMonigle, Herman Mayo, Harry Melerian, Louis A. Messer, Stephen Momchiloff, Abner D. Neely, Flora A. Neff, Jos. J. Perdomo, Elsie M. Prugh, Wm. C. Ralston, John Skerik, Jas. H. Speer, Robt. C. Stone, Mary C. Titzel, F. J. Tower, Anna E. Trefz, Laura N. Walker, R. R. Ward, Zena Woodruff.

AMBROSE HULETT.

June 1—Ambrose Hulett died at Platte City. He was born in Jessamine County, Ky., Aug. 18, 1818; m'd in 1858, in Bourbon County, Ky., Sarah Smith, who survives him. He came to Platte City in 1861, and worked as a tailor. He was a moral and upright man. Ch:

- I. JAMES ALLEN HULETT, m'd Julia Field. (See.)
- II. AMBROSE HULETT, is a clerk in his brother's store.
- III. BETTIE HULETT, m'd John Nash. (See.)
- IV. LOU HULETT.
- V. ANNIE HULETT, m'd March 19, 1882, William Nash. (See.)

A. L. Smith moves into his new house in Platte City.

During the past year Park College Family expended \$39,404.

June 4—JOHN M. DAVIDSON died at Parkville. He was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, February 19, 1839. In 1845 he went to Iowa, and in 1861 enlisted in the Union army, and rose to the rank of captain. He was with Sherman in his "March to the Sea," came to Parkville in 1866, and September 28, 1868, married Mary J. Williams, who survived him, and died January 7, 1894. He possessed intellect and enlarged experience. His son, Walter P. Davidson, is a lawyer and a rising young man.

SCARLET W. MADDING.

June 15—Scarlet W. Madding died at Platte City. He was a son of Larken Madding and Jane Skelton, and was born in Culpeper County, Va., January 25, 1814. He came with his parents in 1817 to Hardin County, Ky., went to Illinois, where he married Mary Sallee; removed to Iowa, thence to St. Joseph, and finally to Platte in 1869. After residing three miles west of Platte City, he came into town, in 1884. He was an ardent Methodist, and possessed unyielding faith and active piety. His first wife died, and he married, second, July 13, 1849, Mary A. Bromley, born May 9, 1828. She survives, and makes her home in Platte City. Children by first wife:

- I. SARAH MADDING, b. in 1837; d. in 1873; m'd in 1856, Wesley Wood, of Doniphan County, Kas. Ch:
 - 1. *Lucinda*. 2. *Elijah Wood*. 3. *Ella*. 4. *Ada*.
 - 5. *Annie*.
- II. MARY MADDING, m'd John C. Ryan. Live in South Dakota.
- III. SQUIRE MADDING, m'd in Montana.
- By second wife:
- IV. JOSIE MADDING, b. in 1849; m'd in 1868, Joseph Todd. (See.) Ch:
 - 1. *Annie Todd*, m'd Prof. G. W. Broadus.
 - 2. *Mamie*, m'd Clarence Townsend, of Chicago.
 - 3. *Eduard*. 4. *Jessie*.
- V. LAURA MADDING, m'd Andrew Todd. (See.)
- VI. JAMES MADDING, b. in 1851; m'd Feb. 22, 1872, Eva Bradley. Ch:
 - 1. *Jas. W. Madding*, m'd Aug. 2, 1896, Ida Cravens, of Camden Point.

June 16—A rain of one inch; a fine season for both wheat and corn. The rains continued generously for a week, and corn is growing vigorously.

June 24—Grand Masonic picnic at Smithville, with large attendance from Platte.

JULY.

July 1—Thomas J. Cole succeeds Sanders McComas as postmaster at Platte City, and the postoffice is removed from the house on Lot 5, Block 30, to Lot 1, Block 29.

THOMAS W. DAVIS (i).

July 4—Thomas W. Davis (i) died at his home in Parkville. He was descended from Isaac Davis, a Revolutionary soldier, who came from Virginia to Kentucky. His son, Cornelius Davis, was born April 20, 1786, in Nelson County, Ky.; married Sally Wilson, daughter of Thomas. These were the parents of Thomas W. Davis (i), who was born in Logan County, Ky., July 10, 1812. He received a classical and scientific education, and was prepared for the practice of medicine. His father removed to Boonville, Mo., in 1824, and the son followed in 1830. He removed to Saline County, Mo., January 1, 1837, and held the office of the commissioner of the seat of justice of that county. He next went into the commission business in St. Louis. In 1848 he came to Platte and engaged in the grocery business, in Parkville, until 1857, when he tried farming, but returned to Parkville in 1876. But after a few years feeble health demanded rest. He was social in his manners, and formal in his address. He made a good impression on strangers. His urbanity was tempered by condescension, and he proved a true and lasting friend. He was a zealous Methodist, and his conversation was gracious. He was an Odd Fellow and a Mason. In the beginning of the war he went South with General Price, but returned after one campaign. He married September 19, 1833, at Boonville, Marie E. Doyle, daughter of Dr. J. G. Doyle. She was born at Lynchburg, Va., December 11, 1816. She preceded him to the grave. Children:

- I. HANNAH DAVIS, b. Feb. 28, 1836; m'd Thos. C. Dooley. (See.)
- II. EMMA DAVIS, m'd W. F. Taylor (see), of Kansas City.
- III. MARGARET A. DAVIS, m'd Gilbert Garton.
- IV. AMELIA DAVIS, m'd May 6, 1870, Marion B. Wood.
- V. THOMAS W. DAVIS (ii), b. Nov. 24, 1854; m'd Aug. 10, 1874, Mary Summers. (See.) No children.
- VI. KATE C. DAVIS, m'd Feb. 16, 1876, James Carmody. Ch:
1. Mabel Carmody. 2. James. 3. Thomas. 4. John.
- VII. JOSEPH H. DAVIS, m'd June 3, 1882, Kate S. Wood.

July 6—Platte River is over the low bottoms; crossed in a skiff at Platte City.

July 9—ASA L. SMITH died, and the next day LARKEN FLESHMAN died. They lived in new and elegant houses, side by side, on the same street, and were both intelligent and wealthy. (See their sketches.)

July 18—County Sunday-school convention in Parkville. C. B. McAfee is president.

The financial panic starts suddenly.

Great numbers attend the World's Fair at Chicago.

J. L. Simpson succeeds W. H. Waldron as postmaster at Waldron.

July 23—Reuben D. Davis, merchant at Platte City, makes a general assignment to A. J. Colman.

ST. JOSEPH.

St. Joseph has 123 licensed saloons, 13 banks, 158 manufactories, employs 6,000 hands, has \$10,000,000 invested in various industries. To-day is celebrated as Founders' Day.

James H. Chinn, having been appointed book-keeper in the penitentiary, removes to Jefferson City with his family.

July 28—THOMAS RYAN and ALVIN WASHER are killed by cars one mile west of Weston, while drunk and sleeping on the railroad track.

AUGUST.

Aug. 7—Congress convenes in extra session to consider the Sherman bill.

Aug. 10—R. W. Pack's house, five miles north of Platte City, burned. Loss, \$2,000. Insurance, \$1,350.

Cockrill and Hulett are putting down admirable cement sidewalks in front of Lot 12, Block 25, Platte City.

Aug. 12—Odd Fellows' picnic at Smithville attended by 10,000.

Aug. 14—Sarah Cumberford, wife of

PATRICK N. CUMBERFORD,

and daughter of Israel Link, died. Mr. Cumberford was born January 16, 1815, in Botetourt County, Va. His parents were Samuel and Elizabeth Cumberford. He came to Platte in 1839, and settled on Second Creek; and November 24, 1840, married Mrs. Sophia E. Thiep. She died childless. He married, second, May 17, 1846, Mrs. Amanda M. Shepherd, who died, leaving:

I. JOHN WESLEY CUMBERFORD, b. Sept. 4, 1847; now a worthy Christian gentleman and an enterprising merchant at Edgerton. He m'd Feb. 26, 1874, Louisa A. Kerr, b. Nov. 17, 1850, dr. of William Kerr (i). (See.) Ch:

1. *Malcolm N. Cumberford*, b. Jan. 18, 1875.
2. *Ernest V.*, b. March 22, 1876.
3. *William L.*, b. March 7, 1878.
4. *Jessie M.*, b. March 10, 1880.
5. *Quina*, b. April 8, 1883. 6. *Colodie P.*, b. Jan. 27, 1886.
7. *Kerr F.*, b. May 26, 1888.
8. *Lena Cumberford*, b. Dec. 18, 1893.

II. MARGARET ELIZ. CUMBERFORD, b. July 7, 1850; m'd April 18, 1872, James Peyton.

P. N. Cumberford's second wife died, and he married, third, July 19, 1876, Mrs. Sarah E. Kuykendall, widow of James M., and daughter of Israel Link. She was born March 7, 1833, and died August 14, 1893. For her children by her first husband, see J. M. Kuykendall's sketch. Mr. P. N. Cumberford is a man of superior judgment and attainments. He was a justice of the peace and a notary public for thirty years, and was the business man of his neighborhood. He enjoys the confidence and esteem of his neighbors; but blindness and deafness, added to the infirmities of age, disqualify him for business. He sojourns with his son at Edgerton.

Aug. 20—Wm. Fleshman killed at Platte City by Davis Hatton. No public examination had.

Aug. 28—Georgia Linn Tucker, wife of

J. P. TUCKER,

editor of the *Independent* (see), died at Parkville. She was a daughter of Rev. Oratio Linn (dead) and his wife, Aldeah P. Linn, postmaster at Parkville during Cleveland's first administration. She was born in Wright City, Mo., October 20, 1868; married November 21, 1888, J. P. Tucker. She was a sprightly and lovely young woman, well educated and highly accomplished. Mr. Tucker, as editor of the *Independent*, has made a good record. He married, second, December 26, 1894, Susie C. Stickney.

Aug. 29—The fair commenced. W. A. Elgin president.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 3—Georgia Ann Cole, wife of John R. Cole and daughter of

WILLIAM FORD,

son of Zachariah Ford, died in Clay. William married Martha Calamese. Ch:

I. GEORGIA ANN FORD, b. in Woodford County, Ky., Jan. 10, 1833; m'd 1st, John N. Moseby, and had:

1. *Mrs. B. Cushman.* 2. *Mrs. G. K. White.*
3. *George W. Moseby.* 4. *Martha A.* 5. *Chas. F. Moseby.*

Mr. Moseby died in October, 1871, and his widow, Georgia A., m'd 2d, April 13, 1876, John R. Cole (his second wife), born in Woodford Co., Ky., Dec. 9, 1820; died in Clay Jan. 16, 1894. Mr. Cole left no children by Georgia A., his wife, but he had married Sept. 25, 1853, Martha E. Ford, who died July 30, 1875, leaving: [*a*] Martha Cole, m'd C. B. Mills (see); [*b*] Ettie Cole, m'd J. W. Tate (see); [*c*] Rosa Cole, m'd Oct. 12, 1884, James M. Smith; [*d*] John B. Cole. Mr. John R. Cole lived near Farley for many years, and was a good Christian and upright citizen. He was blind, or nearly so.

II. LEWIS H. FORD, b. in 1838; m'd March 1, 1868, Cassandra Moseby, dr. of William. Ch:

1. *Margaret J. Ford*, b. May 7, 1870; m'd Dec. 25, 1889, Frank J. Flannery (ii).
2. *Amanda M. Ford*, b. Dec. 15, 1879.

Mr. L. H. Ford enlisted in the Southern army, and served under General Price four years.

III. WILLIAM FORD, of Kansas. IV. MAR. L. FORD, of Clay.

Sept. 13—Temperature 101°.

Sept. 16—Frank Renz, son of

ZACCHEUS RENZ,

died in Weston. Zaccheus was a son of Joseph Renz and Elizabeth Gramer. Zaccheus learned the stonemason's craft, and served six years in the German army. In 1850 he married Theresa Gramer, and in 1854 they came to America, locating at Weston, where he plied his trade. He is now proprietor of 240 acres of land. Ch:

- I. FRANK RENZ, b. in Germany May 29, 1854; d. Sept. 16, 1893.
II. SIMEON RENZ, m'd Pauline Ruf.
III. ELIZABETH, m'd J. W. McMichael.
IV. MARY RENZ, m'd A. C. Fankhanel. V. JOHN RENZ.
VI. LENA RENZ, m'd April 4, 1888, John Hellman. (See.)
VII. VICTORIA RENZ. VIII. PAULINE. The family are Catholics.

Sept. 18—Very dry. A. H. O'Dowd succeeds Magers as postmaster at Weston.

Sept. 20—Judge E. H. Norton operated on for stone in the bladder. For a month his life was in the balance, but he finally recovered.

Sept. 25—A. B. Sanderson becomes pastor of the M. E. S. churches at Platte City and Weston.

A frost. Temperature 33°.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—The pivotal caisson of the Leavenworth steel bridge is finished.

PRÉSIDENT FRED G. GAYLORD

Died at Daughters' College. No other man has exerted such good and lasting influence on Platte County as President Gaylord. Born in Oneida County, N. Y., January 24, 1820, he received a finished education in his native State, and his life was devoted to teaching. He pursued his calling in Virginia and Kentucky. In 1850 he visited California by way of the Isthmus. Returning to Estill County, Ky., he married November 10, 1855, Mrs. Mary Park, widow of Elihu Park (i), and daughter of Rev. Thomas Ballew and Fannie Hubbard, of Virginia. She was born November 19, 1812; died December 25, 1884. (See her sketch.) In 1857 the family came to Platte City, and November 2d of that year he opened a school for boys, which he discontinued at the beginning of the war. After sojourning awhile in Atchison, Kansas, he took charge, January 1, 1863, of the Camden Point Female Academy. The following year he became principal of the Platte City Female Academy, which in 1870 was made Daughters' College. The college prospered until 1884, when Mrs. Gaylord died. This bereavement broke the strongest tie that bound him to earth, and he slowly sank to the grave. On the 25th of June, 1888, conscious that his life-work had ended, he appointed Mrs. T. W. Park his successor, and delivered over to her charge the college, taking the humble position of her assistant. But his work was finished—his spirit chastened and subdued, and he waited patiently the summons of death.

President Gaylord was 6 feet 2 inches tall, and weighed, in health, 210 pounds. His address was formal and condescending. His gracious demeanor inspired esteem. His heart was pure and his affections childlike. Reared by Quaker parents, the law of peace was on his tongue. A thousand fathers and mothers in Israel acknowledge him as their spiritual father. A fund has been subscribed by his former pupils to erect for him a memorial, and Daughters' College has been christened "Gaylord Institute." His Masonic brethren attended his remains to the grave, and laid on his coffin a sprig of acacia. He left no children. A tablet in Gaylord Institute commemorates his virtues.

Oct. 8—The house of L. W. Ringo burned in Weston.

Harmon Higgins succeeds John Fulton as postmaster at Parkville.

Oct. 27—The colored Masons have a supper at Reynolds' Hall, Platte City. Fire in Platte City; commenced in Cleming's blacksmith shop on Lot 7, Block 25, and it, with Clements & Oldham's new stable, was consumed. F. M. Wilson's house on Lot 8 was also burned. Loss, \$6,000.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 2--W. P. Baldwin's house in Parkville burned. In ten days he entered a new house, kindly built by sympathetic friends.

Nov. 13—Mrs. Ellen R. Hillix, wife of

WILLIAM W. HILLIX,

and daughter of Allen A. Hillix and Louisa Whittington, died at her home near Weston. She was born in North Carolina in 1840; married February 14, 1856, William W. Hillix (i), born October 9, 1830. Their ch:

- I. WILLIAM HILLIX (ii), b. in Kentucky; m'd Jan. 30, 1879, Fannie Dye, dr. of James. (See.)
- II. ALLEN A. HILLIX, m'd Dec. 16, 1882, Nannie W. Graves. She died March 12, 1884, and Allen m'd 2d, Feb. 24, 1890, Eva D. Stagner.
- III. CHARLES H. HILLIX, m'd in 1894 Clara M. Nelson. (See.)
- IV. MINNIE HILLIX, m'd Sept. 14, 1891, W. C. Polk.
- V. FRANK HILLIX, m'd Oct. 28, 1896, Lyda E. Owens.
- VI. ALBERT HILLIX, m'd Jan. 8, 1896, Katherine Ficklin.

William W. married, second, November 22, 1895, Amanda E. Moore.

Nov. 14—FREDERICK BESINGER died in Weston. He was born in Germany July 7, 1807; came to Weston in 1847. He left two sons and several grandchildren.

Nov. 16—MRS. NANCY OSWALT died near Weston. She was born in 1840; left several children.

The people of Dearborn subscribe \$5,500 to build a creamery. R. N. Harrington is appointed postmaster at Dearborn.

The steel bridge at Leavenworth is nearly complete, and the matter of building roads to it is discussed. D. T. Polk and Strother Wells have built new and superb dwellings in Platte City.

MRS. LUCINDA M. SAYLE died at St. Joseph, aged 80. She was the widow of Dr. C. W. Sayle, who came to Ridgely in 1850, and died there in 1857; and was the mother of E. O. Sayle (see); of Dr. W. A. C. Sayle, of Morrillton, Ark., died Dec. 30, 1896, and of Mrs. A. J. De Berry, of California.

Nov. 21—C. A. STULTZ found dead in his bed at Parkville. He left one child, Oscar Stultz, of Kentucky.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 2—The first snow—6 inches.

Work commences on the Dearborn Creamery.

Dec. 4—The Missouri blocks with ice, but soon breaks up.

Wm. Ashcroft fills up with whisky at Platte City, goes by train to the Junction, without cause strikes Mr. Justus with a car-coupling pin, runs to board the starting train, falls under the wheels, loses both legs, and the county court pays for attending to him.

KINCHEON P. TYSON (ii) having died, M. P. Davis administered. Bond, \$1,800. He was born in Jones County, Ga., June 14, 1826; son of K. P. Tyson (i) and Elizabeth C. Carson. He married November 6, 1868, in Georgia, Emily C. Davis, née Askin, born in 1842. He was intelligent and genial, and esteemed where known. The widow possesses good property in her own name, and is in charge of the homestead. Ch: 1, Fredonia F. Tyson, b. in 1874; 2, Clay D.; 3, William J.; 4, Lizzie O.

Dec. 11—GREEN B. ANDERSON having died at Edgerton, his widow, Hettie, administered. Ch: 1, William Anderson, died, leaving Alice and Ella Anderson; 2, Mattie Anderson, m'd a Thomas; 3, Mary; 4, Lucy, m'd a Davis, and died, leaving: [a] Fannie; [b] Hattie; [c] Arthur Davis. 5, Amanda, m'd a Whitton.

WILLIAM A. MOORE'S

Will probated. He married Sarah Thomas. They lived near Edgerton. Ch:

- I. GEORGE MOORE, married and died childless.
- II. ROSA MOORE, m'd B. A. Talbott. They live in Oklahoma; 6 children.
- III. ISAAC MOORE, m'd Sarah Blake. They live in Ray; 9 children.
- IV. MARY MOORE, m'd John Smith, son of Red. Ch:
 1. Rosa Smith. 2. Nellie. 3. Vallie.
- V. CHARLES MOORE, m'd Nancy Hunter. Ch:
 1. Galen. 2. Ray Moore. 3. Nellie. 4. Hattie.
- VI. WILLIAM MOORE, m'd March 2, 1879, Ella Blake, sister of Sarah and dr. of George. Ch:
 1. Stella. 2. Huston. 3. John. 4. Dessie.
- VII. LUELLA MOORE, m'd July 29, 1880, William Endicott. Children:
 1. Claude Endicott. 2. Charles.
- VIII. JAMES J. MOORE, b. Aug. 25, 1859; m'd Jan. 19, 1882, Delia Johnson. Ch:
 1. Chester Moore. 2. Georgia.

Dec. 13—ED. RUTHVEN died in Iowa. He was born January 10, 1834, in Baltimore, Md.; came to Platte City about 1869. His kind and obliging nature and his social and merry disposition made him the life of every circle he entered, and a leader in every civil or religious enterprise. He married October 7, 1874, Alice Jackson, daughter of John. Some years later they went to Iowa.

Dec. 17—JOSEPH RUF died in Weston. He was born in Baden March 15, 1811. He married January 7, 1855.

Dearborn has a debating club.

Dec. 22—Geo. W. Jenkins takes the contract to repair the M. and P. church in Platte City, putting in new ceiling, windows, pews, etc., for \$700. He was also contractor to build the Christian church.

Dec. 26—Christmas at Bethel church—a good programme, with Santa Claus, angels, and fairies.

Dec. 27—WILLIAM B. COOTS died. He was a brother of Patrick S. Coots, and born in Shelby County, Ky., March 2, 1817; married in 1842 Mary J. Cahill. They lived some years in Platte City, and were faithful Methodists.

ELDER W. L. JERMANE.

Dec. 28—Elder W. L. Jermane died in Kansas. He was a son of the Rev. G. W. Jermane, of the M. E. Church of Philadelphia, and was born January 5, 1829. The son became an elder of the Christian Church, and served the congregation at Platte City two years, and made his home here from 1887 to 1890, preaching here and to neighboring churches. He was a man of excellent spirit, faith, and piety. His widow survives. Ch:

- I. SALLIE JERMANE, a lovely woman of style and dignity; m'd Feb. 22, 1888, E. A. Sutcliffe, of El Paso, N. M. As a part of the wedding ceremony, I read a poem addressed to the bride, and she named her first child for me, born Jan. 8, 1889.
- II. PERCY LEE JERMANE, M.D., is a young physician of promise, and the hope of the family. He married May 31, 1894, Elizabeth Hand, of Holton, Kansas.
- III. ELLA JERMANE, a sweet and pure lassie.
- IV. PAUL JERMANE.

Dec. 29—GEORGE T. HULSE died at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He was born in Orange County, N. Y., October 10, 1810; came to Weston in 1840; married July 13, 1842, Mrs. Mary V. Van Bibber, née Warner, a sister of Theo. F. Warner. He was a justice of the peace of Weston, and established a character for business rectitude. He was selected as cashier for the branch of the Mechanics' Bank at Weston. But when the war broke out, and his Union sentiments endangered him, he went to St. Louis, as cashier of the parent bank (Mechanics), and continued there until age unfitted him for business. His wife died November 6, 1884. For many years I was intimate with Mr. Hulse. We were members of the same church, and agreed in political sentiments. As long as he lived we corresponded, and I regarded him as one of the best, holiest, and purest of men. He left but one child, J. W. Hulse, to inherit his large moneyed estate.

MARRIAGES IN 1893 NOT ELSEWHERE NOTICED.

- February 5—W. F. Spears married Mary Anderson.
February 6—Jas. S. Pyles married Birtie A. Pepper.
March 1—John A. Jameson married Effie F. Stuckey.
March 17—Geo. E. Price married Lillie B. Owens, daughter of Robert.
March 21—John Fulk married Annie Brown.
April 22—John C. Reynolds married Melissa Thatcher.
May 18—William S. Moore married Lela Jacks.
July 3—W. A. Standiford married Pearl Newman.
August 31—Harry Darnall married Annie Williams.
September 16—Hugh Fulton married Mattie Manley; Emmet E. Dunning married Etta Willis.
September 27—Frank M. Blakley married Blanche S. Thomas.
October 7—Geo. M. Ellis married Mary F. Shouse.
October 14—John W. Cox married Ritta Smith, of Edgerton.
October 15—John D. Cropp married Alice Oliver.
November 28—Fred M. Heath married Rosa Young.
November 29—Geo. T. Jones married Zaney Owens.
December 7—Emery Hacket married Luc. Ingram.
December 20—Charles T. Jones married Lehigh McEowen.
December 31—John W. Stewart married Ella Brushwood.

**MINISTERS OFFICIATING IN PLATTE COUNTY
BETWEEN 1888 AND 1894.**

O. D. Allen (Cum. Pres.), W. H. Anderson, A. G. Beller (Bap.), F. C. Becker (Pres.), Asa N. Bird (Bap.), Arch. A. Brown, W. H. Brown, C. A. Buchanan (Bap.), J. J. Bennett, Jas. R. Burnes, L. Z. Burr, Waller H. Clark, B. F. Clark (Chris.), W. S. Conner (M. E.), Jas. C. Creal (Chris.), W. M. Cook (Bap.), J. M. Delton, J. M. Dunning (Chris.), G. W. Everett (Bap.), W. M. Featherston, Jas. Froman (Cum. Pres.), J. L. Farris, T. J. Giddens, B. J. Guthrie, C. Hafner, P. F. Harmon, Lee Harrel (Bap.), S. S. Hardin (M. E. S.), S. A. Hoover (Chris.), R. W. Howerton (M. E. S.), Ambrose Hunt (Bap.), J. A. D. Hughes (Pres.), W. L. Jermane (Chris.), Robt. H. Jones, A. T. Jones, C. L. Jordan, T. F. Kelly, W. H. Lavake (M. E.), J. A. McAfee (Pres.), C. B. McAfee (Pres.), Samuel McAfee (Pres.), J. W. Mitchell, Wiley Mt. Joy (Chris.), C. A. Moore (Chris.), G. D. Mullenore, L. H. Otto (Chris.), W. J. Parvin, T. G. Petrie, C. B. Powers (Cum. Pres.), D. M. Proctor (M. E. S.), H. M. Richardson, Robt. Rowe, J. W. Rucker, A. B. Sanderson, Chas. Schaaf (Cath.), B. Shaw, D. Simons, J. S. Smith (M. E. S.), Jas. Standiford (Bap.), W. G. Surber (Chris.), J. M. Swafford, G. E. Tanguary (M. E. S.), R. M. Thomas (Bap.), B. G. Tutt, T. R. Valliant (Epis.), G. B. Waller, R. C. Wallis, J. S. Wilson, J. F. Winstead.

1894.

OFFICERS.

Governor, W. J. Stone; Congressman, D. D. Burnes; State Senator, Theo. Gash; Representative, J. W. Coots; Circuit Judge, W. S. Herndon; Probate Judge, J. L. Carmack; Circuit Clerk, Jos. L. Freeland; County Justices, McComas, Miller, and Fairhurst; County Clerk, J. J. Blakley; Prosecuting Attorney, A. D. Burnes; Sheriff, Oscar Berry; Treasurer, E. L. Anderson; Collector, J. J. Burgess; Surveyor, W. E. Montague; Assessor, Ira N. Walker; Public Administrator, J. B. Evans; Coroner, Jesse Brashear; Superintendent of Schools, C. W. Bowen.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Broadus, Burnes, Carmack, Coots, Forman, Hull, Norton, Owens, Paxton, Roney, Wilson.

Physicians—Baldwin, Coffey, Overbeck, Park, Redman, Walker.

Merchants, etc.—Baker, Beaumont, Beery (mayor), Clemings, Cole (postmaster), Colman, Dillingham, Elgin, Fulcher, Hulett, Krause, Kurtz, McComas, Mason, Meads, Mitchell, Perry, Polk, Recht, Rohring, Redman, Smith, Soper, Termier, Wells, Zarn, Zonne.

Lodges—Belt Commandery No. 9, E. L. Anderson, E. C.; Nebraska, No. 12, W. T. Jenkins, N. G.

Preachers—Featherston (Chris.), Harrel (Bap.), Sanderson (M. E. S.).

Schools—Daughters' College, Mrs. Park president; Public Schools, Sexton principal.

Newspapers—The *Landmark*, Jenkins editor; the *Argus*, Rettig editor.

Banks—Wells & Co., and Exchange Bank.

Fair—W. A. Elgin president; Wm. Forman secretary.

At Weston: Coburn, Hillix, Coots, Feagan, Simpson, Adkins, Baker, Bell, Brashear, Cox, Doppler, Evans, Engel, Howe, Keller, Mauch, Newhouse, Noll, Noble, O'Dowd (postmaster), Parr, Renz, Roelle, Sanders, Shindler, Schneider, Siler, Thorn, Thorp, Walruff (mayor).

Lodges—Commandery No. 2, L. W. Siler, E. C.; Royal Arch, No. 4, C. W. Bowen, H. P.; Weston Lodge No. 53, W. J. Simpson, W. M.; A. O. U. W., Geo. Lenox, M. W.; Epworth League; Phoenix, No. 30, J. T. Collins, N. G.; Ger. Benev., M. Noll president; K. of P., No. 2438, Baker, C. C.; K. of H., Julius Baker, D.

Banks—Raileys & Bro.; Bank of Weston, Collins cashier.

Newspaper—The *Chronicle*, Bless editor.

Preachers—Botton, Birrell, Sanderson.

Public School—C. W. Bowen principal.

At Parkville: Ashby, Brightwell, Bueneman, Breen, Broadhurst, Carpenter, Dr. Coffey, Dziubon, Fulton, Graden, Hamilton, Hatfield, Haines, Higgins (postmaster), Dr. Hoke, Dr. Holt, Kahm, Dr. Lane, Magers, Dr. Moore, Noland, Prather, Ringo, Shultz, Summers, Thompson, Watson, Winchell.

College—Mrs. McAfee president.

Bank—Hamilton cashier.

Newspaper—The *Independent*, Tucker editor.

At Camden Point: Bywaters, Davidson, Ewing, George (postmaster), Hamblin, Hardesty, Dr. Herndon, Merchant, Owens, Perrin, Purdy, Reed, Stallard, Wallingford.

Schools—Orphan School, C. A. Moore principal; Military Institute, Cummins principal.

At Dearborn: Burnell, Dr. Brooks, Bruce, Clay, Heilman, Hess (chairman), Johnson, Kurk, Merchant, Means, Moore, Gabbert, Harrington (postmaster), Kirby, Roberts, Robertson, Squires, Stagner, Walker, Watson.

Preachers—Bone, Powers, Watson.

Newspaper—The *Democrat*, Harrington editor.

At Edgerton: Beery, Bennett, Bernard, Bright, Burnett, Breckenridge, Chrisman, Clark, Cox, Cumberland, Davis, Doke (mayor), Handley, Hopkins, Johnson, Kerr, Lewis, McComas, Miller (postmaster), Pack, Ralston, Scott, Shafer, Standiford, Stone, Sturgiss, Wallingford, Wilkerson, Yates.

Lodge—Adelphi Lodge, No. 355.

Bank—Bruce cashier.

At Farley: Johnson, Dr. Harrington, Dr. Jackson, Meyer (postmaster).

At Hampton: Throckmorton (postmaster).

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: Bright, Fleming, Link, Slaughter (postmaster).

At New Market: Benton & Son, Bryant, Campbell, Dr. Hale, Laurence, Logan, Halfeld (postmaster), Dr. Trotter, Wilson, Wood & Jones.

Bank—Bryant cashier.

At Ridgely: Denman (postmaster), Robinson.

At Settle: Skillman (postmaster).

At Tracy: Adkins, Clements, Dr. Esmond, Dr. Davis (postmaster), Glebb, Koster, Murdock, Stone, Turner.

At Waldron: Heath, Naylor, Davis, Knight, Simpson (postmaster), Dr. Winn.

At Woodruff: Lindsay (postmaster), Crutchfield, Farrington, Jewitt, Montgomery.

Prices—Corn, 40 cents; cattle, 5 cents; hogs, 6 cents; wheat, 50 cents.

JANUARY.

Jan. 2—The Leavenworth steel bridge inaugurated by an immense concourse of people, and many speeches. Hon. R. P. C. Wilson, A. D. Burnes, and W. M. Paxton had prominent places on the program. The latter read a poem presenting the friendly greeting of Platte County to Leavenworth. Cars crossed upon the structure, and its strength was tested by being crowded by heavily laden trains.

The new Baptist church at Dearborn dedicated.

Jan. 8—The Weston Brewery Co. assigns to John Walruff. Liabilities, \$70,000.

Jan. 15—The Fair Company reelected W. A. Elgin president, and Wm. Forman secretary.

Jan. 16—PETER BRENNER died below Parkville. He was born in Germany February 12, 1819; came to America in 1843; married in 1846 Magdalena Klammm, who died in 1862, leaving: 1, John P. Brenner; 2, Elizabeth Brenner, m'd Jacob Klammm, and had: [*a*] Susanna Klammm; [*b*] Mary; [*c*] Bertha. Jacob was a son of Simon Klammm, who died July 26, 1896, aged 79.

After a long drouth, that did no harm to wheat, we have 1½ inches of rain.

Apples, and indeed all fruits, are a failure. Apples sell at 40 cents per dozen—one apple buys two oranges.

We have had but three inches of snow yet.

Jan. 24—An unsuccessful attempt to burglarize Park Bank.

Temperature 15° below, and one inch of snow.

Jan. 27—Lee and Waldron Townships, being desirous of having good roads to the new steel bridge at Leavenworth, petition the county court for township organization, and the question of separate organization is this day voted on by the people of said townships. The vote was for organization by 185 to 55 votes.

Horace Van Fossen, for years the agent of the Chicago Lumber Company at Tracy, removes to Arizona.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—The M. and P. church at Platte City has been repaired with checkered wooden ceiling, stained glass windows, stone steps, brick sidewalk, new pews, carpets, etc.

Feb. 12—A fall of 18 inches of snow and railroads stopped. But in four days the snow had nearly disappeared. Again on the 15th the mercury descended to zero, and a cold spell followed. The pleasant weather up to this time had started the sap in peach trees, and the fruit, except in sheltered places, was killed. Apples escaped, but yielded a very light crop.

Feb. 26—Noah Will's house burned. A warm spell follows a few days of extreme cold. Plenty of ice. Snow all gone, except where drifted.

ELLIOTT B. KIRTLEY

Died on his farm, near Camden Point. He was born in Miami County, Ohio, April 10, 1809. He was a son of Ezekiel Kirtley and grandson of Elliott Kirtley. The family removed to Henry County, Ky., where he married July 20, 1832, Jane Montgomery, daughter of Adam, and sister of William T. and George. They came to Platte in 1854, and settled near Camden Point. Mrs. Jane Kirtley died April 10, 1875. In 1834 Mr. Kirtley united with the Baptist Church, and was a faithful Christian, as well as an enterprising citizen. Ch:

I. ANN KIRTLEY, b. in 1834; m'd 1st, Henry Stone, who died childless, and she m'd 2d, Dr. Lemuel Watson, of Arkansas City, Kansas.

II. JOHN E. KIRTLEY, b. Dec. 17, 1838; m'd Feb. 14, 1865, Marian Taylor, dr. of William Taylor, of Frankfort, Ky. She was born March 5, 1846. Ch:

1. *Lena*. 2. *Albert*.

III. FIELDING J. KIRTLEY, b. April 14, 1841; m'd Oct. 1, 1867, Eliza Keller, dr. of John R., and born March 1, 1844. Ch:

1. *Raymond Kirtley*. 2. *Elliott B.* (ii).

3. *Fannie*, m'd Norman E. Pierson; 2 children.

4. *Charles*. 5. *Ora*. 6. *Zane*.

IV. SALLIE KIRTLEY, m'd 1st, Chas. W. Pullins. (See.) Ch:

1. *Anna*. 2. *Lula*.

She m'd 2d, J. W. Bryant. He died, leaving:

3. *Kirtley Bryant*. The widow lives in Camden Point.

V. PHILIP R. KIRTLEY, m'd 1st, Sue Darnall, dr. of Milton. (See.) Ch:

1. *Claude*. 2. *Thomas*.

Philip m'd 2d, Mollie Keller, dr. of Rice. Ch:

3. *Minnie*. 4. *Birdie*, and three others.

MARCH.

March 4—MRS. SALLIE JENKINS, née Guthrie, wife of Wm. T. (see), died in Platte City. She was a woman pure in her nature, accomplished by education, attractive by her beauty, affectionate in her disposition, and charming by her loveliness. She left her little daughter, Ruth, to her father's care, telling her that angels, when they had taken her mother to heaven, would return for her. From the poem I published at the funeral, I select two stanzas:

She's gone to the land where there's rest for the weary—
 Her sanctified spirit has fled.
 Without her the world to her husband is dreary,
 And bitter the tears he will shed.
 And sweet little Ruth will no more have a mother,
 For love, consolation, and prayer;
 For no one can give to the child of another
 Parental affection and care.

The cherub believes that while mother was sleeping,
 Good angels removed her above;
 And soon they'll restore to the mother's kind keeping
 The child of her infinite love.
 Go, give to the motherless infant a blessing;
 Go print a soft kiss on her brow;
 No more she'll enjoy her dear mother's caressing—
 She'll often be comfortless now.

March 28—A lodge of Knights of Pythias, No. 296, organized with the following charter members: Nicholas, Beery, J. J. Burgess, A. D. Burnes, J. L. Carmack, J. H. Carey, J. W. Davis, J. H. Dillingham, W. T. Clements, J. L. Freeland, Robt. Edwards, A. P. Fulcher, J. W. Harrington, L. J. Harris, W. T. Hope, J. N. Gittinger, W. R. Gladstone, J. L. Lewis, C. R. Mason, I. J. McEowen, Warren Mitchell, M. L. Moore, J. R. Myers, Jas. Morton, W. J. Overbeck, A. D. Park, D. T. Polk, Celsus Shepard, Mat Shepard, E. E. Rettig, Campbell Wells, F. M. Wilson.

APRIL.

April 1—A large number of sportive ladies and gentlemen are indicted by the grand jury for playing progressive euchre. After much indignation and emphatic imprecations, all come into circuit court. The gentlemen plead guilty, and are fined \$1 each. The ladies prevail on the prosecuting attorney to *nolle pros* their cases.

MRS. ELIZABETH BURGE, widow of John Burge, died at New Market, aged 88. Ch: 1, Andrew J. Burge; 2, Robert M.; 3, Martha J., m'd a Collier; 4, Frank Burge, residence unknown; has ch: [a] Arthur; [b] Homer; [c] Delia; [d] Alta.

JOHN ALDERS died at Weston. He married Cynthia Foeling. Ch: 1, Kitty Alders, m'd Peter Harrison. Ch: [a] Vincent; [b] Minnie. 2, Lizzie, m'd a Haas. Ch: [a] Annie; [b] Celia; [c] John; [d] Mary. 3, Hannah Alders.

April 2—The cadets from the Military Institute at Camden Point paraded in the Public Square at Platte City, commanded by Major Cummins.

JAMES HARVEY JONES.

April 5—James Harvey Jones is killed by F. Marion Oldham in an altercation in a field rented by Jones to Oldham. The *Argus* thus reports the case: "Zolly Jones, the only child of J. H. Jones, married a daughter of F. Marion Oldham, and had rented him some land. There had been some misunderstanding or ill feeling about it, and it is supposed both parties anticipated trouble, as they were armed. F. M. Oldham and his son Richard, with Zolly Jones, were plowing in the rented field, when Jas. H. Jones approached. What words passed we could not learn; but Mr. Jones fired one shot at Richard, inflicting a wound in the left arm. He then faced F. M. Oldham, pistol in hand. Oldham was armed, and began firing. He fired four shots, each of which hit Mr. Jones—a fatal one piercing the neck, under the chin. The victim died almost immediately, about a hundred feet from the plows, where the shooting began."

Mr. Jones was a man of excitable temperament, and reckless, both in words and acts. He had been a party to several desperate affrays, and was known as a gallant soldier of the army of the South. Of festive disposition and generous nature, his home was the center of gaiety and hospitality. His death gave pain to a large circle of friends, and shrouded the community with sorrow. Examinations were fully made into the matter, but no indictment followed. The remains were conveyed to Mt. Sterling, Ky., for interment. Mr. Jones was born in Montgomery County, Ky., January 26, 1837. He was a son of David L. Jones, of Bath County, Ky., and a grandson of John Jones, who came from Virginia. His mother was Bettie Jameson, daughter of Thomas Jameson and Sallie Smith. He married October 9, 1860, Fannie Ragan, born October 17, 1842, a daughter of William Ragan. She is a sister of Mrs. Elihu Park. After serving three years under Gen. John Morgan, in Company I, 8th Kentucky Cavalry, C. S. A., he came with his family to Platte in October, 1869, and settled six miles east of Platte City, upon a large and fertile farm. Mrs. Jones possesses intelligence, spirit, and vivacity; is a proficient in music, and now holds the position of president of the County Lodge of Daughters of the Confederacy. Their only child is W. Zolly Jones, born November 24, 1862; married April 17, 1884, Junie Oldham, daughter of F. M. (See.)

April 10—Clinton Cockrill's 84th birthday observed by a dinner at J. T. Mason's house, one mile west of Platte City.

April 15—DAVID MITCHELL died. From 1870 to 1890 he kept hotel at Parkville, and was a noted character at that place. He was several terms a justice of the peace. Ch: 1, Clara Newton Brown, lives in Maryville, Mo.; 2, Jennie Mitchell, m'd Jas. Broadhurst; 3, Mattie Mitchell, m'd Robt. Long, of Kansas City.

April 16—The horse of Miss Lucy Atkins, aged 19, at Farley, reared back with her, and falling upon her, crushed out her young life.

April 24—DR. JACOB FERREL died on his farm near Artesian Springs. He was one of the eight children of Ben Ferrel and Nancy Miller, and born in Fulton County, Pa., January 19, 1819. In 1829 his father removed to Berkley County, Va., and died in 1850. After an academic literary education, he attended medical lectures at Cincinnati, and received his degree. After practicing in Virginia and Ohio, he came to Platte in 1865. His celebrated brother, William Ferrel, of Kansas City, was distinguished as a mathematician and scientist. His efficient services were in constant demand by the signal office at Washington. Dr. Ferrel himself was admitted by his professional associates to be one of the most learned physicians in the West. I enjoyed his confidence, and regarded him in heart, soul, and intellect as one of my most deserving friends. He was conscientiously honest, not only in his dealings, but in private matters and political sentiments. He had the virtue and independence to avow his patriotic feelings in the face of Secession, and to vote for Prohibition, when his party was scorned. He had the nerve to follow the path of duty, though it cost him a loss of social position. His occasional pieces in the county papers displayed sound judgment and enlightened thought. He left a widow and two daughters: Mary, died Dec. 31, 1895; Nancy Ann. Benj. Ferrel is a brother of Dr. Jacob.

April 26—BENNETT F. HUDSON died at his home on Pleasant Ridge. He was born in Woodford County, Ky., July 21, 1837; came to Platte in 1842, and married Sallie Moore.

April 30—The Democratic Central Committee appoint five delegates to attend the State Convention at Kansas City May 15, and appoint a county primary May 19 to nominate a county ticket.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Assessment, \$5,769,470; land assessed at only \$11.63 per acre.

Rate of Taxation: State, 15 cents; State interest, 10 cents; county revenue, 40 cents; road tax, 10 cents; interest tax, 10 cents; Sinking Fund tax, 40 cents; average school tax, 49 cents. Total, \$1.49.

County debt, \$102,000.

May 2—Simeon B. Herndon and Emeline, his wife, celebrate their golden wedding. Eight of their nine living children were present.

May 10—Sale by administrator of Jas. H. Jones of personal property. The attendance is 1,200. A second sale is made in October, 1895.

May 12—Founders' Day at Park College. R. P. C. Wilson is orator of the day.

May 14—MRS. ELIZABETH HARRIS, née Roberts, died at New Market. She married May 23, 1842, Warren Harris, born March 8, 1808; died February 5, 1896. They lived at New Market. They came from Madison County, Ky. His grandfather was a companion of Daniel Boone, and his mother is said to have been the first white female born in Kentucky. Mr. Harris was Platte County's veteran of the race-track and the cock-pit.

May 15—Judge E. H. Norton again appears on the streets of Platte City, after eight months' confinement. Six weeks ago he was operated on for stone in the bladder, and his life was suspended by a hair for a month.

Democratic State Convention at Kansas City.

The Saunders Coxeyites are prisoners at Leavenworth.

May 17—Mrs. Arthur's and Dr. Redman's houses are burned in Tracy.

Byron Woodson is removing to his farm the old water mill at the Falls of Platte, to make a barn of it. That property, once so valuable, is now worthless. That historic building had become a shelter for cows and swine, and a refuge for snakes and bats.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RETURNS.

Representative—Collins, 916; Dye, 899.

Sheriff—Berry, 1,554; Dillingham, 1,058.

Collector—Burgess, 1,359; Overbeck, 1,307.

Circuit Clerk—Freeland, 2,650.

County Clerk—Murdock, 910; Harrington, 901; Blakley, 852.

Prosecuting Attorney—Wilson, 1,729; Hillix, 790.

Treasurer—Elley, 1,436; Anderson, 1,177.

Probate Judge—Carmack, 1,871; Owens, 773.

Assessor—Walker, 2,659.

Coroner—Brashear, 2,658.

County Justices at Large—McComas, 1,220; Cunningham, 653; Miller, 728. For Eastern District, Morton, 1,163; for Western District, Layton, 882; Fairhurst, 563.

JUNE.

GRADUATES.

At Park College: Christina Best, John Creighton, Mary Egan, Alice H. French, E. O. Hart, Malden C. Hayne, Kate Herndon, Anetta A. Hunter, Alex. D. Irwin, Stella McArthur, Ellen V.

McArthur, M. A. McClain, Florence Tacie McKessick, M. Morris, Hassie Owen, May H. Riley, B. Lizzie Scott, Catherine S. Smith, Genevra M. White, E. Alice Winchell, Hiram H. Wintler.

At Camden Point: Myrtle Baker, Anna L. Binstead, Bessie Gillet, Nellie Gray, Carrie Hamline, Vernie Harlow, Katie Siner, Lena Stagner, Grace Thomas, Anna Winn.

At Daughters' College: May Layton.

June 1—The great coal strike follows the railroad strike.

Jas. H. Edwards, Populist, is granted a page in the *Argus* to advocate his party principles.

June 10—R. T. Murray having resigned the position of manager of Lunatic Asylum No. 2, at St. Joseph, R. L. Waller (i) is appointed to his place.

June 17—William Forman and J. J. Burgess started to Kentucky. The latter brought home a wife.

Abundant rains, but too late to save corn from damage.

Parkville now has telephone connection with Kansas City and the outside world.

Prairie Point has a Sunday-school and an organ.

June 20—J. S. Millsap's barn burned. Loss, \$1,200. Insured.

June 24—President Carnot, of France, assassinated.

The Missouri River at Kansas City is 21 feet above low water.

Another heavy rain, but corn and hay have suffered seriously for lack of moisture.

June 31—Rev. Frank Mitchell, the Presbyterian evangelist, holds a protracted meeting at Platte City—nine additions.

JULY.

July 1—MERLE McBRIDE drowned in the Missouri River at Parkville. His body recovered.

The State Normal School at Kirksville, Mo., confers on Prof. C. W. Bowen the degree of M.S.D. (Master of Scientific Didactics).

Dr. D. C. Lane (dentist), of Kansas City, opens an office at Parkville.

The insurance company started by the Farmers' Alliance, and in charge of D. B. Higgins, has done a large and profitable business.

July 4—Arrangements were made to celebrate the national day in grand style, but rain interfered.

July 13—The great Pullman strike. The R. I. & P. Railway was stopped ten days, and all mails came by other roads.

A grand picnic at Dearborn.

July 28—One inch of rain. The season has been favorable for wheat, potatoes, and apples; hay is a failure, and corn yields only 5 barrels per acre; but owing to the high price of corn, it is the most valuable crop we ever raised. It sells here at 55 cents per bushel. Grapes are abundant, and gardens are good.

The Nickle Building of Park College is going up.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—The war between Japan and China commences.

R. True Davis is buying wheat at Tracy for his St. Joseph mill, and is paying 5 cents per bushel more than shippers can afford to pay. The West finds the home market best for wheat.

The Home-Riverside Coal Co., of Leavenworth, is organized.

Aug. 4—Democratic delegates chosen in a primary election for the Congressional election. The delegates chosen meet the 6th at Platte City, and recommend R. P. C. Wilson for Congress.

Aug. 9—K. B. Cecil's foot is crushed between cars at Leavenworth, and is amputated the 12th.

Dry and hot weather, and corn is damaged. On the 10th the mercury stood at 100°, and on the 11th and 12th at 103°.

Aug. 10—Senator Vest having been advised by a Platte County Democratic mass-meeting to either vote for the Wilson tariff bill or resign, intimates that he will do neither.

A teachers' meeting at Weston commends Profs. Bowen and Sexton.

Aug. 11—MRS. JANE ASHER, née Davidson, widow of Singleton Asher, died near New Market, aged 90. Mr. Asher died many years ago. Ch: 1, Wallace Asher, of St. Joseph; 2, William Asher, of Colorado; 3, Louisa Asher, m'd W. W. Williams. Ch: [*a*] John; [*b*] William.

Aug. 12—FRITZ MAGERS died in Kansas. He was born in Germany in 1828; came to America in 1841, and settled at Weston; was a clerk in Bailey's Bank—a Mason and a Knight Templar. Ch: 1, William; 2, John; 3, Mrs. Lahiff. All went to Kansas in 1856.

Several of our young ladies with musical talent are composing and publishing music. Miss Ida Cockrell publishes "Autumn Tints." Miss Alice Baxter issues "Blue Alsatian Mountains," and Miss Alma Humphrey publishes "Patty-cake." The latter is sold largely, east and west.

Lee Township operating under the township organization law, after levying and collecting a liberal road tax, expends it in cutting down the Pryor, the Oliver, and the Downing hills, on the road to the new Leavenworth bridge.

The colored Baptists dedicate their new church at Platte City. Elder Harrel, of the Platte City Baptist Church, immerses 35 converts.

GEORGE CONANT died at Tracy. He was born in Illinois, July 25, 1847; came to Platte City in 1870; married in 1871 Georgia Hunt, daughter of Charles G. Hunt and Ann Spratt, daughter of William Spratt, of Kentucky. Mr. Conant was a hard worker, and an honorable man, but was crippled by an accident and afflicted by disease. His daughter Katie married March 18, 1896. Jas. T. Pitts.

Aug. 14—Congress has long been considering the tariff question, and to-day passed what is called the Senate bill, which is a compromise between protection and free trade.

Aug. 11—The Democratic Convention at Maryville nominate W. C. Ellison for Congress, over R. P. C. Wilson.

The protracted meeting in the Baptist Church at Platte City results in 51 additions.

Aug. 18—A large Sunday-school picnic at Prairie Point.

Aug. 20—Republican mass meeting at Platte City elect a central committee, and nominate a ticket for the November election.

Platte River is extremely low.

Aug. 26—Morgan Kay is stunned, and seriously injured, by a fall from his wagon, which was struck by the electric cars of Leavenworth. He sued the company for damages in the United States court at Topeka, and had a verdict for \$1,200.

Geo. Crówthter is the Republican nominee for Congress, and is elected.

Aug. 28—The county fair commences—it is a financial success.

WILLIAM SCHABACK

Died near Weston. He was a German by birth; came to America in 1848, and settled in Platte; married in 1852 Fannie Ballinger, daughter of Sebastian. He was a farmer and highly esteemed. Children:

I. ANN SCHABACK, m'd Patrick O'Rourke. Ch:

1. *Thomas.*

II. LIZZIE SCHABACK, m'd Feb. 12, 1883, John Thorn. Ch:

1. *Harry Thorn.* 2. *Eddie.* 3. *Ruth.*

III. AMELIA SCHABACK, m'd John Baker. Ch:

1. *Florence.* 2. *Georgie.*

IV. EMMA SCHABACK, m'd J. H. Humphrey. (See.) Ch:

1. *Ruby F.* 2. *Orlando.*

V. WILLIAM, b. June 26, 1869.

VI. WALTER F., b. Sept. 2, 1872.

DR. ELIAS C. REDMAN.

Aug. 31—Dr. Elias C. Redman died at his home near Platte City. His parents were Richard Redman and Ann Mitchell, and he was born in Nelson County, Ky., May 22, 1822. After an academic course, he graduated at the Missouri Medical College in 1849, then under the presidency of the distinguished Nashe McDowell. After practicing in Ralls County, Mo., he married November 28, 1849, Miss Mary E. Spence, born March 16, 1821, daughter of Andrew Spence. The next year after marriage they came to Platte City, and here the remainder of Dr. Redman's life was spent. After years of busy professional life, he retired to his farm, near Tracy, and spent his remaining days in ease and seclusion. He took no part in politics, and seldom entered society. His judgment was sound, his reading extensive, and his conversation instructive and interesting. Mrs. Redman lives at Platte City, and is a pleasant and agreeable woman. Ch:

I. MARY ANNIE REDMAN, b. Nov. 8, 1850; m'd Nov. 8, 1869, J. Monroe Cockrell (see), b. Aug. 6, 1846, son of Jerry V. Ch:

1. *Vardie L. Cockrell*, b. Feb. 3, 1873; m'd Richard Mitchell. (See.)

2. *Thos. Monroe Cockrell*.

II. MINNIE REDMAN, b. Dec. 8, 1856; m'd Dr. J. A. Baldwin. (See.)

III. DR. SPENCE REDMAN, b. Jan. 25, 1862; graduated in medicine April 2, 1883, at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; m'd April 21, 1892, Camilla Burnes, b. March 29, 1872. Dr. S. Redman is devoted to his profession, and in diseases of the eye and ear is a specialist.

IV. MAGGIE REDMAN, b. Dec. 30, 1863; m'd Jos. W. Clarke. (See.)

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—The Ilkenhans house in Weston, occupied by John Meyers, burned.

Rev. Lee Harrel, of the Baptist Church, makes his home at Platte City.

Sept. 3—Four inches of rain, which ends a long drouth. Corn sells higher than wheat in the Chicago market; corn, 57 cents; wheat, 54 cents.

Sept. 5—Mrs. Lucinda Chesnut, wife of

JUDGE WILLIAM CHESNUT,

Died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Delia Jones, in St. Joseph, whither she had gone for medical attention. She was brought home to Platte City for burial. Mrs. Lucinda Chesnut, née Gar-

rard, was born in Kentucky December 28, 1827; married November 2, 1847, William Chesnut. Her father, Daniel Garrard, was a colonel in the War of 1812, and her grandfather, Harry Tolman, was secretary of state during Gov. Garrard's administration. She was a large and handsome woman, and possessed of amiability of disposition and Christian piety.

Judge William Chesnut was born June 5, 1826, in Laurel County, Ky.; died in Platte City March 7, 1895. His parents were Abraham Chesnut and Elizabeth Blakley. He received a good education and became a successful merchant. His latter years were spent, in part, on his farm, and subsequently in Platte City, as a dealer in horses, mules, and cattle. His sound judgment, quiet demeanor, and independence of thought made him a successful dealer. He accumulated money, and invested in choice lands, which he deeded to his children. He raised a part of a company for Winston's Confederate regiment, but soon tired out, and returned home at the end of a short enlistment. In November, 1878, Mr. Chesnut was elected a county court justice, and reelected in 1880 and 1882. He resigned March 1, 1884, and R. L. Waller (i) was appointed to the vacancy. In 1880, and again in 1881, he was president of the County Agricultural Association. For several terms he was an alderman of Platte City, and did more, without compensation, for the town than any other officer we have ever had. He expended much labor and his own money for the improvement of the streets. He lived on his farm, five miles east of Platte City, until June 8, 1884, when he moved into town. He survived his wife but a short time, and died March 7, 1895. His estate, including advancements, amounted to \$150,000. Ch:

- I. GARRARD CHESNUT, b. Sept., 1, 1848, in Laurel Co., Ky.; m'd Lida Park, dr. of Simpson. (See.) Garrard lived on a farm four miles southeast of Platte City, and at times kept a livery stable in Platte City.
- II. KATE CHESNUT, b. April 27, 1850; m'd March 6, 1866, Henry T. Callahan (see), b. May 7, 1845. He died Jan. 18, 1874, leaving:
 1. *Lora Callahan*, b. June 24, 1867.
 2. *Mittie Callahan*, b. Sept. 16, 1869; m'd Nov. 11, 1891. H. Cam. Wells. (See.) Mrs. Callahan next married, Oct. 19, 1875, G. F. Clemings (see), and has a son, H. Smith Clemings, b. April 23, 1878. They live in Platte City.
- III. BETTIE CHESNUT, b. May 25, 1852; m'd in 1870 Thos. G. Cockrill. (See.)
- IV. DELIA CHESNUT, b. July 21, 1854; m'd Oct. 13, 1874, W. P. Jones. They live in St. Joseph; no children.
- V. DAVID CHESNUT, b. July 23, 1857; m'd 1st, Nov. 19, 1878, Ella Morton, dr. of Elder Richard. She died Oct. 20, 1884, leaving:

1. *Pryor Chesnut*, b. July 19, 1880.

David m'd 2d, Sept. 2, 1886, Maggie Dye, dr. of James.
(See.) Ch:

2. *Edna*. 3. *Elizabeth Chesnut*, b. Oct. 2, 1889.

Sept. 6—Rain one inch.

Charles Morris is killed by A. C. Veatch, son of James (see), on the evening of the expected marriage of Morris, and in the presence of his bride. Veatch escapes, but is captured, and, on conviction, sent to the penitentiary for seventeen years. They were rivals in love.

Sept. 11—The North Missouri Presbytery met at Platte City. There were present: Ministers, R. H. Albright, Duncan Cunningham, W. S. Foreman, O. W. Gauss, G. A. Trenholm, W. S. Neel. Elders, J. A. Smith, B. B. Frazier, T. K. Kirkpatrick, N. G. Cummings, R. F. Erwin, H. Zonne. Cunningham was chosen moderator, and Foreman temporary clerk. They were in session three days.

FREDERICK KRAUSE

Died at Platte City. He was a son of Gottlieb Krause and Augusta Hesse, and was born in Prussia March 27, 1837. He came to America in 1852; was at St. Louis in 1855, at Memphis in 1857, and finally settled at Platte City March 26, 1859. Here he engaged in the business of a butcher. He prospered, and married Elizabeth Christy, who died childless. He then married September 26, 1866, Nannie Duncan, daughter of the venerable Geo. P. Duncan, of Clinton County, and sister of the sainted elder, John H. Duncan. (See.) She was born April 18, 1847.

No other man did so much for the improvement of Platte City. It is studded with substantial buildings erected by his enterprise. The finest and costliest business houses on Main Street were built by him, and his rent accounts are now the chief support of his family. His public spirit was continually planning new improvements. A few miles east of Platte City he had a large farm, which occupied his attention during his latter years.

Mr. Krause was a zealous member of the Christian Church. His religion was not only sentimental, but energetic. He attended the conventions of the church, and gave earnest attention to the evangelistic work. He read much, and he carried with him tracts and papers for distribution. He was an ardent Prohibitionist, and never pretended to be a member of any other party. His votes were always cast for good men and proper measures, without party feeling. His religion controlled his politics. He was treasurer of the County Sunday-school Convention, and at the next session after his death an eulogy was pronounced upon his character. This duty was assigned to me, as one of his particular friends in his lifetime. His will left all his property to his widow, in trust for herself and children. At his funeral I read a poem, from which I reproduce a stanza:

Where 's the man so true and faithful
 To the Savior's holy cause?
 Where 's the man so firm and loyal
 To the State—its courts and laws?
 In the word of God he trusted,
 And its precepts were obeyed.
 He was true to faith and conscience,
 And he voted as he prayed.

Mrs. Krause still occupies the family mansion in Platte City
 Her children:

- I. ANNIE KRAUSE, b. Aug. 4, 1869; m'd Sept. 9, 1891, W. E. Hunter.
- II. EVORA KRAUSE, b. Sept. 4, 1871.
- III. MINNIE B. KRAUSE, b. Dec. 14, 1873.
- IV. JOHN G., b. Oct. 9, 1876.
- V. BERTHA KRAUSE, b. in 1878.
- VI. AMELIA, b. in 1880. VII. IDA, b. in 1882.

Sept. 14—The barn of Mrs. B. R. Morton, two miles south of Platte City, struck by lightning, and burned, with its contents.

OCTOBER.

COL. R. P. WOOD.

Oct. 3—Col. R. P. Wood died at Parkville. He was born in Mercer County, Ky., December 28, 1813. His parents were William Wood and Sarah Thomas. They came to Clay County, Mo., in 1829, and settled near Liberty. The father and mother died in 1834, within two weeks of each other. In 1838 Richard P. married Angeline Wallis, a member of the distinguished family of Wallises hailing from Clay. The newly married couple came to what is now the B. D. Moore farm, on Todd's Creek. In 1849 Mr. Wood sold out, and made the overland trip to California. Upon his return, he purchased a farm near Liberty, and in 1867 engaged in the dry goods trade in Liberty. He subsequently removed to Parkville, and entered the drug and grocery business. He was a gentleman of noble and generous feelings. I was his intimate friend for fifty years, and can testify to his intelligence, kindness of heart, and his social temperament. In early life he served a term as justice of the peace, and in the militia took some pride. He saw much in the early settlement of the State, and in his Western adventures, and was entertaining in conversation. He never joined any church, though a believer. His widow survives. (See.) Ch:

- I. MARION B. WOOD, m'd May 6, 1870, Amelia Davis, dr. of Thos. W. He has been a merchant of Parkville, Farley, and other places. He lives at Mound City, Mo.
- II. JOSEPH P. WOOD, of Mound City, Mo.

- III. ELVIRA P. WOOD, m'd Nov. 1, 1888, Rev. P. W. Summers, of the M. E. Church. Elvira was a lovely young lady, and one of my favorites. She is a zealous Methodist, and a faithful worker in the church. She and her husband live in southwest Missouri.
- IV. MARY A. WOOD, m'd March 27, 1882, Charles V. Ringo, son of Dr. J. W. They live in Parkville; no children.
- V. KATE S. WOOD, m'd June 3, 1882, Jos. H. Davis, from whom she was divorced. She m'd 2d, John B. Kerr.
- VI. WILLIAM L. WOOD, m'd Gracie Nicol, from whom he was separated. Ch:
 - 1. *David*, who was granted by the county court a scholarship in the State University.
 - 2. *Nellie*. 3. *Edwin*.
 Gracie married, second, in 1895, Col. Gid. W. Thompson. (See.)

THE WOOD FAMILY

Possessed talents, and were distinguished in the early annals of our county. The brothers of Col. R. P. Wood were noted men. They were children of Isaac Wood (i) and Sarah Thomas. Ch:

- I. ISAAC WOOD (ii) lived near Smithville. He was a judge of the county court of Clay, and a leader in the early enterprises of that county.
- II. DR. JOSEPH WOOD was the most distinguished surgeon of his day at Liberty, and subsequently at Kansas City.
- III. JUDGE WILLIAM T. WOOD, now of Lexington, Mo., b. March 25, 1809; m'd March 20, 1832, Elizabeth Hughes, dr. of William. He subsequently married, successively, M. H. Payne and J. M. E. Broadwell. He has four children. He has held the offices of county clerk of Clay, circuit attorney appointed by Gov. Boggs, legislator from Clay in 1840, and three times elected circuit judge for the Lexington circuit.
- IV. JUDGE LEWIS J. WOOD, b. in 1812; lived at Smithville. He came to Platte in March, 1846, and bought the Mitchell farm on Todd's Creek; in August, 1848, was elected county judge of Platte, and resigned in April, 1850. He subsequently removed back to Clay. He was intelligent, social, and generous. He died Nov. 15, 1895, leaving a widow, who died in 1896, and 5 children.
- V. GEN. JESSE T. WOOD, of Columbia, Mo., was the oldest of the family of brothers, but was never in Platte County.

Oct. 3—Senator Vest spoke at the court-house to an immense concourse of voters.

Oct. 10—Weston has a Democratic club, with D. K. Cox president, and Chas. H. Hillix secretary. The executive committee consists of John Thorn, A. H. O'Dowd, T. F. Mitchell, Dr. S. W. Coots, and B. J. Bless.

Oct. 13—W. M. Paxton announces he is writing a history and genealogy of the families of Platte.

Oct. 23—A four-inch rain.

Oct. 24—Philander Thompson commits suicide by shooting himself near Dearborn. (See.)

NOVEMBER.

ELECTION.

Supreme Judge—Democratic State ticket, 226,547; county, 2,290. Republican ticket, State, 229,641; county, 724. Populist ticket, State, 42,462; county, 99.

Congress—Ellison (Dem.), district, 14,034; county, 2,279. Crowther (Rep.), district, 15,695; county, 742. Messimer (Pop.), district, 2,910; county, 80. Manly (Prohib.), district, 193; county, 24.

County Representative—Z. S. Collins (Dem.), 2,289; Beller (Rep.), 723; Williams (Pop.), 107.

Circuit Clerk—Jos. Freeland, 2,340; Wood (Pop.), 83.

County Clerk—B. F. Murdock, 2,297; W. Searcy (Rep.), 716; Galbraith (Pop.), 104.

Prosecuting Attorney—F. M. Wilson, 2,335; W. M. Paxton (Prohib.), 119.

County Justices at Large—Stev. McComas, 2,302; J. S. Hamm, 724; L. B. Higgins (Pop.), 104. Eastern District, Jas. Morton, 1,070; J. H. Edwards, 106. Western District, J. W. Layton, 1,250; W. Morin (Pop.), 20.

Sheriff—Oscar Berry, 2,316; J. R. Smithers, 718; W. S. Witt (Pop.), 98.

Collector—J. J. Burgess, 2,295; W. Kyle, 724; A. J. Cox (Pop.), 102.

Treasurer—Robt. Elley, 2,306; A. Schneider, 713; D. B. Higgins (Pop.), 101.

Probate Judge—J. L. Carmack, 2,302; S. Graden, 719; Geo. Heath (Pop.), 109.

Assessor—I. N. Walker, 2,274; J. Bradsbury, 759; J. M. Cox, 73.

Coroner—J. Brashear, 2,301; W. Walker, 716; John Popp, 100.

Nor. 1—The Democrats were surprised and chagrined to find the State, as well as the Congressional district, had gone in favor of the Republicans—but they lost in like ratio in all parts of the Union.

Nor. 4—Jerry Beery caught in steel traps, set in Platte River, and old and a young beaver.

Daughters' College is undergoing extensive repairs. The main building has been torn down and rebuilt. The work was

paid for by Mrs. T. W. Park, with some assistance by friends. Henceforth it is to be known as Gaylord Institute.

T. C. S. ASHBY died at Parkville, aged 72, leaving a widow and three sons.

Interesting missionary services at Parkville. There were present 16 returned missionaries, and two Alaska boys. The latter were in the charge of the celebrated Dr. Sheldon Jackson. The boys were on their way to the Indian School at Carlisle.

Nov. 11—The Anti-Brighamite Mormons dedicate a neat church near Junction, built at an expense of \$300.

The county is building an iron bridge of 60-foot span over Wells' Branch, east of Weston.

ELIZABETH WALRUFF, wife of John Walruff, died in Kansas City. Her maiden name was Dietrich. She was born in Germany November 1, 1830; came to America in 1856, and in 1857 married John Walruff, in Chicago. Mr. Walruff was wealthy, and went to Kansas, built a costly brewery, and spent a large amount in resisting the Prohibitive law; came to Weston, bought the brewery, which became involved in debt; removed to Kansas City in 1890. The family are Catholics. Ch: 1, A. F. Walruff, mayor of Weston in 1895; 2, Mrs. Carrie Sutorius; 3, Mrs. Guefkois; 4, Mrs. Dora Price; 5, Mrs. A. Beal.

Dr. S. V. Cornish, of Omaha, locates at Platte City; but in a few months removes to Woodruff, and opens a drug store. May 16, 1896, he became insane, and was sent to the asylum at St. Joseph.

Nov. 15—Perry Brown, three miles north of Dearborn, in digging a well, strikes at 40 feet below the surface, a 15-inch stratum of coal of excellent quality.

The Knights of Pythias are flourishing at Platte City.

Dearborn and Woodruff are deeply interested in their creameries. The creamery at Tracy is dismantled of its machinery.

The Dearborn cannery has put up, the past season, 80,000 cans of tomatoes, and will make a dividend of 15 per cent to stockholders.

The apple crop is large and good. Keller and Thorp are buying and shipping at Weston, and purchasers are active at other points. It is estimated the crop will bring the county \$150,000.

Judge Stephen McComas is building a fine dwelling on his farm.

Hoover is the name given to the locality of Todd's Creek church and school-house since Jas. S. Hoover has started a store there. He married January 1, 1896, Eddie Rice, daughter of J. R.

Nov. 25—Dr. J. H. Throckmorton, of Hampton, sells his store to Eugene Carbaugh, and buys the drug store of Gus. Smith at Platte City for \$4,000.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 10—Presbyterian bazaar at Platte City cleared \$60.

The Parkville Presbyterian Church has raised this year for home missions \$150. Their ruling elders are: H. B. McAfee, Jesse Bell, Wm. Dager, D. S. Eccles, Prof. M. C. Findlay, Dr. A. L. Wolfe.

Notwithstanding the severe drouth, and consequent alarm about the corn crop, it is averaging 30 bushels per acre; and considering the high price of 40 cents to 50 cents, it is the most valuable crop ever raised in the county.

LORD W. OWENS (GILES).

Dec. 14—Lord W. Owens (Giles) died in Texas. He was born in Albemarle County, Va., May 19, 1819; a son of Thompson Owens and Meriwether Brown, a cousin of Meriwether Lewis, of the exploring expedition of 1804. His grandfather was David Owens, an immigrant from England. He learned the carriage-making business, which he conducted in Charleston, W. Va. He married, first, Mary Brown. They removed to Columbus, Ohio, and thence to Independence, Mo., where he married, second, Mary Duerson; went to California in 1849; in 1851 and 1852 dwelt at Weston. He married, third, in 1851, Jane Herndon; after a sojourn at Liberty, came to Platte City in 1855; removed to Atchison in 1863; was appointed master mechanic for the overland stage line. In 1868 returned to Platte City, and in 1882 went to Kansas City. His last wife died October 29, 1887, and he died in Texas December 14, 1894. He was a man of fine sense, and his varied experience supplied him with a vast amount of varied information and a store of anecdote. Ch:

I. CLAY OWENS (dead), m'd Annette Murphy.

II. MORTON, m'd Maggie B. Jones, dr. of Thompson.

III. EDWIN B.

Dec. 18—Patterson & Gentry's flouring mill at Smithville burned. Loss, \$25,000.

Dec. 22—T. B. WINBURN is found dead in his carriage on the road near Weston. (See.)

Dec. 24—Dillard Baker's barn, east of Platte City, with 900 bushels of grain, destroyed by fire.

The county court and the city board are cutting down and macadamizing the street, or road, at the east end of the Platte City iron bridge. Under their joint labors the hill has disappeared. The macadam cost 92 cents per perch.

Dec. 25—Christmas observed at Platte City by all denominations by a union tree at the opera house.

The Knights Templars meet at the M. and P. Church in Platte City, and hold beautiful religious services. R. P. C. Wilson was orator. The day was appointed by the Grand E. C. of the United States for all commanderies.

Berry & Hawkins shipped from Weston to Kentucky 14,000 pounds of tobacco, which brought \$8.50 to \$10.75 per 100 pounds.

THE HATFIELD FAMILY.

- I. GEORGE E. HATFIELD was born in Brown Co., Ohio, Feb. 7, 1841. He was, or is, a son of David Hatfield, born in June, 1801, and Lettuce Middleton, born in Sept., 1800. He has been a teacher, a horticulturist, and a student of the science of life; a justice of the peace, and a searcher after truth. He came to Platte in 1869, and has lived in the vicinity of Parkville. He married April 3, 1861, Minerva N. Mefford, of Ripley, Ohio, born April 19, 1840; dead. Ch:
1. *Geo. W. Hatfield*, b. Feb. 24, 1862; m'd June 20, 1888, Mary Harmon.
 2. *David A. Hatfield*, b. March 31, 1867.
 3. *John H.*, b. April 13, 1869.
 4. *And. S. Hatfield*, b. Sept. 24, 1870.
 5. *Lewis A.*, b. May 15, 1873.
 6. *Wilson W. Hatfield*, b. May 30, 1875.
 7. *Joseph C.*, b. Jan. 17, 1876.
 8. *Frank M.*, b. June 29, 1880.

Mr. Geo. E. Hatfield served in the Union army—color-bearer for the 89th Ohio, and was at Donaldson, Gettysburg, etc.

There are other Hatfields in the county. I am not able to connect them.

SHIPMENTS.

Labor Commissioner Meriwether shows shipments from Platte County for 1894 as follows: Cattle, hogs, and sheep, 55,522; horses and mules, 356; mixed live stock, 2 cars; fruits and vegetables, 8,498,905 pounds; lumber and logs, 1,010,000 feet; seed, 765 bushels; wheat, 227,000 bushels; flour, 12,894 pounds; corn and oats, 42,556 bushels; potatoes, 7,221 bushels; hay, 1,200 bales; tobacco, 10,007 pounds; ship stuff, 804,580 pounds; cider, 20,040 gallons; mixed grain, 700 pounds; syrup, 4,000 gallons; small fruit, 693 C. and B.; fish, 8,511 pounds; wood, 567 cords; hides, 53,658 pounds; tallow, 2,852 pounds; butter, 1,796 pounds; eggs, 951,600 dozen; poultry, 97,888 pounds; charcoal, 6 cars; coopage, 24 cars.

THE LOWMILLER FAMILY.

Joshua Lowmiller, a son of John, of Pennsylvania, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, December 28, 1817. He came to Platte in 1866, and settled on a farm near Barry, where he now resides. He married, first, a Snider, who died childless, and then he married, second, Rebecca Sawvell. Ch:

- I. AMOS B. LOWMILLER, b. June 19, 1842; m'd Mary A. Guchall, in Ohio. Ch:
1. *Lottie E. Lowmiller*, m'd Dec. 25, 1890, Wm. Bright. (See.)
 2. *Willis S. Lowmiller*, m'd Oct. 21, 1896, Fannie Jacks.
 3. *Daniel E.* 4. *Belton.* 5. *Viola Lowmiller.*
 6. *Dora*, m'd Oct. 21, 1896, Enos Hon. 7. *John.*
- II. JACOB LOWMILLER, m'd Annie McDonald. Ch:
1. *Ernest.*
- III. ERASTUS LOWMILLER, m'd Jennie McGuffin.
- Mr. Joshua Lowmiller m'd 3d, Sarah Sawvell, sister of Rebecca, and had:
- IV. SAMUEL LOWMILLER, m'd Dec. 24, 1883, Louisa Fox, dr. of William, of Longpoint. They live in Wyandotte.
- V. JESSE LOWMILLER, b. Feb. 2, 1855; m'd Oct. 30, 1889, Jennie Kimbro, dr. of A. J.
- VI. SARAH E. LOWMILLER, m'd Oct. 30, 1889, Thos. Powell, of Kansas City.

THE WAGLE FAMILY.

John Wagle and Mary, his wife, were the ancestors. They lived in North Carolina. Their son, John Wagle (ii), was born in North Carolina October 9, 1751; died July 28, 1815; married March 17, 1778, Jemima Todd, sister of Joseph Todd (i). (See.) She was born in North Carolina January 19, 1759; died April 30, 1850. Their children:

- I. MARY WAGLE, b. July 3, 1781; m'd Dec. 15, 1803, Jesse Cox. Ch:
1. *Martin.* 2. *Thomas.* 3. *Isaac.*
 4. *Elizabeth.* 5. *Jemima.*
- II. DR. LEWIS WAGLE, b. July 10, 1800; m'd Charlotte Kelly, b. in Madison Co., Ky., Nov. 18, 1808; d. in Platte May 25, 1878; came in 1857. Ch:
1. *John Wagle* (iv), b. June 29, 1829; m'd Feb. 25, 1863, Laurie Heath, dr. of John. Mr. Wagle served in the militia during the war. He is intelligent, genial, and generous. Ch: [^a] Mary, b. in 1869; [^b] Henry C. Wagle, m'd Dec. 15, 1895, Agnes Sodeman.
 2. *Emily J. Wagle*, b. March 16, 1832, in Estill Co., Ky.; m'd Jan. 21, 1851, Joseph Wilson (ii), b. June 4, 1831, son of Jos. Wilson (i), b. in 1808, and Catherine Henry, b. in 1808; d. in 1850. Mr. Wilson is highly regarded for his social and intellectual qualities. He lives six miles east of Platte City. He served in Co. F., Capt. Carrington's Enrolled Militia. Ch: [^a] Joseph Wilson (iii), b. March 3, 1852; m'd Jan. 1, 1879, Jane Spencer. Ch: [¹] Mattie; [²] Leslie; [³] Elsie; [⁴] Spencer. [^b] Elizabeth Wilson, b. Aug. 31, 1856; d. Jan. 10, 1896; [^c] Lewis Wilson, b. Feb. 22, 1859;

- m'd Feb. 23, 1879, Melissa Kimsey, dr. of Samuel. Ch: [1] Joseph Wilson (iv); [2] Emily; [3] Jessie; [4] Lulie. [d] Scott Wilson, b. July 2, 1861; [e] Robt. H., b. Oct. 26, 1866; [f] Charles Wilson, b. Dec. 27, 1869; [g] Wm. P., b. Oct. 22, 1872.
3. *Martin Wagle*, m'd Martha Martin. Ch: [a] Pate Wagle; [b] Cora Wagle; [c] William; [d] Birdie.
4. *Mary Eliza Wagle*, m'd Jan. 10, 1856, W. T. Carrington. (See.)
5. *Henry C. Wagle*, m'd July 30, 1873, Lizzie Snider. Ch: [a] Edward Wagle; [b] Carrie; [c] Maury.
6. *Isabella Wagle*, m'd Robt. Housley, of Louisiana.
- III. JOHN WAGLE (iii), b. Oct. 17, 1785; m'd Nov. 4, 1806, Mary Owens. Ch:
1. *Matilda Wagle*. 2. *Elizabeth*. 3. *Jephtha*. 4. *Jemima*.
- IV. THOMAS WAGLE, b. June 25, 1791.
- V. ISAAC WAGLE, m'd Phoebe Todd, dr. of Joseph (i).

SHIPMENTS.

Dec. 31—Platte County shipped by rail the past year: Apples, 41,160 barrels; butter, 6,774 pounds; cattle, 7,730 head; corn, 16,820 bushels; flour, 25,200 barrels; hay, 33 cars; hogs, 41,360; horses and mules, 2,496; lime, 7,280 barrels; lumber, 311 cars; poultry, 163,563 pounds; ship stuff, 28 cars; sheep, 1,680; small fruits, 1,393 crates; wheat, 283,632 bushels; wood, 456 cords; miscellaneous, 630 cars.

TEMPLE B. WINBURN died December 22, 1894, leaving a widow and children: 1, Clifton; 2, Jonathan; 3, Wilson S.; 4, Crittenden; 5, Thos. H.; 6, Fred G.; 7, Nannie; 8, Temple B. Winburn, Jr.

1895.

OFFICERS.

Governor, W. J. Stone; Congressman, G. C. Crowther; State Senator, Theo. K. Gash; Representative, Z. S. Collins; Circuit Judge, W. S. Herndon; County Justices, McComas, Layton, and Morton; Circuit Clerk, Jo. L. Freeland; County Clerk, B. F. Murdock; Collector, J. J. Burgess; Sheriff, Oscar Beery; Assessor, Ira N. Walker; Treasurer, Robt. Elley; Coroner, Jesse Brashear; Probate Judge, J. L. Carmack; Public Administrator, Jo B. Evans; Surveyor, W. E. Montague; Superintendent of Schools, C. W. Bowen.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Burnes, Broadus, Carmack, Coots, Collins, Forman, Hull, Norton, Owens, Paxton, Roney, Wilsons.

Physicians—Baldwin, Cockrill, Coffey, Park, Redman, Walker, Winn.

Merchants, etc.—Baker, Beaumont, Beery (mayor), Clemings, Cole (postmaster), Colman, Dillingham, Elgin, Fulcher Johnson & Co., Hulett, McComas, Mason, Meads, Mitchell, O'Dowd, Perry, Recht, Redman, Rohring, Soper, Swarthout, Termier, Throckmorton, Valliant, Wells, Zarn, Zonne.

Lodges—Platte City, No. 594, H. C. Wells, W. M.; Chapter No. 21, W. T. Jenkins, H. P.; Belt Commandery, No. 9, J. W. Coots, E. C.; Nebraska, No. 12, W. T. Jenkins, N. G.; Frontier Encampment, No. 2, N. B. Anderson, C. P.; Knights of Pythias, H. C. Wells, C. C.

Preachers—Featherston, Blalock, Sanderson, Harrel, McNair, Madison.

Schools—Gaylord Institute, Mrs. Park president; Public Schools, Jas. H. Sexton principal.

Newspapers—The *Landmark*, Jenkins editor; the *Argus*, Rettig & Lucas editors.

The Fair—W. A. Elgin president; W. Forman secretary.

Banks—Wells & Co.; Exchange Bank of Platte City, Jack cashier.

At Weston: Coburn, Hillix, Adkins, Coots, Feagan, Simpson, Baker, Brashear, Bretz, Cox, Doppler, Evans, Engel, Howe, Keller, Mauch, Newhouse, Noble, Noll, O'Dowd (postmaster), Parr, Raileys, Renz, Roelle, Rumpel, Saunders, Schindler, Schneider, Siler, Thorn, Thorp, Walruff (mayor).

Lodges—No. 53, H. Schneider, W. M.; Chapter No. 4, C. W. Bowen, H. P.; Commandery No. 2, L. W. Siler, E. C.; Phoenix, No. 30, O. C. Kirkpatrick, N. G.; Acme, No. 2438, J. Baker, D.; A. O. U. W., No. 287, M. L. McCormick, M. W.; Ger. Benevolent, M. Schindler, president; Epworth League.

Public Schools—C. W. Bowen principal.

Preachers—Sanderson, Alderman.

Banks—Railey & Bro.; Bank of Weston, Collins cashier.

Newspaper—The *Chronicle*, Bless editor.

At Parkville: Beller, Bosch, Broadhurst, Brightwell, Buene-man, Carpenter, Dr. Coffey, Dziubon, Fulton, Glover, Graden, Hamilton, Hatfield, Haynes, Higgins (postmaster), Dr. Hoke, Dr. Holt, Kahm, Dr. Lane, Mitchell, Dr. Moore, Noland, Prather, Ringo, Summers, Thompson, Threlkeld, Wilson, Winchell.

Lodge—Compass Lodge, No. 120, H. C. Noland, W. M.

Park College—Mrs. McAfee president.

Bank—Park Bank, Hamilton cashier.

At Artesian Springs: Hoy, Wilder, Engleman.

At Camden Point: Biscoe, Bywaters, Davidson, Ewing, George (postmaster), Hamblin, Hardesty, Dr. Herndon (dead), Merchant, Owens, Perrin, Purdy, Reed (dead), Stallard, Wallingford, Wheat.

Schools—Orphan School, Elder C. A. Moore principal; Military Institute, Elder G. W. Elliott principal.

Bank—Hardesty cashier.

At Dearborn: Arnold, Bashford & Smith, Burgess, Rev. Bone, Dr. Brooks, Boydston & Gabbert, Bruce, Chadwick, Clay, Davidson; Day, Ferril, Foster, Gilbert, Grist, Harrington, Harris, Hess, Kerby, Kurk, Larue & Dalrymple, Merchant, Moore, Pumphrey, Reynolds, Rice, Sallee, Sharman, Squires, Stagner, Dr. Watson, Waldron.

Lodges—Rawley, No. 204, T. J. Means, W. M.; Cincinnatus, No. 265, Jas. Watson, N. G.

Newspaper—The *Democrat*, Harrington & Son, editors.

Bank of Dearborn—E. E. Pumphrey cashier.

At Edgerton: Beery, Bennett, Boydston, Bruce, Bernard, Clare, Cumberland, Chrisman, Cox, Davis, Doke, Hall, Hayden, Handley, Hopkins, Hughes, Johnson, Kerr, Dr. Lewis, McComas, Mays, Miller (postmaster), Mitchell, Pack, Noland, Ralston, Stiff, Stone, Scott, Shafer, Sturgiss, Endicott, Clark; Gustin, Standiford, Wilkerson, Newman, Yates, Wallingford, Dr. Webber.

Lodge—Adelphi, No. 355.

Bank of Edgerton—Bruce cashier.

At Farley: Meyers (postmaster), Carpenter, Oliver, Johnson.

Lodge—Fidelity Lodge, No. 339, W. T. Hope, W. M.

At Hampton: Meyer, Shepard (postmaster), Carbaugh.

At Hoover: Snodderly & Witt.

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: Fleming, Slaughter (postmaster), Bright, Link, Smith.

At New Market: Hatfield (postmaster), Benton & Son, Campbell, Bryant, Dr. Hale, Jones, Laurance, Thompson, Dr. Trotter.

Bank—R. L. Jones cashier.

At Ridgely: Denman (postmaster).

At Settle: Skillman (postmaster).

At Tracy: Davis (postmaster), Dr. Esmond, Glebb, Koster, Stone, Turner, Pack.

At Waldron: Simpson (postmaster), McClain & Yates, Knight.

At Woodruff: Cornish, Crutchfield, Lindsay, J. W. Carson (postmaster).

PRICES.

Butter, 15 cents; eggs, 12 cents; corn, 40 cents; wheat, 50 cents; flour, \$2.00; hogs, 5 cents; cattle, 4 cents.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—Park College is furnished with the reports of the weather, and weather flags are hoisted daily in front of Rev. S. L. McAfee's house. The various departments of Park College are united by telephone.

The Baptists have built a new church at Waldron.

Weather—10th, 11th, and 12th, 10° below; 19th, 10° below; 26th, 4° below; 30th, 8° below zero.

Jan. 10—Major Cummins resigns the presidency of the Camden Point Military Institute, and Lieutenant Valliant succeeds until Elder G. W. Everett is chosen president.

Jan. 16—Woodruff has a grand creamery celebration. This enterprise has been well managed, and has proved a success.

Jan. 22—Supplies for Nebraska sufferers: Elder Harrel called a large meeting at the court-house, and a car-load of provisions was taken by him to the starving people. Several hundred dollars were sent in other ways. Peter McDonald, an impostor, raised a car-load of provisions for Nebraska, and failed to account for them. His victims were very indignant.

Nebraska Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F., celebrated the 50th year of its organization by a banquet and speeches at Platte City.

Daughters' College, through the enterprise of Mrs. T. W. Park, has been rebuilt. The main building is replaced by a larger and much more commodious structure, and the name is changed to "Gaylord Institute."

Jan. 25—The first snow of the winter—4 inches—soon goes off.

Jan. 26—The store of Henry Skillman, at Settle, is burned. Loss, \$3,000. Insurance, \$2,000. Mr. Skillman rebuilds and proceeds with his mercantile business.

Jan. 28—FRANK STIENCAMP died, leaving a widow and 1 child, Annie Stienkamp.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—The mild and pleasant weather has ended, and the mercury is now 17° below. On the 1st it was at zero; the 2d, 2° above; the 3d, 3° above, and the 4th, 9° above.

Feb. 13—REV. WILLIAM FAUBION died in Johnson County, Kansas. He was born in Tennessee December 13, 1808; married Sylvania Hudling, who died in 1861. They came to Clay in 1832. He was a local M. E. preacher for many years, and was highly esteemed.

Feb. 21—Mrs. Ada Owens died at Smithville. She was a daughter of

JOHN ROHRING,

Who was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1826; came to Weston in 1853, and married in 1857 Sarah Helfer, born in Iowa in 1836. Ch:

- I. JOHN ROHRING (ii), b. in 1859; living single in St. Joseph, and is engaged in the shoe trade, as are all the family.
- II. GEORGE ROHRING, b. in 1860; m'd July 23, 1886, Lena Bernmaister. They live in Higginsville, Mo.; 2 children.
- III. HENRY ROHRING, b. Oct. 11, 1862; single.
- IV. ADA ROHRING, b. Aug. 28, 1867; d. Feb. 21, 1895; m'd Jan. 1, 1885, Vincent Owens. She left 2 children, who are with their grandparents in Platte City.
- V. STEPHEN ROHRING, b. in 1871; m'd Feb. 22, 1893, Daisy Bonham.
- VI. JOSE ROHRING, b. in 1873; m'd Denman Kelly.
- VII. HERMAN ROHRING, b. in 1876; single.

Geo. M. Northrup is now running the Centennial Mills at Tracy.

DAVID S. FISHER

Died at his home, a mile north of Platte City. He was a sturdy, honorable, and upright farmer, of quiet demeanor and few words. He was born in Hardy County, W. Va., May 1, 1818. He was a son of Jacob Fisher, and a grandson of Peter Fisher, an immigrant from Germany to Virginia. His mother's name was Charlotte Spohr, daughter of David. He married December 25, 1853, Lucretia Hider, daughter of Isaac. Ch:

- I. CHARLOTTE TEMPE FISHER, m'd Harvey J. Baker. (See.)
- II. DAVID W. FISHER m'd Vic. Estes. (See.)
- III. MARY C., b. April 3, 1856; died Oct. 24, 1895; m'd Oct. 9, 1877, John Hays, of Ft. Scott, Kansas; 3 children.
- IV. LUCRETIA B. FISHER.
- V. BETTIE J., m'd Ed Wilkinson. (See.) The family came to Platte in 1868.

JOHN HERMAN BUENEMAN

Died at Parkville. He was a son of John Henry Bueneman, and born in Germany March 1, 1817, and there learned the tailor's trade. He came to America, and married in November, 1837, at St. Charles, Mo., A. S. F. Helgeman. He was a Republican, and, during the war, an Union man. From 1872 to 1885 he was postmaster at Parkville. His sound judgment and undeviating integrity were admitted. Ch:

- I. ROSE BUENEMAN, b. Feb. 8, 1840; m'd Nov. 3, 1859, Wm. Enders.

- II. JOSEPHINE, b. Oct. 17, 1841; dead; m'd Oct. 24, 1867, J. E. Threlkeld, b. in 1837; d. Dec. 29, 1888. After his first wife's death, he m'd 2d, June 13, 1877, Ella C. Ringo, who survives, with 2 children.
- III. JOHN T. BUENEMAN, b. Aug. 1, 1845.
- IV. ADELINE, b. April 23, 1843; m'd R. Beiga, of Leavenworth.
- V. SOPHIA L., b. May 5, 1848; m'd Wm. H. Smith. (See.)
- VI. THOMAS T., b. Jan. 15, 1852.
- VII. CHARLES F. BUENEMAN, b. Aug. 2, 1854; m'd Nellie Alexander. (See.)

THE PARK FAMILY.

Four brothers were born and reared in Rowan County, N. C.: 1, John; 2, Ebenezer; 3, Eli, and 4, Asa Park. Of these we are concerned with only John and Ebenezer, who have posterity in Platte.

I. JOHN PARK

Was born in Rowan County, N. C.; came in infancy with his parents to Estill County, Ky., where he married Mary Peeler. He was a justice of the peace, and a member of the county court for twenty years, and served a term as sheriff. Ch:

I. JONAH PARK, m'd Malinda McMonigle. Ch:

1. *Sallie*. 2. *William*. 3. *John*. 4. *Eliza*.
5. *Susan*. 6. *Amanda*.

II. SOLOMON B. PARK, b. in 1803 in Estill Co., Ky.; d. in Platte —; m'd Sept. 29, 1829, Eliza J. Jermane, b. in Madison Co., Ky., in April, 1813; d. in Colorado Sept. 17, 1879. They came to Platte, and Feb. 10, 1853, Mr. Park bought of Robert Cain a large farm on Todd's Creek, and built a large brick house, now owned by Ben Jack. He was large and commanding in person, and possessed intelligence and enterprise. He left a large estate to his children:

1. *Amanda Park*, m'd in Kentucky Hon. W. P. Chiles, b. April 21, 1821; a captain in the Mexican War, and a commander of a company in Winston's Confederate regiment; was admitted to the bar Oct. 14, 1875, but never engaged in active practice; was elected probate judge in 1872 over F. M. McDonald by a vote of 2,218 to 981; reelected in Nov., 1876, over L. Shepard, by a vote of 2,692 to 713; again elected in Nov., 1880, by 2,283 to R. N. Harrington's 1,270; and for a fourth term in 1884 over J. W. Magee, by 1,892 to 1,320 votes. But in 1890 he was beaten by J. L. Carmack, in the Democratic primary, and did not run for the office. Mrs. Chiles is an accomplished and highly esteemed lady. Ch: [*a*] Mary Eliza Chiles, m'd in 1872 Dr. R. P. C. Johnston (see), who has been

noticed. He was b. Jan. 21, 1849, and he graduated in 1870 at the Louisville Medical College. He died Jan. 1, 1895. Ch: [1] Nellie Johnston; [2] Willie; [3] Senie. [b] Nannie; [c] Carrie Chiles, m'd Sept. 3, 1889, Prof. Coleby Cowherd, of Gaylord Institute. He is a man of erudition, and is genial and polite. He is of an old Virginia family, and inherits the ambition, honor, chivalry, courage, and independence of his race. Ch: [1] Coleby, b. July 9, 1890.

2. *Mortimer C. Park*, b. March 21, 1833; m'd Sept. 2, 1858, Susan L. Taylor, b. April 9, 1842, a step-daughter of Michie Maupin (i). After marriage, he settled on a portion of the homestead allotted to him, on Todd's Creek. This he sold in 1887, and purchased the Higgins farm, where good mineral springs had been discovered. Here he built a hotel, and laid off Artesian Springs, which became a summer resort for invalids. But in 1892 he sold out, and settled in Platte City. He is a kind and genial Christian gentleman—educated and refined. His wife possesses the virtues of the excellent woman of Solomon. Ch: [a] Eliza Bush Park, b. April 10, 1865; m'd Dr. Jephtha Hollingsworth (see), b. Feb. 16, 1856. [b] Dr. Arthur D. Park, b. May 28, 1871; is a rising young dentist of Platte City.

3. *Jeff. J. Park*. (See.)

4. *Thomas Ed. Park*, b. April 10, 1837; m'd April 6, 1858, Mary E. Forbis, dr. of Maj. J. W. (See.) Ch: [a] Eliza; [b] Frank; [c] Simpson; [d] Mabel; [e] Twin with Mabel. They live in Colorado.

5. *Elihu J. Park* (iii), b. Nov. 22, 1838; m'd Oct. 10, 1868, Sallie Trabue, b. Sept. 18, 1842; d. March 20, 1896. They now reside in Clay, and are excellent people. Ch: [a] Willie, b. July 26, 1866; [b] Susie, b. May 28, 1881.

6. *Samuel C. Park*, m'd April 4, 1866, Susan May. (See.)

7. *Henry D. Park*, went to California.

III. *SIMPSON PARK*, b. in Estill County, Ky., April 25, 1813; d. at Liberty, Mo., April 12, 1897; m'd May 23, 1837, Reb. J. White, dr. of Joel. From Kentucky they removed to Texas in 1841; and thence to Platte in 1843, settling on the Liberty road, four miles southeast of Platte City. Here he built a large frame house, and purchased a large body of fertile land. He was genial in address, and interesting in conversation. He spent his last years chiefly with his daughter, Mrs. McDonald, in Liberty. His first wife died in 1855, leaving ch:

1. *John W. Park*, m'd May 28, 1867, Annie Bronough. Ch: [a] John S. Park; [b] Frank; [c] Robert C.; [d] Mc-

Donald. John W. Park m'd 2d, July 1, 1880, Sallie Jacobs. Ch: [e] Fannie Park; [f] Elihu (iv); [g] Tillie.

2. *Elihu Park* (iii), b. April 21, 1849; m'd Nov. 7, 1871, Laura Ragan, b. in 1849 in Mt. Sterling, Ky.; a highly educated, lovely, and accomplished lady. They possess a splendid farm near the homestead of Mr. Simpson Park, and reside in Kansas City, while superintending the farm. Ch: [a] Maria E. Park, b. Oct. 4, 1874; m'd May 2, 1893, S. T. Thomason, b. in 1862.

3. *Amanda Park*, m'd May 26, 1870, Dr. Ed McDonald. (See.) Dr. McDonald was a surgeon of distinction, and a zealous promoter of every literary enterprise. He left several children. Mrs. McDonald lives in Liberty, and is much admired for her beauty and personal graces. Mrs. McDonald m'd 2d, April 28, 1896, John T. Chandler.

Mr. S. Park m'd 2d, Mrs. Julia Malone, née White. She was not related to his first wife. She died, leaving:

4. *Lida Park*, m'd June 15, 1876, Garrard Chesnut (see), b. Sept. 1, 1848. Mr. Chesnut is a man of honor, industry, and enterprise, with the address and bearing of a gentleman. He is now living in Platte City, and superintends his farm, lying 4 miles southeast of town. Ch: [a] Julia, b. July 23, 1881; [b] Cordelia; [c] Walter G., b. June 30, 1887.

Mr. S. Park's third wife was Miss Martha Peters, who died childless.

- IV. *ELIHU PARK* (i), d. of cholera in June, 1849, in Irvine, Ky.; m'd Nov. 6, 1832, Mary Ballew. The family has been noticed. (See.)

V. *JOHN PARK*, m'd Louisa Hume.

VI. *MATILDA*, m'd Wm. Jos. Clark.

- VII. *CHARITY PARK*, b. in 1800; m'd Henry H. Dillingham, b. in 1795 in Madison Co., Ky. Ch:

1. *Elihu Dillingham*, b. April 16, 1830; m'd Dec. 23, 1852, Mary J. White, b. Nov. 25, 1835, dr. of Wesley White, Mr. D. is an exemplary Christian gentleman, and now resides in Platte City, and cultivates his farm in the country. Ch: [a] John H. Dillingham, b. in Sept., 1853; m'd Aug. 31, 1876, Annie Oldham, dr. of F. M. She died, leaving: [1] Henry; [2] William; [3] Clelland; [4] Joseph; [5] Edward; [6] Bessie. John H. m'd 2d, March 8, 1893, Kate Nash. (See.) [b] Wm. Jo. Dillingham, b. in 1855; [c] Amanda, m'd April 15, 1884, G. W. Oldham, son of Richard. Ch: [1] Mary; [2] George. [a] Sallie Dillingham, b. in 1856; m'd Nov. 19, 1891, H. H.

Collier, of Kentucky; [c] Elihu Dillingham (ii);
[f] Jennie.

VIII. ELIZABETH PARK, m'd John W. Boyd.

IX. BARBARA, m'd John Richardson.

II. EBENEZER PARK,

Brother of John Park (i), married a Turner, and his fifth child was:

I. TURNER PARK, m'd Winnie Park. Their son.

1. *Solomon D. Park*, came to Platte, and m'd E. A. Clements. (See.) •

MARCH.

March 1—The early part of the winter was warm and dry, but throughout February the weather was extremely cold, and there was a plenteous harvest of ice.

March 14—A blizzard—the thermometer at 4° above. Lee Township, under township organization, votes a tax of \$600 to spend on roads leading to the new bridge at Leavenworth.

March 16—T. B. George's silver wedding largely attended.

March 17—Dr. Jacob Ditzler makes a series of lectures at Platte City on baptism and kindred topics.

March 29—The house of Thos. N. Daniels and the barn of Oscar G. Robinson, near Parkville, burned.

The court rents the 80-acre poor-farm, southeast of Platte City, for \$260, to A. J. McClain, who is to charge \$1 per week board for inmates.

In the State oratorical contest at Kansas City, Perle D. Decker, a student of Park College, took the second prize.

APRIL.

April 1—C. W. Bowen elected school commissioner; A. F. Walruf elected mayor of Weston, and D. A. Hook mayor of Leavenworth.

April 9—Fire in Smithville. Gentry, Oldham, Lincoln, and Coulter burned out. The last lost 15 horses.

John H. Kemphefner died.

THE KEMPHEFNER FAMILY.

John H. Kemphefner was born in Germany February 27, 1814; d. in Platte April 9, 1895; married in 1841 Elizabeth Hill, born January 9, 1812; died March 31, 1895. Her husband survived her but nine days. In 1842 they came to America, and settled in 1866 near Waldron. Ch:

- I. FRED H. KEMPHEFNER, b. in Indiana Feb. 2, 1843; m'd April 1, 1866, Frederika Englehardt, dr. of H. B. He enlisted in the 35th Ind. Infantry, and was at Nashville, Franklin, etc. He is 6 feet 3 inches tall, genial, intelligent, and industrious. He runs a steam sawmill; 8 children.
- II. THOMAS KEMPHEFNER, went to California.
- III. JOHN H. KEMPHEFNER, b. May 27, 1853; m'd Oct. 15, 1882, Clarissa Pierce, b. Feb. 6, 1858; no children.
- IV. MARY, b. in 1851; dead; m'd in 1880 Wm. Babcock. (See.)
- V. KATE KEMPHEFNER, m'd Henry Englehardt; went to California.

April 24—A. J. Veatch, convicted of the murder of Charles Morris, is sentenced to 17 years' imprisonment.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

The clerk mixes the trust funds, such as the Beverly Drainage Fund and the Lee and Waldron Road Funds, with the county funds, so that I shall not venture to separate the county fund, and show amount collected.

Expenditures are \$45,925.88, as follows:

Roads and bridges	\$23,304.00
Poor-farm, insane, etc.	8,487.00
Assessor (Walker)	510.00
Circuit Clerk (Freeland)	989.00
County Clerk (Blakley)	1,272.00
County Clerk (Murdock)	40.00
Sheriff (Berry)	654.00
County Justices	916.00
Court-house	838.00
Treasurer (Anderson)	668.00
Treasurer (Elley)	50.00
Jurors (warrants)	638.00
Miscellaneous	2,826.88
Stationery	1,051.00
Jail	133.00
Wood	237.00
Surveyor (Montague)	529.00
Elections	11.00
Criminal costs	862.00
Prosecuting Attorney (Burnes)	587.00
Platte County A. and M. Association	150.00
Printing	735.00
School Commissioner (Bowen)	38.00
Maps of towns	400.00

\$45,925.88

THE WEALTH OF PLATTE COUNTY.

The assessor's books show 7,571 horses; 133 jacks and jennies; 2,782 mules; 14,892 cattle; 4,661 sheep; 23,161 hogs; \$826,535 in money; \$186,235 in other personal property. Total, \$1,670,800. Fair Township gives in the most personalty, \$229,440. This is because Mr. C. Cockrill makes this township his home. Green Township is next, and Carroll follows. Weston is the wealthiest city, \$132,830. Platte City next, with \$122,840. But the personalty is assessed at less than half, and the realty at less than one-third its real value.

May 1—The county debt is \$96,000.

The *Edgerton Journal* is issued weekly by Jim W. Graves, at \$1. 8 pages, 6 columns, and well edited.

WM. HASSENGAGER died near Parkville, leaving Eliza, his widow, and children: 1, Elizabeth; 2, John; 3, Martha; 4, Margaret; 5, Ama; 6, Louisa.

May 4—T. C. Endicott shot and mortally wounded Harvey Lannier in the street of Edgerton. After some angry words, Lannier swore he would kill Endicott on sight. Both were armed, but met unexpectedly, and commenced shooting. Endicott was regarded as acting in self-defense, and discharged.

A. A. Miller killed an eagle at 120 yards.

May 6—Wells Banking Co. gave bond for \$120,000, as county depository of public moneys.

The county court appropriate \$2,100 towards a bridge over the Platte, between Platte City and the Gow Ferry bridge—a like amount having been subscribed by individuals.

The creamery at Woodruff bought 99,194 pounds of milk and cream this month, paying for it \$5,759.

May 8—Peace ratified between Japan and China.

May 13—W. C. Wells started for California with his two daughters, for the health of the younger.

A. P. Fulcher starts a store in Woodruff.

Dr. J. W. Winn, of Waldron, removes to Platte City.

May 21—Platte Presbytery met at Parkville, and ordained four young men for the ministry.

The county court called in and paid \$10,000 of bonds.

J. P. Tucker is building a brick office for the *Parkville Independent*.

The fair directors determined to admit all free the first day, and every day to admit all over 70 years of age.

May 23—Ascension Day. The Knights did not parade. Sir Knight White McGee was chosen E. C. of Belt Commandery.

JUNE.

GRADUATES.

At Camden Point: Kathleen Ficklin, Vernie Harlow, Mollie Keller, Hattie McKee, Mabel Newman.

At Park College: Lucelle Baldwin, Raymond Barrett, Corda L. Baughn, Peter Berrill, Estelle H. Buie, Mark Grime, Lizzie D. Caughey, Ruth Chase, Carrie R. Clark, Augusta Elliott, John L. Hartsook, Stella H. Herr, Lorina E. Hoffman, John H. Laurence, Grace Kahm, Wm. H. Mason, Ella R. McArthur, Harry I. Prugh, Fred V. Richards, Fred W. Teiger, Marian G. Walker, Elizabeth S. White, Lida I. White, Fred G. Wishard.

At Gaylord Institute: Margaret Head, Lucy Keenan, Bertha Krause.

The county court purchase of T. J. Wilson, for \$3,100, 80 acres off the north of southwest quarter section 6, township 52, range 34, for a poor-house farm. It lies one and a half miles southeast of Platte City. The poor-house farm, four miles north of Platte City, was sold.

Platte City, by ordinance, requires a curfew bell to be rung every night at 9 o'clock, and all persons abroad after that hour are to give an account of themselves.

Weather flags and reports are furnished to Henry Koster, at his Tracy elevator, to be displayed.

The A. P. A. party of Kansas City send Prof. John D. Brown to Platte City to advocate their principles.

Rev. Lindsay McNair was installed pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Platte City.

June 2—The Democratic County Central Committee meet at the court-house, and resolve 9 to 2 in favor of the free coinage of silver.

June 8—Picnic at Hickory Grove cleared \$110.

June 9—A 4-inch rain after a long dry spell.

June 13—Commencement at Gaylord Institute. Address by Ex-Mayor W. S. Cowherd, of Kansas City.

June 15—A society of "Daughters of the Confederacy" formed at Platte City, and Mrs. Fannie Jones selected as president. They prepare dinner and supper at the opera house, and have a large attendance of patrons.

Wm. C. Wells, on his way with his daughters to California, writes the *Landmark* a series of interesting letters, descriptive of the West.

O'Dowd returns from Platte City to Weston with his stock of furniture.

June 19—The *Independent*, at Parkville, is removed to the new brick house built for it by J. P. Tupper, editor and proprietor.

June 30—THOMAS COX, while drunk, is killed by railroad cars at Woodruff.

JULY.

PLATTE CITY SCHOOL FINANCES.

The past year \$1,673.90 have been paid for teachers' wages, and \$525 for the balance of outstanding debt. The city is now free of debt in all departments.

July 1—MRS. VIENNA GEORGE is run over and killed by a passing train at Parkville.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COUNTY CONVENTION.

Weston sent 40 delegates; Parkville, 30; Edgerton, 25; Dearborn, 20. Rev. C. B. McAfee declined reelection, and Prof. J. W. Stephens was chosen president. The delegates from Weston reported the result of their canvass of the city: 726 church members; 809 not church members; 572 attend Sunday-school; 963 do not attend; 103 promised to attend; 829 over 20; 490 between 6 and 20; 216 under 6; 1,360 Protestants; 175 Catholics.

Parkville the past year expended for schools, \$1,175.

July 4—Knights of Pythias made grand preparations to celebrate the day at the fair grounds, but a heavy rain interfered. At night the fireworks in town were admirable. The rain continued over night, and 3 inches fell the 5th.

July 6—Noah Wills shipped to Kansas City 37 beeves, averaging 1,383 pounds, and sold them at \$5.30.

Baptist church at Dearborn dedicated.

July 10—ISAAC KERN instantly killed by being run over by a reaper, near Dearborn.

July 18—Mrs. Dora Weber died at Kansas City. She was the wife of R. G. Weber, and a daughter of

BARNEY KIEFER.

The family came from Germany, and located in Platte City. Mr. Kiefer kept a confectionery and bakery in Platte City, until he sold out to A. Termier. He then started a vineyard and garden near Gaylord Institute. Ch:

I. IDA KIEFER, keeps a hotel in Platte City. She m'd Frank Baker, and was divorced on her petition. She has no living children. She is handsome, sprightly, intelligent, and beloved.

II. DORA KIEFER, d. July 18, 1895; m'd Dec. 15, 1892, Robt. Weber.

III. AMELIA, m'd Frank Baker. They live on Bean's Lake.

IV. GUS. KIEFER. V. MINNIE KIEFER.

SAMUEL HARDWICKE died at Liberty. He studied law with Judge Norton, and stood at the head of the Liberty bar. He was born September 8, 1833, and was a son of Philip Hardwicke

and Margaret Gregg. He married in 1860 Ada Hall, daughter of J. D. Ch: 1, Claude; 2, Philip; 3, Norton.

The Virginia Hotel at Platte City has been bought by Emmet Perry. He is tearing it down, and will erect on the site a magnificent three-story brick hotel, with all the modern conveniences. George Jenkins is architect.

Jesse Collins is building a fine frame residence on Atchison Hill.

July 25—Teachers' Institute at Gaylord Institute, lasting several weeks, and 73 teachers attend.

The Democrats elect delegates, who meet at Platte City August 3d, and appoint W. C. Wells, Benton Gabbert, and others to the Pertle Springs State Convention, to meet August 6th, and instruct them to vote for free coinage of silver.

July 30—Mrs. Mildred A. Quinn died four miles north of Platte City.

THE MAXFIELD FAMILY.

Mrs. Quinn's maiden name was Sullivan. She was born August 1, 1827, in Kentucky. She married February 17, 1842, Andrew H. Maxfield, born in Ohio November 25, 1813; died in Weston April 9, 1858. He was a painter and a man of intelligence. Their children:

- I. NARCISSA ELLEN MAXFIELD, b. Jan. 27, 1849; m'd Jan. 5, 1865, W. R. Keller, b. April 5, 1841, son of William Keller and Mary Roberts. Mr. Keller was an enterprising merchant of Weston, and for years was engaged in purchasing apples and in shipping them to other markets. Mrs. Keller possesses literary taste and acquisitions. Ch:
 1. *William*, m'd Julia Jensen.
 2. *Chas. A.* 3. *Elma.* 4. *Edgar R.*
- II. MYRA MAXFIELD, b. Feb. 13, 1853; m'd Feb. 13, 1874, Henry Meads, b. in Brighton, England, Dec. 31, 1836. He was a son of Geo. Meads, b. July 7, 1797, and Ann Parker, b. March 11, 1799. He came to the United States, arriving at Cleveland Feb. 5, 1856; went to Michigan in 1859, and in 1866 to Platte, arriving Sept. 29. He was postmaster at Ontanagon, Mich., and subsequently at Farley, Mo., from 1867 to 1872, since which time he has resided at Platte City. Trained as a merchant, he has followed the dry goods trade, for which he is well qualified. He is a man of reading and of extensive experience, and a zealous worker in the church. He was editor of the *Republican* at Platte City for several years. He m'd 1st, Oct. 12, 1862, Victoria Johnson, b. Dec. 28, 1841, dr. of William and sister of Jarvis. His ch:
 1. *Arthur G.*, b. Sept. 15, 1863; m'd Nov. 3, 1887, Maggie McFarland; dead.
 2. *Grace M.*, b. Dec. 16, 1870; m'd Nov. 10, 1890, Robt. L. Duncan.

Children by his second wife:

3. *Harry R. Meads*, b. Aug. 12, 1876.

4. *Elbert P.*, b. April 23, 1878.

5. *Florence M.*, b. July 8, 1885.

III. DELIA MAXFIELD, b. June 28, 1856; m'd Geo. T. Jones, son of Thompson T. (See.)

Mrs. Mildred A. Maxfield married, second, October 17, 1869, Thomas Quinn, born in Pittsylvania County, Va., April 19, 1812. Reared as a miller, he became a farmer; removed to Mercer County, Ky., in 1833; came in 1840 to Caldwell County, Mo., and thence in 1843 to Platte, settling a mile north of Weston; removed March 15, 1865, to a farm 4 miles north of Platte City. He married August 23, 1835, Evaline Albritton. His second wife was Mary Fortune. His third wife was Mary A. Keller, and his fourth, as stated, was Mrs. Mildred A. Maxfield. He is a Republican, and was in the war an outspoken Union man. He represented the county in 1866. His only children were by his second wife:

I. EVELINE QUINN, m'd Nov. 24, 1859; A. J. Newton, b. June 21, 1832. Ch:

1. *Cora F. Newton*, m'd March 6, 1888, Robt. Darnall, son of R. T.

2. *Jesse L.* 3. *Ella D.* 4. *Jennie P.*

II. GEO. QUINN, m'd a Simmons; 4 children.

AUGUST.

Aug. 1—Platte City is made an administrative post-office, and henceforth the postmaster will be appointed by the President. His salary will be \$1,000, an increase of about \$250. Thos. J. Cole is commissioned postmaster for four years.

The colored people at Platte City observed Emancipation Day with a picnic.

Aug. 5—A thunder storm. Lightning struck Maj. Jas. McCluer's stable, and killed a valuable horse.

Aug. 6—Democrats met in State Convention at Pertle Springs. Resolved unanimously for free coinage.

State school money appropriated to Platte, \$4,616.41.

Aug. 8—The Vincent Anderson farm of 80 acres, near Farley, sold publicly for \$4,550. The *Landmark* contains a letter from Monterey, Mexico, written in the best epistolary style, by Fred Park, son of Thos. W.

Aug. 12—Daughters of the Confederacy give a public dinner and supper at the Platte City opera house, and clear over \$100.

Grand jury for August term: R. T. Adkins, W. H. Ballard, Jas. H. Boydston, D. A. Chesnut, C. Cowherd, Alex. Freeland, J. W. Harrington, Wm. Johnson, D. Leavel, Chas. Ross, Cal. More, Jas. Timberlake.

John Eldridge, of Green Township, is found to be insane, and T. M. Baughman is appointed his guardian.

DEATH OF NEWTON WINN.

Aug. 16—Newton Winn is shot in the court-room at Platte City by Watson Reed. A feud had existed between the families for many years. On a former occasion, Reed had shot Winn, and the bullet was removed by the surgeons who operated on him at the second shooting. In 1893 Winn claimed 11 hogs found in his mark, and in the pen of Reed. The latter refused to give them up, and Winn replevined them in the circuit court of Clinton County, and the sheriff delivered him the hogs. The case was brought, by change of venue, to Platte, and was set for trial at the August term in 1895. There were many witnesses, and trouble was anticipated. The evidence was through, and the attorneys were addressing the jury. Col. Cross, attorney for Reed, was criticising the testimony of a son of Winn, and used about these words: "I have sons at home, whom it has always been my ambition to bring up honest, sober, and industrious; and not for every hog in Clinton County would I have one of them to testify from signs given him by his father." Instantly, with a cry of rage, Winn, the father, sprang forward, striking at Cross with one hand, and grabbing him by the collar with the other. The first stroke, it is thought, missed Cross, but the next struck him on the back of the head. F. M. Wilson sprang forward, with a view of parting them, when Watt Reed's revolver sent forth, in quick succession, three balls—a fourth was stopped by a deputy sheriff. Reed held the pistol with both hands, and determination was depicted in his face. Winn whirled half round, clasped his abdomen, and emitted a cry of pain upon receiving the first shot. A second shot passed through Winn's arm, and the third missed. The three shots left their marks on table, floor, and wall. With assistance, Winn went down stairs, and the trial progressed. He was operated upon by surgeons, and the wound in the abdomen pronounced mortal. After giving his statement before an officer, he died, and the next day was removed to Clinton County. The jury gave the hogs to Reed, but a motion for a new trial was filed, and taken by Judge Herndon under advisement. Reed is now imprisoned at Kansas City. A new trial of the hog case was granted. Reed's death will be noticed.

The Phoenix Mill, of Tracy, is being dismantled of machinery.

Aug. 19—A 4-inch rain, which brings the Missouri River over low bottoms.

Apples sell at 65 cents per barrel at Edgerton.

A. J. Colman, J. S. Brasfield, Lewis Siler, William Calvert, and Thos. Davis attend the Boston Conclave of Knights Templars.

Aug. 25—The camp-meeting at Iatan, in Rev. R. W. Hower-ton's mammoth tent, closes, and the tent is taken to Ray County.

Dearborn has built this season a brick school-house, an M. E. church, and a banking house.

The Elm Grove Baptist church has been sold, and a new Baptist church built in Camden Point.

The Missouri River is again falling in near Farley, and it is thought the railroad track will have to be removed, and pass near Farley.

Aug. 31—Watermelon picnic at Waldron, to raise money for church purposes.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 1—Park College opens with 350 students—all that can be accommodated.

Sept. 3—The fair was attended with its usual success, under Elgin president, and Forman secretary. All debts are paid.

A total eclipse of the moon—an interesting sight.

Sept. 4—Alex. and Caroline Campbell celebrated their golden wedding. The father of Mr. Campbell was present, with children: 1, Mrs. Stephen Ferris; 2, Mrs. John Ferrel; 3, James Campbell; 4, Robert Campbell.

Sept. 9—Public school of Platte City opened, with Prof. Jas. H. Sexton principal, and Miss Anna Wilson assistant.

Sept. 23—A blizzard, with the mercury at 34°.

Peaches dry up on the trees, and good fruit is scarce. Apples are abundant at 30 to 50 cents per bushel. Much of the product is unmerchantable.

Improvements in Parkville: W. J. Fulton builds three residences; Threlkeld and Beller one each. The *Independent* and the College each builds a printing office.

T. L. HUDSON, son of Lemuel Hudson and Sarah, died near New Market; born in 1850; married in 1873 Flora Fielding, daughter of Major Fielding. Ch: 1, Norman; 2, Wade; 3, Joseph; 4, Laura; 5, Luella; 6, Pearl Hudson. Mr. Lemuel Hudson, father of T. L., was born April 28, 1813.

Bequest to Park College: The will of the late M. U. Payne, of Iowa, gives \$10,000 to the Free Scholarship Fund of Park College.

ASSIGNMENTS OF M. E. S. PREACHERS.

L. B. Madison to Platte City and Weston, in place of A. B. Sanderson, who goes to the Osborn circuit; J. A. Hager to Edgerton; E. B. Stewart to Farley; J. M. Swafford to Grayson; J. L. Meffert to Parkville. Missouri Conference, being so much of the State as lies north of the Missouri River, reports 43,241 communicants, being a gain of 2,996 in the last year; 181 Epworth Leagues,

with 6,291 members; 412 Sunday-schools, with 3,696 teachers and 26,413 children. There was raised for foreign missions, \$10,176; and for all purposes, \$117,320. There are 453 church societies, with 445 church edifices, valued at \$714,460, a gain of 19 buildings. There are 141 parsonages, valued at \$141,035.

GEORGE M. DOPPLER

Was born in Germany October 12, 1830. His father was Frank Doppler, born in 1800. Geo. M. came to St. Louis, Mo., and in 1854 married Saloma Brandenburg. The same year they settled in Weston. Mr. Doppler entered the dry goods business, and pursues the trade still—enjoying the confidence and esteem of all men. He was a strong Union man, and enlisted under Col. Price. Children:

- I. ADOLPH P. DOPPLER, b. in 1857; m'd April 7, 1879, Anna J. Ilkenhans, dr. of Emmanuel.
- II. EMMA DOPPLER, b. in 1861; m'd May 8, 1882, David J. Crawford.
- III. FRANK DOPPLER, b. in 1858; m'd Nov. 10, 1879, H. O. Schenkner.
- IV. GEO. DOPPLER (ii). V. PHILIP.
- VI. LAURA, m'd Aug. 20, 1895, Prof. C. W. Bowen.
- VII. NELLIE DOPPLER.

WINFIELD THORNHILL,

A merchant and trader of Linkville. He possesses intelligence and sound judgment. His parents were Bluford Thornhill and Lucy Hawkins, and he was born in Virginia January 25, 1824. He came to Platte at the beginning of the war, and settled on a farm near Linkville. He married August 19, 1847, in Culpeper County, Va., Eliza J. Brown. Ch:

- I. MARY L. THORNHILL, m'd Dec. 5, 1880, Wm. Porter. They live in Clinton.
- II. ALBERT C. III. LUCY E. IV. MARTHA.
- V. ELIZA JANE. VI. NANCY B. VII. JOHN B.
- VIII. EMMA. IX. CLAIBORNE J.
- X. FLORA B., m'd Sept. 16, 1889, John Harris.
- XI. ANNIE. XII. JAMES.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—The M. E. Church South has built a handsome church at Dearborn.

Rees & Downey, of Marshall Township, sold the fruit of their orchard, chiefly Ben Davis apples, at \$12,000.

R. L. Smith, near Parkville, raised on one acre of ground 127½ bushels of corn.

Oct. 6—Elder J. M. Blalock takes charge of the Platte City Christian Church.

Dearborn and Platte City are each building a fine hotel.

The Dearborn cannery has put up this season 130,000 cans of tomatoes.

JAMES M. FRAZIER shot and killed his father-in-law, Jacob Oxford, at the door of the former, five miles north of Platte City. The parties had been at enmity over the separation of Frazier from his wife, a daughter of Oxford. The evidence tended to show that Frazier sent for Oxford, and when the latter arrived, shot him down. He was tried for murder, found guilty, and the verdict fixed was 10 years in the penitentiary. A motion for a new trial has been filed, and the case continued.

Oct. 23—The Bank of Kemp M. Woods & Co., Liberty, Mo., makes an assignment to F. H. Trimble. Assets, \$13,000; deposits, \$11,000.

Oct. 24—The house of R. P. C. Wilson, on Block 35, Platte City, burned. Loss, \$1,500. It was occupied by Geo. T. Jones and family.

A railroad train wrecked at Waldron, and one man severely wounded.

Oct. 27—Dr. J. M. Hale, of New Market, shot and killed a burglar, who had entered his room at night by the window. The burglar was not recognized, but he was supposed to be Harry J. Huguely, the wild son of a Boston millionaire brewer.

A literary weekly paper, called the *Stylus*, is issued by the Senior class of Park College.

Oct. 28—The great apple carnival at Leavenworth.

Platte City now commences ringing, at 9 p. m., the curfew, when all hasten home.

Oct. 31—A slight earthquake.

NOVEMBER.

Nov. 1—Miss Phoebe Paxton having returned from an excursion to Europe, is publishing a series of descriptive letters in the *Argus*.

The crops of wheat and corn are immense, but low prices reduce profits.

Nov. 6—A half-inch rain—the first for 40 days.

The election in many States resulted favorably for the Republican party, and for sound currency.

T. P. Bruce, of Edgerton, gathered 600 barrels of corn off 45 acres of land.

Nov. 7—MRS. ARENA BELL, née Lewis, wife of W. C. Bell, died at Leavenworth, and was buried at Platte City. Mr. Bell was marshal of Platte City, and left for Leavenworth after the fire of 1885, in which he was a sufferer.

W. M. Paxton publishes proposals for a History of Platte County, but failing to have the encouragement to justify printing the book, had it bound and indexed in manuscript, that his labors might not be lost to posterity.

Nov. 10—Mary K., wife of J. T. Stone, died at Edgerton.

Dr. John Parr, of Weston, removed to California.

Nov. 18—The miners of the Home-Riverside coal mine, of Leavenworth, are on a strike for 80 cents per ton. They are paid the increased sum; but the company, in two months, shuts down and discharges all hands.

Park College is granted by some one, who withholds his name, a sum sufficient to erect an Observatory.

H. C. MARKWELL.

Nov. 20—H. C. Markwell dies at his home, near Linkville. He was an honest and laborious farmer, and highly respected. He was born in Fleming County, Ky., August 1, 1833. He married, first, Marsolote Raisor, of Bath County, Ky. Ch:

I. JAMES W. MARKWELL, b. Nov. 15, 1857; m'd Alva E. Masterson. Ch:

1. *Rosa J.* 2. *Henry T.* 3. *William Ed.*

4. *Charles H.* 5. *James L.* 6. *Nellie Markwell.*

Mr. Markwell married, second, Mrs. Minnie McMillon, who yet lives, childless.

Nov. 21—J. W. Graves sells to Perry Clark one-half interest in the Edgerton *Journal*.

Nov. 23—A blizzard—temperature at 10° above—a light snow, followed by a heavy sleet. Jerry Beery fell and disabled his left arm. The walking was the worst I ever saw.

DR. HENRY B. CALLAHAN

Died suddenly, alone in his office at Leavenworth, of heart disease. His remains were brought over to Platte City for burial, escorted by his Masonic brethren and by a committee of his professional friends. The Masonic Lodge of Platte City met the cortege at Tracy, and, on foot, in procession, marched to the grave. The cold blasts of winter and the sleet made the way both laborious and dangerous, as well as uncomfortable. His sketch and his posterity will be found elsewhere.

Nov. 25—Two inches of snow that went off the 27th.

Nov. 29—LEWIS LAMORA, brakeman, falling from his car at East Leavenworth, was killed.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 2—Rev. L. E. McNair resigned as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Platte City, to accept a call from Pleasant Hill, Mo.

Circuit court commences a three-weeks term, remarkable for the large and important criminal business.

CONVICTIONS.

Lewis Wright and Charles Riney were sentenced to 6 years each for burglary; Theo. Bridges for incest, 7 years; Henry Kent was sent to the Reform School at Boonville until he becomes of age; James Frazier, convicted of murder of Oxford, and it being Sunday, the sentence, 10 years, was deferred until the next term.

STIGERS OR NEWSOME ISLAND.

Diefendorf, and others, sued Newsome, who had settled on Stigers, or Newsome Island, and claimed it as a new island formed on the place formerly occupied by Stigers Island, which had been entered by Diefendorf. The suit was ejectment, and the island was decided by the court to be the property of Diefendorf.

Judge Herndon, having witnessed the shooting of Newton Winn by Watson Reed, was disqualified to try the murder case, and the same was continued, to be tried by another judge, to be selected

No former session of the circuit court was so largely attended.

Dec. 11—W. H. SOUTHERN, a tobacco salesman, of Kansas City, committed suicide by plunging, at night, from the Leavenworth steel bridge into the Missouri River. He was on a spree lasting several days. His body was recovered, inquest held, and the remains sent to Kansas City.

Dec. 16—The Platte City Central Hotel, J. Emmit Perry proprietor, is opened, with a feast.

Jesse Collins' new house on Atchison Hill is complete.

Nov. 18—A 4-inch snow, following fine weather.

David Risk removed to Kansas City.

Heavy rain.

Dec. 25—Six-inch snow. Christmas observed at Farley by a tree. The children at Platte City had candy treats in all the churches. The Weston Christian Church had a literary entertainment on the 31st.

E. SANGSTON WILKINSON and wife (see) both died this year in California, whither they had gone for their health.

Dec. 28—A. R. Jack, of Platte City, had a children's fancy party.

JOHN ELDRIDGE died. (See.)

Dec. 30—The county court paid the Missouri Valley Bridge Company \$2,100 for the Gorden's Ferry bridge.

Dec. 31—H. S. Yates has threshed 76,740 bushels of wheat since harvest.

Parkville business receipts of railroads, \$16,629.16; same in 1894, \$14,831.39.

Receipts, \$3,805,977.49; disbursements, \$4,191,666.77; bonded debt of the State, \$5,086,000.

The bank commissioner closed the New Market Bank January 11, 1896.

1896.

OFFICERS.

Governor, W. J. Stone; Congressman, G. C. Crowther; State Senator, Theo. K. Gash; Representative, Z. S. Collins; Circuit Judge, W. S. Herndon; County Justices, Stephen McComas, Jas. W. Layton, and Jas. Morton; Circuit Clerk, Jo. L. Freeland; County Clerk, B. F. Murdock; Collector, J. J. Burgess; Sheriff, Oscar Beery; Assessor, Ira N. Walker; Treasurer, Robt. Elley; Coroner, Jesse Brashear; Probate Judge, J. L. Carmack; Superintendent of Schools, C. W. Bowen; Public Administrator, Jos. B. Evans; Prosecuting Attorney, F. M. Wilson; Surveyor, W. E. Montague.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—Anderson, Broadus, Burnes, Carmack, Coots, Forman, Hull, Norton, Owens, Paxton, Roney, Wilsons.

Physicians—Baldwin, Coffey, Park, Redman, Walker, Winn.

Merchants, etc.—Baker, Beaumont, Beery, Benoit Bros. Clemings, Cole (postmaster), Colman, Dillingham, Elgin, Fulcher, Johnson & Co., Hulett, Kast, Koster, McComas, Mason & Bro., Meads, Mitchell, Moore, Perrys, Recht, Redman, Rohring, Termier, Throckmorton, Wells, Zarn, Zonne.

Banks—Banking House of Wells & Co; Exchange Bank of Platte City; A. R. Jack cashier.

Preachers—Blalock, Harrel, Madison, McNair.

Schools—Public Schools, Sexton principal; Gaylord Institute, Mrs. Park president; Colored School, Reynolds principal.

Newspapers—The *Landmark*, W. T. Jenkins editor; the *Argus*, E. Rettig editor.

Lodges—Blue Lodge, No. 504, E. L. Anderson, W. M.; Platte City Chapter, No. 21, G. White McGee, H. P.; Commandery No. 9, G. White Magee, E. C.; Knights of Pythias, No. 296, Warren Mitchell, C. C.; Nebraska Lodge, No. 12, Gar. Chesnut, N. G.

The Fair—Jas. Clarke president.

At Weston: Adkins, Coburn, Coots, Feagan, Hillix, Hughes, Baker, Brashear, Bretz, Cox, Doppler, Engel, Evans, Herndon, Howe, Keller, Mauch, Moosman, Murdock, Newhouse, Noble, Noll, O'Dowd (postmaster), Osborn, Raileys, Renz, Ringo, Roelle, Rumpel, Saunders, Schindler, Schneider, Siler, Thorn, Thorp, Walruff (mayor).

Preachers—W. D. Bolton (Bap.), G. L. Madison (M. E. S.), W. W. Burks (Chris.).

Lodges—Phoenix, No. 30, J. E. Hughes, N. G.; Blue Lodge, No. 53, A. Schneider, W. M.; Chapter No. 4, C. W. Bowen, H. P.; Commandery No. 2, L. W. Siler, E. C.; Knights of Honor, No. 2438, Julius Baker, D.; A. O. U. W., No. 287, N. L. McCormick, M. W.; German Benevolent Society; Christian Endeavor; Epworth League.

Banks—Railey & Bro.; Bank of Weston, Collins cashier.

Schools—Public School, C. W. Bowen superintendent, assisted by Mary P. Dalton, Honora C. Allen, and Lou Dunbar.

Newspaper—The *Chronicle*, Bless editor.

At Parkville: Beller, Bosch, Broadhurst, Brightwell, Buene-man, Carpenter, Dr. Coffey, Dziubon, Fulton (mayor), Ford, Glover, Graden, Hamilton, Hatfield, Haynes, Higgins (postmaster), Dr. Hoke, Dr. Holt, Kahm, Dr. Lane, Luthy, Dr. Moore, Noland, Prather, Ringo, Summers, Thompson, Threlkeld, Wilson, Winchell, Zeitz.

Park College—Mrs. McAfee president.

Lodge—Compass Lodge, No. 120.

Park Bank—Hamilton cashier.

Preacher—W. W. Stewart (M. E.).

At Camden Point: Biscoe, Bywaters, Davidson, Ewing, Everett, George (postmaster), Hamblin, Hardesty, Merchant, Owens, Perrin, Purdy, Stallard, Wallingford, Offutt.

Schools—Orphan School, C. A. Moore principal; Military Institute, G. W. Elliott principal.

Bank—Hardesty cashier.

At Dearborn: Arnold, Bashford & Smith, Burgess, Dr. Brooks, Boydston & Gabbert, Dr. Boydston, Bruce (mayor), Chadwick, Clay, Davidson, Day, Dix, Ferril, Foster, Gilbert, Grist, Harrington (postmaster), Heileman, Hess, Kirby, Kurk, Larue & Dalrymple, Means, Merchant, Mullendore, Moore, Ray, Reynolds, Rice, Robertson, Sallee, Dr. Seward, Dr. Sampson, Sherman, Squires, Stagner, Watson, Waldron.

Preachers—Bone (M. E. S.), Crouch (Bap.), Powers (Cum. Pres.).

Bank—Pumphrey cashier.

Lodges—Rawley, No. 204, Masons, T. J. Means, W. M.; Cincinnati, No. 265; Odd Fellows, A. E. Sharman, N. G.

Newspaper—The *Democrat*, Harrington & Son editors.

At Edgerton: Beery, Bennett, Bernard, Black, Breckenridge, Boydston & Horn, Davis, Doke, Duncan, Clare, Cumberland, Chrisman, Cox, Gustin, Hall, Hayden, Handley, Hopkins, Hughes, Johnson, Kerr, Dr. Lewis, McGregor, McComas, McCulloch & Reed, Masoner, Mays, Miller (postmaster), Mitchell, Newman, Noland, Pack, Ralston, Stiff, Sturgiss & Son, Scott, Dr. Shafer, Standiford, Wallingford, Walters, Dr. Weber, Wilkinson, Yates.

Preachers—Rev. Luce (M. E.), Elder Terrel (Chris.), Elder Jones (Bap.), Hager (M. E. S.), E. P. Reed (M. E.).

Bank—Bruce cashier.

Lodges—Adelphi, No. 355; A. O. Hamilton, W. M.; Edgerton Lodge, No. 191, Odd Fellows, S. P. Newman, N. G.; Olivia Chapter, No. 25, Good Templars, J. N. Boydston, W. P.

At Farley: Carpenter, Johnson, Dr. Harrington, Myers (postmaster), Oliver.

Lodge—Fidelity, No. 339, A. Taylor, W. M.

Preacher—E. B. Stewart (M. E.).

At Hampton: Shepard (postmaster), Carbaugh, McClain & Yates.

At Hoover: B. F. Wood, Jr., Snodderly.

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: Fleming, Slaughter (postmaster), Bright, Link.

At New Market: Benton & Son, Hatfield (postmaster), Bryant, Campbell, Dr. Hale, Jones, Lorange, Thompson, Singleton, Dr. Trotter.

Bank—(Wound up.)

Preacher—W. S. Marr (Chris.).

At Ridgely: Denman (postmaster).

At Settle: Skillman (postmaster).

At Tracy: Davis (postmaster), Dr. Esmond, Glebb, Koster, Pack, Fulcher, Stone, Turner.

At Waldron: Simpson (postmaster), McClain & Yates, Knight, Rev. E. B. Stewart (M. E.).

At Woodruff: Pack (postmaster), Fulcher, Schilling, Cornish & Fairhurst.

MARKETS.

Beeves, \$3.80; hogs, \$3.70; wheat 60 cents; corn, 20 cents; flour, \$2.00; hay, \$7.00; butter, 15 cents; eggs, 10 cents; potatoes, 25 cents.

MISSOURI'S GOVERNORS.

1820, Alex. McNair; 1824, Fred. Bates, 1825, Ab. J. Williams; 1825, John Miller; 1832, Daniel Dunkin; 1836, L. W. Boggs; 1840, Thos. Reynolds; 1844, M. M. Marmaduke; 1844, John C. Edwards; 1848, Austin A. King; 1851, Ster. Price; 1856, Truston Polk; 1857, Hancock Jackson; 1857, R. M. Stewart; 1861, C. F. Jackson; 1861, H. R. Gamble; 1864, W. P. Hall; 1865, T. C. Fletcher; 1869, John R. McClurg; 1871, B. Gratz Brown; 1873, Silas Woodson; 1875, Chas. H. Hardin; 1877, John S. Phelps; 1881, Thos. T. Crittenden; 1885, Thos. S. Marmaduke; 1887, Albert P. Morehouse; 1889, David R. Francis; 1893, Wm. J. Stone; 1897, L. V. Stephens.

The average production of corn in 1895 was, in Missouri, 36 bushels to the acre; in Kansas, 24.30 bushels.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR PLATTE COUNTY.

J. F. Alexander, C. L. Banning, A. D. Barnes, R. T. Brightwell, I. W. Carson, Jerry Beery, Jos. B. Evans, A. M. Gustin, G. W. Kirby; G. H. Hatton, Michael McCaffery, W. S. Owens, W. F. Perrin, S. O. Sanderson, C. A. Smith, C. F. W. Sodeman, T. L. Turner, Jas. P. Shields.

JANUARY.

JOHN S. CRAIN'S FAMILY.

Jan. 1—John S. Crain was born in Fleming County, Ky., November 17, 1820, and now lives near Barry, in Platte County, Mo. He is a man of intelligence and genteel bearing. He married Florinda Markwell, who died in 1864; and he has since lived with his children:

- I. LEWIS CRAIN, lives in California.
- II. SHELTON, died unmarried.
- III. ELIZABETH J. CRAIN, b. Jan. 21, 1847; m'd July 9, 1865, David M. Clarke. (See.)
- IV. ELIZA CRAIN, m'd Daniel P. Jacks. (See.)
- V. BELLE CRAIN, m'd a Beckett, and died in Kansas.
- VI. ALICE CRAIN, m'd Matthias Fickle. (See.)
- VII. JAMES CRAIN, married and went to California.
- VIII. SALLIE CRAIN, m'd June 3, 1883, Daniel Brown. (See.)
- IX. WILLIAM CRAIN, m'd a Dooley at Barry.

The Banking House of Wells & Co., Platte City, Mo., increases its capital from \$20,000 up to \$50,000. The Park Bank, Parkville, Mo., reduces its capital from \$20,000 down to \$10,000.

Jan. 3—Temperature at 0°.

Jan. 6—There are 17 prisoners in the Platte City jail.

Pleasant Ridge has established a library.

Dearborn, Woodruff, and Swamp College have debating societies.

Jan. 10—Subscriptions are made for a new bank at Dearborn, to be known as the Farmers' Bank of Dearborn.

Jan. 11—J. C. THOMAS is killed at his home near Arnolds-ville by a fall from his horse. He was born in 1847; married in 1876 Julia, daughter of Jacob Deets. Their children: 1, Wilbur, b. in 1878; 2, Maud, b. in 1878; 3, Nora, b. in 1884; 4, Joseph, b. in 1885; 5, Lizzie, b. in 1886; 6, Chalmers, b. in 1890. Mr. Thomas was buried at Dearborn.

Jan. 13—Eli Link (i) celebrated, at his home 7 miles east of Platte City, his 88th birthday by inviting 25 of his old familiar friends to dine with him.

Jan. 16—THOMAS MORAN died at West Plains, Mo. (See.)

E. E. Allen has an excellent poem in the Parkville *Independent*, entitled "Alone."

Jan. 17—MRS. SABINA SCHNEIDER (Jordan) died near Farley, leaving several grown children. Garrard Chesnut administered.

Jan. 19—JOHN B. SHERWOOD died near Dearborn. He was born September 9, 1821; came to Platte November 18, 1839; married in February, 1843, Mary Ray. Ch: 1, Lucinda; 2, Joseph W.; 3, John W.; 4, Elizabeth; 5, Mary C.; 6, Letitia J.; 7, Susan; 8, Annie; 9, Adaline; 10, George; 11, James; 12, Albert. He served in the Confederate army, under Gen. Price, throughout the war.

Theo. Bridges, who came to Platte a few years ago, and settled opposite Leavenworth, is charged with incest, and found guilty on the testimony of his wife and daughter, his supposed victim. The girl is sent to the Home of the Friendless, at Leavenworth, and discharged as not *enciente*. The wife, without a divorce, marries, in a few days, an ex-convict, who had been prominent in prosecuting the husband.

The Agricultural, Mechanical, and Stock Association of Platte County, at Platte City, elects the following officers: James T. Clarke president, C. B. Cockrill vice-president, and the following directors: J. J. Blakley, J. J. Burgess, A. D. Burnes, J. W. Cox, H. C. Cunningham, D. A. Chesnut, J. M. Elgin, J. C. Hammond, A. T. Perrin, Eli Hardesty, R. L. Waller.

Jan. 22—Mrs. C. P. Ashby's house in Parkville burned.

Jan. 23—An 8-inch snow, that speedily disappears. Temperature, 15° above.

Jan. 26—War for independence is raging in Cuba.

MRS. WINNIE A. OSBORN, née Robertson, died at Weston. She was born in Nelson County, Ky., November 12, 1840. An orphan, she came with Solomon Bishop's family to New Market in 1857; married in 1859 Thos. A. Merchant, who died in 1870,

leaving: 1, J. W.; 2, Lee R.; 3, Lucy; 4, Alexander. J. W. and Alexander live at Kansas City, Lee R. lives in Weston, and Lucy married Mr. Simmons. Mrs. Winnie A. Merchant married, second, November 12, 1871, Farmer A. Osborn. She left children: 5, Nevada, m'd Feb. 17, 1892, W. H. Brill; 6, Lena, m'd Nov. 8, 1893, Wm. L. Thorp; 7, Sadie Osborn; 8, Farmer; 9, William; 10, O. Osborn. Mrs. Osborn was a sister of W. H. Robertson.

Jan. 27—SIMEON HUMPHREY, unmarried, died at the home of his father, Orlando Humphrey (see), three miles west of Platte City. He was born in Platte February 25, 1855. A man of truth, virtue, and piety, he gave his undivided attention to his father's dairy farm. He drove daily to Leavenworth a two-horse light wagon, with the products of the farm; and, it is said, that for two years prior to his last sickness, he never failed to cross the steel bridge daily each way.

ABSTRACT OF TAX BOOKS FOR 1896.

Total assessment for 1895, \$4,318,140 real and \$1,605,470 personal. Total assessment for 1896, \$3,508,930 real and \$1,524,990 personal—a falling off of real \$806,210, and of personal \$80,480.

Assessment of 1896, personal: Horses, 7,175, \$180,700; asses and jennies, 91, \$4,765; mules, 2,662, \$69,450; cattle, 15,680, \$197,255; sheep, 3,458, \$4,715; hogs, 24,574, \$68,945; money and notes, \$818,815; other property, \$180,345. Total, \$1,524,990.

By towns and cities, personal: Weston, \$103,890; Platte City, \$86,030; Parkville, \$59,740; Edgerton, \$43,510; Dearborn, \$31,760; Tracy, \$14,730; Camden Point, \$14,040; New Market, \$9,560; Linkville, \$4,860; Waldron, \$4,460; Farley, \$4,060; Ridgely, \$2,840; Iatan, \$2,250; Woodruff, \$1,220; Stillings, \$940. Total, \$381,050.

In 1895 the State Board of Equalization reduced the assessment and our assessor, therefore, made some reduction in 1896.

FEBRUARY.

JOHN HARVEY HUFFORD

Was a son of Jacob H. Hufford, of Virginia, son of Daniel Hufford. His mother was Mary Link, daughter of Jacob Link and Elizabeth Creeger. Mary Link was a sister of Israel and Eli Link. John Harvey Hufford was born and reared in Scott County, Ky., upon a farm. He married in Kentucky March 11, 1850, Sarah E. Simmons, b. December 25, 1832; died July 4, 1863. Mr. Hufford married, second, January 29, 1864, Bettie Scarce, born November 12, 1835, yet living. She is a daughter of James H. Scarce and Sarah Polletto, a sister of the wife of Elder G. B. Waller, and a niece of Sarah A. Nunnally. Mr. Hufford was a thriving farmer, and left for his widow and children 540 acres of excel-

lent land. He was a devoted member of the Christian Church, and his family are of their father's faith. By his first wife he had:

- I. ENOCH S. HUFFORD, b. March 1, 1853; m'd in 1873 Eveline White; 4 children.
- II. JAMES H. HUFFORD, b. Feb. 25, 1857; d. Nov. 23, 1886; m'd in 1876 Alice Noland; 2 children.
- III. MARY F. HUFFORD, b. April 24, 1859; d. March 30, 1891; m'd Nov. 13, 1877, Robt. Adams.
- IV. SARAH ELIZABETH HUFFORD, b. July 4, 1863. She is a young lady of superior education and accomplishments. By his second wife:
- V. JENNIE B. HUFFORD, b. Jan. 17, 1865; m'd Sept. 25, 1889. Joseph M. Sharp. (See.) Ch:
 1. Rita B. Sharp.
- VI. MAY BELLE HUFFORD, b. Sept. 8, 1866; m'd April 15, 1891, Wm. L. Bennett; 3 children.
- VII. JOHN W. HUFFORD, b. March 11, 1868; m'd Nov. 17, 1890, Sallie Letton; 2 children.
- VIII. ANNIE WOOD HUFFORD, b. Aug. 9, 1869.
- IX. ELI HENRY HUFFORD, b. Feb. 24, 1872.
- X. NEWTON S. HUFFORD, b. July 10, 1874.
- XI. KEMP M. HUFFORD, b. Feb. 11, 1877.

Mr. J. H. Hufford came to Platte March 1, 1856, and died December 2, 1895.

BENJ. SHELL, carpenter of Weston, died. He was born in North Carolina in 1818; came in 1851; left a widow and two daughters.

The Presbyterian Church of Parkville has three Christian Endeavor societies, with 200 members. The M. E. churches at Platte City, Weston, Dearborn, and other places have organized Epworth Leagues, which are flourishing.

Feb. 3—MRS. STACEY JACK, widow of L. C. Jack (see), died.

Feb. 5—WARREN HARRIS died (see) in Ozark County, Mo.

Feb. 7—Teachers' Institute at Parkville—25 present, led by Prof. McNeal; C. W. Bowen, commissioner, presiding.

D. R. Stallard sold his interest in the Camden Point Bank to Geo. A. Willis, who, with M. S. Hardesty, holds all the stock.

Feb. 9—JAMES R. McCORMICK, aged 22, son of J. T. McCormick, of Waldron, was killed by leaning out of the window of a train so far that his head struck a post.

WILLIAM J. BURDETTE is killed and WM. B. BURDETTE is mortally wounded in an affray at Sugar Creek Lake by Charles and George May. They were convicted in Buchanan of murder in the first degree in November, 1896.

E. E. Rettig buys J. W. Lucas' interest, one-half, in the Platte County *Argus*, and becomes sole editor. Lucas is employed in the office.

MRS. NANCY CHESNUT.

Feb. 10—Mrs. Nancy Chesnut died. She was a daughter of the late Lance Woodward, and was born April 21, 1846; married February 21, 1867, J. A. W. Chesnut. Ch:

I. FANNIE CHESNUT, b. Nov. 20, 1867; d. July 14, 1872.

II. FLORENCE, b. Dec. 24, 1869.

III. CLARENCE, b. Aug. 12, 1871.

IV. NAOMI, b. April 21, 1873. V. NANCY, b. March 1, 1875.

J. P. Clark retires from the *Edgerton Journal*, and Jim W. Graves becomes sole editor and proprietor.

MOTHER GOOSE'S MARKET.

Feb. 14—The Presbyterians of Platte City had their annual entertainment. Miss Lula Moore was "Mother Goose," and all the children of town were her goslings. Each assumed some legendary character, and dressed accordingly. The roads were terrible, yet the large room of the court-house was crowded. No admittance fee was charged, but from the sale of home-made articles the net sum of \$90 was realized.

Feb. 15—MARGARET ARNOLD, wife of W. L. Arnold, died at Parkville. Her maiden name was Beck, and she was born in Pennsylvania September 16, 1850; married in 1873 W. L. Arnold. Ch: 1, Lillie Thomas; 2, Minnie Arnold; 3, Irene; 4, William L.; 5, Chris. M.; 6, Mary M.; 7, Alice M.; 8, Laura L.; 9, Frances; 10, Lloyd H. Arnold.

Dr. J. M. Hale, of New Market, son of S. M. Hale, of St. Joseph, married Laura Boyer, of Easton, Mo.

The Ciceronean Society of Weston held their annual discussion. Theme: The Monroe Doctrine.

Feb. 17—PHILIP MOCK, aged 76, died at St. Joseph, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Simon Bauer; buried at Weston. He was a Union soldier during the war.

Feb. 19—SIDNEY SCHAFFER, of Daviess County, married Sarah, daughter of John Fox, of Hickory Grove, Platte County.

Feb. 21—The Salvationists, after operating for several months in Weston, hold a well-attended meeting in the opera house, Platte City.

John J. Morton's house burned. Loss, \$1,600, fully insured.

Feb. 22—Park College has had another \$1,000 presented to its endowment fund, by Mrs. McFarland, of Courtland, N. Y.

"The Dormitory" is the name of a new building for Park College, the foundations of which are to be laid this spring.

The Mackay Building is now complete. It is a magnificent structure of native stone, erected upon the bluff overhanging Park College, at a cost of \$50,000, one-half of which was contrib-

uted by Duncan Mackay. The corner-stone was laid in June, 1887, and the death of Mr. Mackay, and other impediments, delayed its completion.

Feb. 28—Jesse Collins has erected a beautiful frame residence on Atchison Hill, south of Platte City.

Chas. A. Smith's poem on Washington in the *Chronicle* is creditable. It is good in measure, rhyme, and sentiment, but lacks in diction.

A sufficient sum has been secured to build an Observatory for Park College, and the work has been commenced.

Feb. 29—Mrs. Elizabeth W. Mann's 74th birthday was celebrated by a reunion of all her descendants, except Mrs. Swope, at the old homestead, eight miles east of Platte City.

The weather for February was remarkably pleasant, and the warmest for 29 years; yet every day the thermometer fell to the freezing-point. No damage has been done to fruit. There was only 2 inches of snow, and only a half inch of rain and melted snow.

Topics—War in Cuba. Free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1. Terrible roads. Wheat not promising. County court granting dramshop license on a majority petition. Large numbers of Democrats announcing themselves for county offices. Daughters of the Confederacy and their coming 4th of July celebration at the fair grounds.

SAMUEL LOWMAN

Died lately at his home on Smith's Fork. He was born in Virginia February 22, 1805. He married, first, Charlotte Tridrick. Children:

- I. ELIZABETH LOWMAN, m'd E. G. McFall.
- II. MARGARET, m'd Jacob Kraus.
- III. EPHRAIM, m'd A. H. Dean Aker.
- IV. SARAH, m'd John Ecton.
- V. JOHN LOWMAN, b. Sept. 9, 1845; m'd Nov. 5, 1875, Georgia Silvertooth. Ch:
 1. Willie. 2. Albert. 3. Myrtle.
 4. Estella. 5. Dean. 6. Luella.
- Mr. Samuel Lowman married, second, Sarah Ecton. Ch:
- VI. JAMES H. LOWMAN.

MARCH.

LAND SALES.

Heirs of Daniel Carey to Joseph Carey, the Carey homestead, 160 acres, at \$50 per acre.

J. W. Magee to Bywaters & Harris, 80 acres near Settle, at \$42.50 per acre.

Arch. Brown to E. H. Hufford, 80 acres at \$45 per acre.

The Masterson farm sold to Mr. Peterson for \$51.25 per acre.

March 1—Christian Sunday-school at Tracy organized. A subscription is made for a Christian church at Tracy.

March 2—A Democratic Central Committee elected, with Davis Lanter chairman, and R. T. Murray secretary. Members: T. W. Davis, H. S. Yates, Ira Naylor, W. T. Hope, Sol. Cravens, John Thorn, R. O. Larkin, Ake Perrin, A. R. Demasters, W. A. Hughes, and E. W. Hull.

The county court lets the building of the bridge at Dearborn to the Missouri Bridge Company, at \$395.56.

The court purchased three Western wheel scrapers.

A. J. McClain is appointed superintendent of the poor-house.

March 3—The Salvationists, led by Capt. Joe Hawke, of Weston, hold services at the opera house, Platte City, with large audiences.

March 6—Oliver Swaney shipped at Tracy 98 hogs, averaging 360 pounds, of which 40 averaged 407 pounds.

The county pays \$14,000 of the county debt.

The Farmers' Bank of Dearborn commences business with G. W. Ray president, and M. L. Dix cashier.

March 7—The city council of Platte City buys a rock crusher, and proposes to grade, gutter, and macadamize the principal streets, at the cost of adjacent lot-owners.

March 9—A Christian Endeavor Society formed at Weston, with John Brill president.

March 11—Temperature, 15 degrees; 12th, 15 degrees; 13th, 10 degrees above.

The Knights of Pythias have raised \$4,000 to build a store-room and hall on Lot 4, Block 30, Platte City.

CAMDEN POINT MILITARY INSTITUTE.

Average attendance, 44 cadets. Rev. G. W. Everett has resigned the presidency. On the 7th the contest in oratory came off at Platte City.

March 14—The Republican mass-meeting at Platte City chose as delegates to the State Convention: L. M. McAfee, J. W. Grist, I. P. Hopkins, John Zarn, who were instructed to vote for Webster Davis for governor. J. W. Magee was recommended for district delegate to the National Republican Convention, to be held at St. Louis June 16, 1896. Delegates to the Congressional Convention were instructed for G. W. Crowther. The meeting demanded sound money.

The collections of the Parkville Presbyterian Church for home missions were \$112. The productive endowment of Park College is \$124,000; students, 350.

March 18—JUDGE JAMES E. LINCOLN, whose grandfather was a brother of President Abraham Lincoln, died at Liberty. He was born September 27, 1840. He held, at different times, the stations of city attorney of Liberty, prosecuting attorney of Clay, representative from Clay, probate judge, editor of the *Tribune*, etc., an advocate of temperance, and a Knight Templar.

March 19—MRS. MARY J. DEARING died in California, and was buried in Weston the 26th inst. She was a daughter of Rev. Wm. Patton, of Weston, and a sister of Virginia, wife of Godfrey Beaumont, now of Dallas, Texas.

B. J. Bless, editor of the *Weston Chronicle*, goes to Excelsior Springs, and, after using the Keeley cure for intemperance, comes back restored, and resumes his editorial work.

The Salvationists, in command of Capt. Joe Hawkes, have rented a room and are at work in Weston.

Professor Stevens is holding successful mesmeric and hypnotic séances at Platte City, Weston, Dearborn, and Parkville.

March 20—The contract to build the Pythian hall is let to G. W. Jenkins, of St. Joseph, for \$2,845.

MRS. SALLIE M. PARK, wife of Elihu Park, died at Kansas City. She was a daughter of C. C. Trabue and Malinda Wilson, and born in Jessamine County, Ky., September 18, 1844. The family came to Clay in 1858, and October 10, 1868, she married E. J. Park. Their ch: 1, Willie, b. July 26, 1876; 2, Susie A. Park, b. May 28, 1881.

Mrs. Maggie McCormick is appointed postmaster at Camden Point, in place of W. P. George, resigned.

Judge E. H. Norton commenced a series of speeches at Weston, Edgerton, etc., in favor of "sound money," but was taken with a debilitating disease that endangered his life.

March 24—MRS. MARY FRANCES DOWNEY, widow of Major Samuel Downey, died near Weston. She was a sister of David and Ben Holladay, and born in Nicholas County, Ky., September, 1833; came to Platte in 1852, and in 1855 married Samuel Downey, who died in 1862. Ch: 1, Samuel Downey (ii); 2, Maggie; 3, Jessie, m'd Robt. Crabb. A sister of Mrs. Downey was wife of Robert Bowen, who lived two miles west of Platte City until the war, when the family removed to Indiana.

March 25—JEPHTHA N. STAGNER died near Wallace. He was born in Madison County, Ky., October 20, 1826; married, first, in 1847, Elizabeth Stagner. After residing, successively, in Lafayette, Caldwell, and Clay counties, he settled in Buchanan in 1863. His ch: 1, Andrew L. Stagner; 2, W. Napier Stagner; 3, Albert R. Stagner. J. N. Stagner married, second, Ann Davis, who is mother of: 4, Dora Stagner, m'd Isaac Davidson; they removed to Oklahoma; 5, Eva B. Stagner, m'd Al Hillix; they live

near Camden Point; 6, Lena B.; 7, John O. Mr. J. N. Stagner was a Mason, and was buried in the Masonic cemetery at Camden Point.

Fifty voters of Weston publish a card, inquiring of the Democratic candidates for representative their choice for United States senator. All answered they would vote for Vest.

March 26—A terrific thunder-storm. T. O. Boydston, living near to Union Mills, lost by lightning six head of cattle, and near Weston several more were killed.

MISS ANNIE B. WELLS, daughter of Wm. C. Wells, died in Arizona, whither she had gone for health. Her remains were brought home for burial.

March 29—JOHN A. BEERY died. (See.)

March 31—A. J. HAMILTON, banker, died at Parkville, aged 65. He came from Cleveland, Ohio, to Kansas City, and thence to Parkville, and started the Park Bank. (See.) Of undoubted integrity, he was trusted and beloved. He left a wife and four children.

DAVID S. LOGAN

Lives at New Market, and is highly regarded as a citizen and Christian. He was born in Lincoln County, Ky., about 1823; married Nancy Shanks, a sister of A. L. Perrin's wife. Ch:

I. REBECCA LOGAN, b. Jan. 15, 1856; m'd March 1, 1882, Wm.

H. Paige, b. March 26, 1852. Ch:

1. *James D. Paige*, b. July 28, 1894.

II. JACK LOGAN, m'd Rhoda Ferrel. Ch:

1. *David Logan*.

Dr. R. P. Davis, of Tracy, brought over to Platte City his 60-fold magnifying telescope, and from Mr. Paxton's yard many had the pleasure of beholding Jupiter's bands and many double stars, as well as a good look at the moon.

APRIL.

April 1—W. M. Paxton gives in the *Argus* a list, in tabular form, of all sales of real estate in Platte County since January 1, 1896, showing totals: Acres sold, 4,480; consideration paid, \$177,051; average per acre, \$39.76; while the assessment of Platte County lands averages \$11.00.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION AT PLATTE CITY.

For mayor, Jerry Beery, 123; W. S. Owens, 37. Aldermen elected, J. A. Baldwin, G. F. Clemings, Nic Beery. School board elected, E. L. Anderson, G. F. Clemings. Hatton was chosen marshal. W. J. Fulton was chosen mayor of Parkville.

CEMETERY FINANCES.

W. M. Paxton, superintendent of Platte City cemetery, reports: Principal of Cemetery Fund, \$1,726.25, all of which is loaned out, on deed of trust, at 8 per cent. Interest in the treasury, \$223.36.

Hoover is an incipient town, situated at the point where the road from Platte City to Smithville crosses Todd's Creek. It has a Christian church, a store kept by T. Snodderly, who is postmaster, and a blacksmith shop kept by John Hodges. A mile north is Kerrsville, where there is a saw and grist mill run by wind—like most of our enterprises.

Dearborn Finances—Receipts, \$216.18; payments, \$203.44.

April 4—Teachers' Institute at Weston conducted by Frank Sexton.

Democratic primary resulted in the choice of "silver" delegates by a vote of 140 to 79.

Each Democratic candidate at the county primary is taxed \$17.50 to pay expenses.

April 6—J. W. Ryan's house in Weston burned.

The Ex-Confederates collect in the several school districts of Platte County \$164 for the Home at Higginville.

April 9—The *Argus* suggests the name of R. P. C. Wilson for United States senator.

April 12—An interesting Sunday-school Convention held at Farley, Wm. Schaback presiding.

April 13—Circuit Court: Judge W. S. Herndon presiding.

Grand Jury: Eugene Berry, E. Breckenridge, Jo Clarke (foreman), Pierce Collier, J. T. Cooper, John Hellman, J. Jenkins, Wm. Kisker, P. H. Linville, Wood Roberts, H. C. Turner, J. W. Williams.

Petit Jury: A. K. Andus, M. P. Balsley, J. E. Coons, D. K. Cox, J. M. Cox, J. H. Carson, T. B. Anderson, David Fisher, W. J. Fulton, Henry Johnson, A. Mann, L. O'Rourke, F. G. Park, R. W. Pack, Jesse Settle, N. Shackelford, P. Skinner, L. C. Stabler, David Sloan, Jas. Todd, W. C. White.

April 15—The new M. E. S. church at Dearborn is dedicated by Bishop Duncan and Bone, pastor. There were many visiting preachers present.

B. J. Bless, having taken the Keeley cure at Excelsior Springs, returns a well man, and resumes the editorial chair of the *Weston Chronicle*.

April 24—The brickwork of the hall of the Knights of Pythias at Platte City is complete, and G. W. Jenkins, contractor, commences work on the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Bane, on Block 37, Platte City.

April 25—Phoenix Lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F., of Weston, celebrates the 77th year of the order. Grand Lecturer T. P. Rixey is orator. The lodges of Dearborn, Edgerton, Farley, Parkville, and Platte City are represented.

JUDGE JAMES DONIPHAN, a brother of Col. John Doniphan, died at Maryville, Kas., and was buried at Weston. He was born in Brown County, Ohio, in 1839; educated at Andover, Mass.; went to Kansas in 1856, and laid off Maryville; probate judge of Marshall County, Kansas, in 1856; moved to Leavenworth; member of the Lecompton Constitutional Convention; came to Weston in 1858; judge of the court of common pleas; went to Arkansas in 1861; in Longstreet's division at Gettysburg; went to Nevada in 1865, and engaged in mining; removed to Idaho in 1883, but spent his winters in Maryville, Kansas, where he died. He possessed versatility of talent, and was highly honored. He married a daughter of John Doss (see), of Weston.

MAY.

COUNTY FINANCES.

Receipts.	\$56,497.47
Add cash on hand May 1, 1895.	12,152.53
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	\$68,650.00
Warrants drawn.	\$51,244.89
Add cash on hand May 1, 1896.	17,405.11
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	\$68,650.00
County bonded debt.	\$86,000
Of which has been called in.	13,400
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Actual debt.	\$72,600

These are the sums reported by the county clerk. The debt does not embrace outstanding warrants, which may be estimated at \$15,000. The receipts and expenditures are increased by the amounts ordered by the court transferred from one account to another. The actual expenditures were about \$36,000. The published statement does not show the sum of warrants issued; but from the statement I make out:

Receipts for paupers.	\$ 9,308
Roads and bridges.	6,958
Road Fund.	4,531
Salaries.	6,444
Juries.	1,923
Contingencies.	2,487
Fines and penalties.	922
Sinking Fund.	14,424
Institute Fund.	171
Road damages.	156

Unclaimed fees.....	\$ 449
Special road.....	2,684
Interest.....	4,175

\$54,632

Expenditures.

Bridge (Gordon's).....	\$2,250
Dooley branch.....	230
Other bridges and roads.....	8,292
Poor-house.....	200
Poor and insane.....	5,247
Assessor.....	747
County Justices.....	893
County Clerk.....	1,874
Circuit Clerk and criminal costs.....	1,967
Sheriff.....	891
School Commissioner.....	38
Prosecuting Attorney.....	450
Veterinary Surgeon.....	49
Printing.....	446
Stationery.....	778
Jail.....	490
Court-house.....	341
Treasurer.....	703
Costs in Fagan case.....	1,386
Road signs.....	18
Fair.....	100
Wood.....	344
County School Fund.....	564
Jurors and witnesses.....	3,397
County Institute Fund.....	195
Interest on bonds.....	3,803

\$36,193

Cash in the treasury May 1, 1896, \$17,409.11.

The assessment of the county is \$5,033,920. State tax, 15 cents. State interest tax, 10 cents on \$100. County levy, 50 cents. Sinking Fund, 20 cents. Interest Fund, 10 cents. Total, \$1.05.

The assessment of Clay County is \$5,834,879; of Clinton, \$5,843,706; Buchanan, \$28,384,738; the State, \$945,971,710. The average per acre throughout the State is \$7.50; in Platte, \$11.00.

County School Fund, \$13,353.52; Township School Fund, \$19,874.75. Total, \$33,228.28.

May 1—Leavenworth City population, 21,692. Last year, 20,701. Increase, 991.

Mrs. Alma Coots and her music class, assisted by Mrs. Maggie Park and Miss Nell Adams, give an entertainment at Weston.

The printing of the May financial statement offered by the county court to the lowest bidder. The Dearborn *Democrat* offered to do the printing for 23 cents per square, the *Argus* bid 30 cents, and the *Landmark* 35 cents. The job (strange to say) was given to the *Landmark*.

Work has been commenced on the Observatory for Park College.

May 4—The jury in the Wat. Reed murder case found him guilty of murder in the second degree, and sent him to the penitentiary for 99 years. The circuit court held 99 years as equivalent to life, and refused bail, but the Supreme Court held otherwise, and bailed him on a bond of \$22,500.

The spring has been favorable for farming. Wheat and fruit are promising.

JAMES GIBSON, aged 75, of Weston, committed suicide by shooting. He was found dead at an out-house of his son-in-law, M. L. McCormick. Ch: 1, Burt Gibson; 2, Mrs. Jas. A. Price; 3, Mrs. McCormick.

Prof. James Sexton and school gave a literary entertainment at the opera house, in Platte City.

May 5—AUGUST WINTER died near Stillings. Born in Germany in 1842; came in 1865. He left a widow and 10 children. His daughter, Minnie S. Winter, married April 9, 1896, Andrew E. Spinner.

WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Prof. C. W. Bowen principal, and Mrs. Alma Coots, Mrs. Lou Dunbar, Miss Nora Allen assistants; Prof. J. M. Barton colored teacher.

May 10—Republican mass-meeting at court-house makes nominations: Representative, I. P. Hopkins; Prosecuting Attorney, W. T. Clements; Collector, Wm. Kyle; Treasurer, W. R. Gladstone; Assessor, P. A. King; County Justices, Wm. Cockrael and B. F. Whiteley; Coroner, Jo. M. McComas; Surveyor, B. F. Hamner.

J. E. Perry is making a concrete pavement in front of the Central Hotel at Platte City.

May 12—Dr. J. J. Esmond, of Tracy, removes, with his family, to Kansas City.

May 14—Ascension Day. The Knights of Belt Commandery, No. 9, met the Knights of Weston Commandery, No. 2, and visited Sir Knights Talbott and Brasfield. The following participated in the festivities: Sir Knights Lewis Siler, A. Schneider, Jesse Brashear, Alex. Murdock, William Calvert, R. H. Woodring, and Lewis Magers, of Weston Commandery, No. 2. Sir Knights W. H. Ballard, E. L. Anderson, N. B. Anderson, J. S. Brasfield, J. J. Bur-

gess, A. D. Burnes, Fielding Burnes, J. L. Carmack, J. W. Coots, Jas. A. Baldwin, A. J. Colman, E. McD. Coffey, J. L. Freeland, J. J. Esmond, Jerry Beery, Jesse Hodges, W. T. Jenkins, C. Ham, E. J. Miller, Elihu Park, White McGee, Jas. Synnamon, J. H. Talbott, R. P. C. Wilson, F. M. Wilson, Camp. Wells, W. C. White, J. C. Soper, M. M. Miller, W. M. Paxton.

After saluting the Sir Knights of Tracy and Platte City, the Knights of Belt Commandery No. 9 returned to their asylum, and J. J. Burgess was chosen E. C. At night a sumptuous festival was spread at the Christian church for a hundred knights and ladies.

The Christian Church at Farley are erecting a house of worship.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION VOTE.

Representative—J. M. McMonigle, 1,325; Z. S. Collins, 731; W. L. Stephens, 685.

Sheriff—J. H. Dillingham, 1,310; C. M. Davidson, 1,222; W. J. Hancock, 262.

Collector—Ira N. Walker, 726; Wm. Forman, 720; T. B. Duncan, 640; H. D. Miller, 418.

Prosecuting Attorney—F. M. Wilson, 2,748.

Treasurer—R. P. S. Elley, 2,789.

Coroner—A. H. O'Dowd, 2,767.

Assessor—John E. Glass, 677; W. A. Wilson, 582; Harry Moore, 349.

County Judge—Eastern District, Jas. Morton, 1,208; Western District, J. W. Layton, 1,530.

Public Administrator—T. Baughman, 2,773.

Surveyor—W. E. Montague, 1,564; W. A. Banister, 1,166.

The first named for each office was nominated.

May 16—JOHN HORNBUCKLE killed at Pat Doran's saloon in Leavenworth by Stonewall Stewart. Both resided in the hills near Beverly, and were Democrats, neighbors, and friends, but their respective candidates were rivals for Democratic nominations. They met in a saloon at Leavenworth at 9 p. m., and angry words passed between them. They were separated, and Hornbuckle was led into an adjoining room. Stewart followed, and in a *mélée* that succeeded, Hornbuckle stabbed Stewart in several places. When Stewart saw the blood he was enraged, and drawing his pocket-knife, plunged it with vengeance into Hornbuckle's bosom, and he fell and died without speaking. Stewart was confined in the Leavenworth jail without bail. On trial he was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

One Fred Marks, who worked on the Hellman farm, near Beverly, witnessed the affray, and became deranged. After opening a vein in his wrist, he cast himself into a cistern, and, when found, was dead.

THE HORNBUCKLE FAMILY.

Hardin B. Hornbuckle came from Mason County, Ky., in 1839, and settled three miles west of Platte City. He died in February, 1845. His ch:

I. JAMES HORNBUCKLE. (See.)

II. JOHN HORNBUCKLE. (See.)

These were brothers. Their half-brother is

III. GILBERT C. HORNBUCKLE, of Weston.

Dr. J. V. Cornish, a druggist of Woodruff, becomes insane, and, after being found by a jury incapable of managing his business, is sent to the lunatic asylum at St. Joseph.

May 17—JIM McDONELL, aged 27, a son of Tim McDonell, residing on the Platte City and Weston road, committed suicide by blowing off half his head with a gun.

May 19—Six inches of rain in the last four days.

May 27—The operator at Kansas City notified us that the state of the atmosphere portended a cyclone. It came, but at St. Louis, with terrific force and ruin. There was quite a wind-storm here.

May 28—Commencement at Camden Point.

The Christian Church at Platte City forms a Christian Endeavor Society.

CATHERINE O'CONNER.

Catherine O'Conner was buried at the Catholic church, at Platte City. Her maiden name was Duffy. She married, first, P. H. McDonnell, in Ireland. They came to America, and settled near Barry in 1859, where the husband died, leaving:

I. BRIDGET McDONNELL, m'd a Moran, of Kansas.

II. KATIE McDONNELL, m'd John Foley.

III. ANTHONY McDONNELL, of Kansas City.

Mrs. McDonnell married, second, Michael O'Conner, born in Ireland July 26, 1816; died in Platte May 7, 1880.

May 29—Shakespearean recital at the opera house in Platte City by Miss Nell Adams and her class in elocution.

The 14-year locusts appear, and the "army worm." Neither do material damage.

May 30—Decoration Day observed at Platte City. Many visited the cemeteries, and at 2:30 p. m. there was a general meeting and several speeches.

Epworth League formed in the M. E. S. Church at Platte City; Thomas Flannery president.

Frank Sexton chosen principal of Platte City Public School, with Anna Wilson assistant.

CHAS. F. SODEMAN was born in Ohio August 24, 1842; came to Platte after the war; settled four miles north of Platte

City; taught school; married Katie Frazier, daughter of George, and engaged in farming. Ch: 1, Alice, m'd Aug. 10, 1889, John C. Jones; 2, Anna; 3, Frazier; 4, Agnes, m'd Henry Wagle, son of John; 5, William Sodeman; 6, Nannie; 7, James; 8, Jessie; 9, Susie; 10, Lela; 11, Ralph W.; 12, Ray Sodeman.

JUNE.

GRADUATES.

At Parkville: Adah E. Brokaw, A. J. K. Buchanan, Ed D. Clark, Jas. G. Clark, W. M. Dager, Ella D. Dunbar, Leila Frazer, John G. Henderson, Ora D. Keith, Roy V. Magers, E. M. Martin, Cleona B. Matthews, Paul Naylor, H. V. Plant, Margaret J. Ralston, Lillie M. Robinson, Chas. F. Romig, Jas. H. Salsbury, S. Grace Street, Nellie M. Taylor.

At Camden Point: Maggie Bryan, Lura Bucklew, Emma Hawks, Lillian Middleton, Minnie Nash, Pearl Shackelford.

At Gaylord Institute: Vista Hahn.

At Weston Public School: Edna E. Vermillion, Geo. D. Magers, Hugh Graves.

PARK COLLEGE REPORTS.

Students enrolled, 446; expenditures, \$28,337.62; receipts, \$24,774.81; deficit, \$3,562.87, which was contributed by individuals on an appeal to the public.

The said sum of \$28,337.62 was contributed as follows: By individuals, \$22,601.98; churches, \$208.77; by Sunday-schools, \$492.23; by Missionary Societies, \$139; by students, \$2,548.65; by sales and work, \$2,108.99. Cash on hand, \$238.

Rev. J. R. Finley commenced preaching for the Presbyterian Church at Platte City.

Weston has a curfew law. The city of Weston, by ordinance, levy a tax of 50 cents on the \$100, and require \$2 work on the street.

The business houses of Platte City sign an agreement to close their doors at 7 p. m. throughout the summer.

June 2—CHARLES KNOPF died near Farley. He was born in Baden-Baden October 20, 1834; came to Platte in 1854; married Sophia ———. Ch: 1, Elizabeth Knopf, m'd April 3, 1879, William Ode.

June 4—Populist Convention at the court-house to select delegates for the District Convention at St. Joseph the 6th, and the State Convention at St. Louis.

Christian Endeavor Societies organized at Platte City, Weston, Parkville, and Linkville.

ALEXANDER BRECKINRIDGE.

June 6—Alexander Breckinridge, the fifth of the name, died at Edgerton, Mo. He was born December 25, 1829, in Bourbon County, Ky. He was 6 feet 2 inches high, and weighed over 200 pounds. Intelligent, genial, hospitable, charitable, and urbane, he was highly esteemed. His presence demanded respect, and his word was never doubted. A member of the Christian Church, and leaving no child to inherit his estate of \$20,000, he bequeathed it to his wife for life, and at her death to go to the State Christian Orphan School at Fulton, Mo.

Mr. Breckinridge was twice married: first, to Nancy Winn, of Clinton County, Mo., daughter of James Winn. After her death, childless, he married, second, Mary E. Scott, born in October, 1836, daughter of Washington Scott, who was born in Bourbon County, Ky., December 18, 1812, and died near Barry, Mo., February 6, 1857. She lives, childless, at Edgerton.

THE BRECKINRIDGE LINEAGE.

This illustrious family are descended from Alex. Breckinridge (i), immigrant from Ireland to Orange County, Va., in 1740, who left children: 1, John; 2, George; 3, Robert; 4, Smith; 5, Letitia; 6, Alexander (ii). Two other names are obliterated from the original record. Alexander Breckinridge (ii) had a son, Alexander (iii), who settled in Bourbon County, Ky., and married Magdalen Gamble, of the family of Hamilton Gamble, war governor of Missouri.

CHILDREN OF ALEX. BRECKINRIDGE (iii).

- I. GEORGE BRECKINRIDGE, who came to Missouri.
- II. ROBIN BRECKINRIDGE, went to Ohio.
- III. JAMES, whose daughter married Hodges, of the Frankfort *Yeoman*.
- IV. ALEXANDER BRECKINRIDGE (iv), m'd Ann Chambers. A child was Elmore Breckinridge, who died near Platte City Nov. 25, 1880, and whose wife was Letitia Strode. (See.)
- V. JOHN BRECKINRIDGE, m'd Mary Duncan, of Bourbon County, Ky. Their only child was:
 1. *Oliver P. Breckinridge*, who married Nancy Ellis, and had: [^a] James; [^b] Mary Wilmot; [^c] Susan Canby; [^d] Sallie, wife of Prof. J. W. Ellis.
 - Mary (Duncan) Breckinridge died, and John Breckinridge m'd 2d, Ann Brooks, and had:
 2. *Mary*, who m'd 1st, a Masser, and 2d, a Talbott.
 3. *John*, who m'd Nancy Kerr.
 4. *George*, who m'd Jane Ardry.
 5. *Alexander Breckinridge* (v), the subject of our sketch.
 6. *Ann Ardry*.

7. *Fannie Stark*, mother of Senator J. G. Stark.

8. *Adam*, m'd Reb. Wilmot. 9. *Abijah*, m'd Ann Boone.

R. W. Pack is appointed postmaster at Woodruff.

W. T. Clements, Henry Hunter, and Guy Park graduate at the law department of the State University, and are admitted to our bar.

June 7—A cloud-burst at Platte City—1½ inches of rain fell in 20 minutes.

June 8—Democratic conventions at Platte City sent delegates to Congressional, Senatorial, and State conventions. The latter instructed for Stephens for governor, Jourdan for attorney general, Pitts for treasurer, Seibert for auditor, Gash for lieutenant-governor, and Ramey for supreme judge. The senatorial delegates were instructed for W. C. Wells.

The Supreme Court decided the Wat. Reed case was bailable, and he is released on \$22,500 bond.

June 11—Commencement at Gaylord Institute. The tablet to F. G. Gaylord unveiled by Miss Phœbe Paxton, with a neat speech. Its inscription: "To the perpetual memory of Frederick Graham Gaylord, who was born January 24, 1816, and died October 1, 1893, this tablet is erected, by his grateful students, who, by this simple tribute, record their attestation for their faithful teacher and Christian friend."

June 14—Epworth League rally at Platte City. By invitation of the Platte City league, the leagues from Weston and Dearborn spend the Sabbath in literary exercises.

Two prisoners, Garrison and Addington, made their escape from the Platte City jail, by opening the door in the absence of the jailer and his family. Garrison, two weeks later, was captured.

J. L. McCluer removes from Platte City to Independence, Mo., with his family.

June 15—MRS. LELA DARNALL NORTON, wife of Mr. Preston Norton, died, at her home, four miles east of Platte City. I have already noticed this lovely woman. (See.) I wrote for her funeral, and distributed to her friends, a poem of five stanzas, two of which I here reproduce:

There lies my dear daughter, for such I esteemed her,
But closed are her eyelids, and cold is her clay.
Her spirit has gone to the Lord who redeemed her,
And with Him forever in rapture shall stay.
All pain and afflictions, all sickness and sorrow,
Are changed into peace, in the life without end;
No cares for to-day, and no fears for to-morrow,
Shall ever again her sweet spirit offend.

No feeling of scorn, and no glance of derision,
 Was ever expressed in her soul-beaming eye;
 But all who approached her, whatever their mission,
 Were charmed by her grace, and could boldly draw nigh.
 To God she was faithful in prayers and in labors,
 And worship was always her greatest delight.
 Admired by strangers, and loved by her neighbors,
 Her name will be dear, and her memory be bright.

June 17—The stables in the north corner of the fair grounds burned.

June 18—Wm. McKinley nominated for President, and G. A. Hobart for Vice-President, by the Republicans at Chicago.

June 20—One inch of rain, followed by one inch more the 22d. Prospects for corn were never more flattering.

Johnson & Fulcher let to G. W. Jenkins a contract to build a store-house on Lot 3, Block 30, Platte City.

June 21—MRS. MARY ANN LOWE, the oldest inhabitant of the county, died at Iatan, aged over 100 years.

June 25—Grand celebration of Knights of Pythias at Weston, on the occasion of the organization of a new lodge; 26 members were initiated. Kansas City, St. Joseph, Leavenworth, and Platte City sent representatives.

June 26—Preston Township held an interesting convention of Sunday-schools.

June 28—M. T. Moore, of Kansas City, is licensed to keep a ferry across the Missouri River at Parkville.

June 30—County Sunday-school Convention at Edgerton was largely attended, and great enthusiasm manifested. Prof. Stephens was reelected president.

A. D. BARNES,

A justice of the peace, residing near Barry, attended county court, resigned his office, returned home, and the next morning was found dead. He bore an unblemished character, and was esteemed and trusted. He married Margaret Mathews. Ch:

I. LAURA E. BARNES, m'd John K. Martin. Ch:

1. *Clinton*. 2. *Mamie*. 3. *A. D.* (ii).

II. JAMES M., m'd Mattie V. Garten. Ch:

1. *R. G.* 2. *J. H.* 3. *Mary*.

4. *Guy*. 5. *A. D.* (iii). 6. *Patsy*.

III. JOHN L. BARNES, m'd Milly White. They live in Carroll County, Mo.

IV. LUTHER P., m'd Irene Cox; no children.

V. WM. P. BARNES, lives in Clay.

VI. BEN L., lives in Washington Territory.

June 30—The Anti-Brigham Mormons held a meeting in a tent at Edgerton. They were not kindly received.

JULY.

July 1—State debt reported, \$5,097,000, bearing $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Platte City School Finances—Received, \$2,058; paid out, \$1,372.

Weston School Finances—Received, \$2,544; paid out, \$2,587. Rev. A. O. Riall succeeds Elder C. A. Moore as principal of the Camden Point Orphan School.

July 4—Ex-Confederates celebrate at the fair grounds. Privileges of selling refreshments let out, and 10 cents admittance charged. A heavy rain the 3d and showers the 4th caused diminished attendance; yet the net receipts were \$161.41.

July 5—WILLIAM WINZER died. He was born in Saxony July 28, 1831; married May 17, 1856, Rosina C. Wirth; came to America in 1849, and settled at Weston in 1855. A stonemason, he erected many structures in Weston. Moved in 1875 to Doniphan County, Kansas, where he died.

MRS. LYDIA NELSON died near Dearborn. She was born in Ashe County, N. C., June 11, 1812; married in 1854 Jonathan Nelson, who survives with two sons, Hack and Charles.

July 18—Heavy rains, assuring a fine crop of early corn. The barns of Emmanuel Sharp and of Mr. Dean, near Parkville, struck by lightning and burned.

July 19—MRS. ZIBA ANN THOMPSON, wife of J. B. Thompson and daughter of Wm. Ussary (see), died at New Market. She was born March 7, 1840; married April 16, 1860, J. B. Thompson, who survives. Ch: 1, Pluma, b. in 1875; 2, Lydia, m'd Dec. 25, 1895, Ronne Wood. There are other children.

July 29—COL. CALVIN FLETCHER BURNES (see), the St. Joseph banker, died.

July 31—MRS. MILDRED BRADY died at her home in Platte City. She was born in Rockingham County, Va., January 8, 1819. Her parents were William Raines and Frances Eddings, who removed to Howard County, Mo., about 1823, and there Mildred Raines married May 7, 1839, Capt. John C. Brady, born in Philadelphia July 31, 1806; died in 1854. They came to Platte City shortly after marriage, and here their lives were spent. Capt. Brady served in the Army of the West in the Mexican War. He was a genial, hearty, and companionable gentleman. They left two children: 1, John W. Brady (see); 2, Ann Brady, married Wm. Miller (see).

WILLIAM ENDICOTT

Came to Platte after the war, and settled near Ridgeley. His children were:

- I. JOHN A. ENDICOTT, died unmarried.
- II. DOC. ENDICOTT, m'd Dicie Cartwright. Ch:
 1. *Jose*, m'd Leon Blankenship. (See.)
 2. *Richard*, m'd Mary Morehouse. 3. *James*.
 4. *Nilson*. 5. *George*, m'd Leah Murphy.
- III. WILLIAM ENDICOTT (ii), m'd July 29, 1880, Eliza ———. Children:
 1. *Alfred*. 2. *Katie*.
- IV. JAMES L. ENDICOTT, m'd Caroline Blankenship. Ch:
 1. *Thos. C. Endicott*, m'd Malinda Miles. Ch: [*a*] Dora Endicott, m'd Clarence Sale; [*b*] Flora, m'd Geo. Masoner (see); [*c*] Lewis; [*d*] Waller.
 2. *William Endicott* (ii), m'd Ella Moore. Ch: [*a*] Claude; [*b*] Charles.
 3. *Sylvester*. 4. *Matilda*, m'd John Rupe.
 5. *James H. Endicott* (ii), m'd Dec. 23, 1886, Mary E. Davis. Ch: [*a*] Maude Endicott; [*b*] Grace.
 6. *John A. Endicott* (ii), b. Jan. 3, 1867; m'd July 4, 1887, Amanda Arnold, b. in 1886, dr. of Jerome. Ch: [*a*] Ona, b. Sept. 6, 1889; [*b*] John V., b. July 6, 1892; [*c*] Cecil, b. Nov. 15, 1895.
- V. JOSEPH ENDICOTT, married and died, leaving children.

JAMES HIATT

Married Elizabeth Moore in Kentucky, and came to Platte in 1837, and settled on a farm eight miles north of Weston. He died in 1856, and his wife in 1872. Ch:

- I. LEEANNIE HIATT, m'd 1st, a Hixon, who died, leaving:
 1. *David Hixon*. 2. *Mary*, m'd Red Smith.
 3. *America*, m'd Addison Massie.
 Leeannie married, second, a Sloan.
- II. ISAAC G. HIATT (see), m'd 1st, a Kuykendall. Ch:
 1. *Lancaster*. 2. *Bettie B*.
 - Isaac G. Hiatt m'd 2d, Jane Tipton, dr. of Jonathan. Ch:
 3. *Barbara*. 4. *Carrie*. 5. *Jonathan*. 6. *Doniphan*.
- III. JESSE HIATT, married, and wife died, leaving:
 1. *Margaret*. 2. *Jonathan*. 3. *A babe*.
- IV. ANDERSON HIATT, b. in Worth County, Mo., in Aug., 1822; m'd in 1848 Paulina Cogdill, b. in 1827; dead. Ch:
 1. *James W. Hiatt*, b. Dec. 23, 1849; m'd in 1876 Julia Roberts, b. in 1850, dr. of Edward. They live 7 miles north of Weston. Ch: [*a*] Florence, m'd Jan. 29, 1893, Sam'l O. Galbraith; [*b*] Clifford; [*c*] Maggie Hiatt; [*d*] William; [*e*] John; [*f*] Charles; [*g*] James; [*h*] Ida Hiatt.

2. *Sarah Hiatt*, m'd H. R. Wilkerson. Ch: [^a] Maggie; [^b] Dora; [^c] Pauline Wilkerson.
 3. *Willard Hiatt*. 4. *Geo. Hiatt*. 5. *Emily*, m'd a Briscoe.
 6. *Annie*, m'd a Hardy. 7. *Jacob*. 8. *Ida*.
 9. *Merit*, m'd a Simmons. 10. *Thomas Hiatt*. 11. *Isaac*.
 V. JOHN HIATT, m'd Melissa Cogdill. Ch:
 1. *Nathaniel*. 2. *Jesse*. 3. *James Hiatt*. 4. *William*.
 VI. ELIZABETH HIATT, m'd Peter Simmons. Ch:
 1. *Nelson*. 2. *James*. 3. *Jane Simmons*.
 4. *John*. 5. *Price*.

AUGUST.

Platte County Schools—Number of children, 5,033; State school moneys, \$4,833.30; ratio, 96 cents to each child. State Fund distributed, \$224,940.

Aug. 1—BEN CARTER died near South Gale. He was born in Mason County, Ky., July 10, 1822; married April 28, 1846, Ma-linda Vermillion, who survives. They celebrated their golden wedding and had a reunion of eight children.

A Bryan Club formed in Platte City.

Population of Leavenworth, 21,120.

Emancipation Day observed at Platte City by the negroes, with picnic, music by their band, and by speaking.

J. E. Perry erects hay scales east of the Central Hotel in Platte City.

Aug. 8—Hot spell. Thermometer 102 degrees; 9th, 100 de-grees; 10th, 100 degrees; 11th, 96 degrees. After several days at 80 degrees, the mercury continued at 92 degrees for a week. Late corn was injured, but the early crop was large. Wheat about an average. Fruit immense. Pears, \$1; apples, 50 cents; peaches, 75 cents per bushel; watermelons abundant. The latter part of the month rains were copious, and ground was in good order for fall plowing.

"OLD SACRAMENTO"

Aug. 10—The *Argus* has some correspondence, which elicits the fact that the Army of the West, returning from the Mexican War, brought back with them two cannon, captured at the bat-tle of Sacramento. The larger, a 12-pounder, was left at Jeffer-son City, and the smaller, a 6-pounder, was brought to Platte City, and each was known as "Old Sacramento." The larger was used throughout the Civil War in the South, and lost in the Mississippi River. The smaller was used in celebrations until 1856, when the Southern men took it to Kansas, where it fell into the hands of Free State men. In May, 1896, it was exploded, near Lawrence, Kansas, when fired over the spot where some one had been drowned, to raise the body.

Circuit Court: W. S. Herndon, judge; Oscar Berry, sheriff; F. M. Wilson, prosecuting attorney; Joe L. Freeland, clerk.

Grand Jurors: C. F. Murdock (foreman), Geo. Burt, Sol Cravens, P. S. Davis, Wm. Elgin, B. F. Higgins, Jas. Murphy, John Naylor, Elihu Park, Wm. Reese, Jas. Tatman, C. Thorp.

Petit Jurors: Jas. Allen, Thos. Boydston, John Beller, T. J. Carson, Joe Elgin, Richard Elliott, Jacob Ham, Jas. Jameson, John McDaniel, Jas. L. Miller, J. J. Morton, Henry Overdick, S. R. Pope, Henry Porter, A. L. Scarce, Roscoe Schlater, John Vandrell, John Walker, W. A. Wilson, Bert Yerrington.

J. H. Hull enrolled as a member of the bar.

Railroad, bridge, and telegraph assessment of the State for 1896, \$76,036,918—an increase over 1895 of \$1,595,374.

Aug. 11—CHARLES F. WINCHELL died at Parkville. He was professor of Greek in Park College, president of Park College Alumni, son of Homer H. Winchell and Susan McAfee; born at Palmyra, Mo., September 21, 1867. Came to Parkville in 1884; married January 28, 1892, Margaretta P. Best, a graduate of Park College. Their children: 1, Isabella G.; 2, Homer B. Winchell.

Aug. 12—A. J. Colman is taking out the brick front of his store in Platte City, and is replacing it with a glass front.

Johnson & Fulcher's new double store-house is finished.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bane's new dwelling house on Block 37 in Platte City is complete, and she removes into it.

Aug. 15—Picnic at Dearborn.

Aug. 17—Republican Congressional Convention at St. Joseph renominates Geo. Crowther.

Aug. 19—Price Overbeck plead guilty on two indictments for stealing cattle, and was sentenced to four years' imprisonment.

County court pays \$535 for the bridge at Woodruff.

Aug. 20—A grand picnic at Edgerton. Addresses by R. P. C. Wilson, W. C. Wells, and C. F. Cochran.

Aug. 25—The county fair. Weather favorable, expenses paid, but the debt slightly increased.

COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The County Teachers' Institute adjourned after a month's session at Weston. Following is a list of the names and addresses of the various teachers in attendance:

Weston—Julia Mann, Tula Graves, Maud Durkes, B. B. Fellows, V. H. Elliston, Alma Coots, R. W. Overbeck, Hannora C. Allen, W. A. Potter, W. F. Allen, Mollie Keller, Ella Newton, J. H. Turner, Edna Vermillion, H. C. Mitchell, S. B. Hovey.

Platte City—F. C. Oakes, J. R. Owsley, Vista Hahn, J. F. Sexton, W. A. Sloan.

Parkville—Maggie Luthy, Lou L. Dunbar, W. L. Palmer.
Barry—Alice Williams, Mamie Allen.
Stillings—Dora and Pauline Renz.
Edgerton—Maud Ingram, R. W. Denney, D. P. Cox, Vida
Handley, W. M. Boydston, G. A. Porter.
New Market—Iola Veatch.
Waldron—F. W. Hymer, N. E. Grisham.
De Kalb—James S. Dix.
Hurdland—B. H. Bowen.
Dearborn—Hattie Ferril.
Smithville—Florence Barnard, J. A. Aker, Katie Scott,
Claudie Lowman, Nannie Miller.
McFall—W. B. Lawrence.
Jameson—H. V. Hickman.
Camden Point—Minnie Culp, R. B. Woodson, Lou Curtis.
Settle's Station—Anna Soderman.
Linkville—J. M. Wright, E. A. McMonigle, E. N. Rule.
Stanberry—D. O. Robertson.
Ridgeley—J. R. Wright, T. A. Smith, Nick Connor.
Sugar Lake—Lula Pearman, Ella Rose.
Iatan—J. C. Evans.
St. Joseph—Mollie Duncan.
Tracy—Lucy Keenin.

Aug. 26—J. W. Graves, editor and proprietor of the *Edgerton Journal*, sells out to J. Perry Clark, and removes to New Hampton, Mo.

Dr. W. H. Lewis, of Edgerton, removes to Le Grange, but soon returns, and locates at Dearborn; and Rev. R. H. Jones, of the same place, pastor of the Baptist Church, removes to Lexington, Mo.

Henry Owsley is selected by Representative Z. Sam Collins to receive a scholarship in the State University.

The Camden Point *News*, a small newspaper, was issued for a few weeks at Camden Point.

SEPTEMBER.

Sept. 2—Sunday-school picnic at Iatan, addressed by Hamp. Cook.

Sept. 5—The county Populists met at the court-house, and resolved to support the Bryan county ticket, with Cochran for Congress, and Wells for the State Senate. The national Democracy had no organization in the county, and neither had the Prohibitionists.

J. W. Ryan now has charge of the Perkins House, in Weston.

Sept. 12—Bryan Clubs are organized at Platte City, Weston, Parkville, Camden Point, Dearborn, Iatan, and at other points. A McKinley Club at Waldron.

Railey & Bro., bankers, of Weston, Mo., remove to their new banking house, at the corner of Main and Thomas Streets.

Fulcher & Johnson, grocers and dry goods merchants, Platte City, Mo., enter their new store-house, on Lot 3, Block 30.

Sept. 15—Oscar Berry bought Hulett's grocery store in Platte City, and Hulett removed to his farm, lying northeast and adjacent to the town.

Diphtheria, in a malignant form, is prevalent in Parkville. W. C. Judy and several of his family died. Dr. A. T. Holt lost a daughter, Anna, and H. B. McAfee two children.

The M. E. S. Church are building a new church at Parkville. Sidney Jacks sold his farm at \$52.50 per acre.

Sept. 21—Dr. Frank H. Newton, of St. Louis, opens a branch dental office in Parkville.

Sept. 26—Dramatic Club formed at Camden Point. Officers: W. N. Stagner, president; J. H. Cook, vice-president; Mrs. W. N. Stagner, secretary; Mrs. McKinney, corresponding secretary; J. A. Willis, treasurer; Prof. Frank Bosworth, general manager.

THE BRINK FAMILY.

John Brink, of Kentucky, married Nancy Winn. His father was Philip Brink. The family descended the Ohio in a flat-boat, and ascended the Mississippi and Missouri rivers in a Mackinaw boat to Howard County, Mo. They thence removed to Boone, and in 1840 John Brink and family came to Platte and settled in Pettis Township. Ch:

I. A. JACKSON BRINK, d. about 1890; m'd Polly A. Tribble, dead. Ch:

1. *John Brink*, m'd Ruth Nash. Ch: [*a*] Alex.; [*b*] Jackson; [*c*] Alvey.

II. JACKSON BRINK, killed in the war in 1864; m'd April 9, 1840, Mary Jane Rule. Ch:

1. *John W.*, lives in Johnson Co., Kas.

2. *Jackson*, lives in Oklahoma.

III. ELIJAH BRINK, m'd Malinda Garges, dr. of Joel. Ch:

1. *Joel*. 2. *Charles*. 3. *James M.* 4. *John W.*

5. *Zelpha*. 6. *Frank*. 7. *Martha Brink*.

IV. ABSALOM H. BRINK, b. in Boone Co., Mo., Aug. 14, 1825; d. Nov. 3, 1894; m'd Dec. 15, 1846, Julia A. Noland, dr. of Nicholas. (See.)

V. WILLIAM BRINK, d. in Oct., 1893; m'd Dec. 30, 1852, Cyn. Ann Garges. They live in Oklahoma.

VI. SARAH BRINK, m'd Nov. 25, 1847, A. Lee Brown. They live near Waldron. Ch:

1. *Jennie Brown*, m'd Jas. H. Noland. 2. *Charles*.

VII. MARY BRINK, m'd Jas. McClain; d. in Nov., 1894. Ch:

1. *Emma*.

BENJAMIN FERREL

Is a brother of Dr. Jacob Ferrel, to whose sketch we refer for parentage. He is a worthy cultured gentleman, residing on a farm near Hampton. He was born in Berkeley County, W. Va., December 29, 1832; married December 1, 1857, Sarah A. Maxwell. Ch:

- I. WILLIAM M. FERREL, b. Oct. 20, 1858; m'd Emma Cook, dr. of Hamp. He died, and she m'd 2d, J. Nower.
- II. JAMES B. FERREL, b. Sept. 9, 1862; m'd Ada, dr. of Grandville Brightwell; 3 children.
- III. GEO. A. FERREL, b. May 7, 1864; m'd Anna, dr. of W. P. Brightwell (see); 2 children.
- IV. CHAS. J. FERREL, b. in April, 1866; a mute.
- V. MOLLIE A. FERREL, b. in Aug., 1868; m'd H. C. Heady; 2 children.
- VI. JESSE V. FERREL, single.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 2—Stonewall Stewart convicted, in Leavenworth, of murder in the second degree for killing John Hornbuckle, and sentenced to three years in the Kansas penitentiary.

Oct. 5—Twenty-nine additions to the M. E. Church in Edgerton, under the preaching of Miss Wiltenmyer, of Illinois.

T. J. Porter and C. F. Cochran advocated "free coinage of silver" at the court-house.

W. T. GALBRAITH.

Oct. 6—W. T. Galbraith died four miles east of Platte City. He was born in Anderson County, Tenn., October 27, 1833; was a son of Joseph Galbraith and Nancy Tunnell; married in 1854, in Tennessee, Nancy S. Oliver, born in 1833, dr. of Douglas Oliver. They removed in 1854 to Mercer County, Mo., and thence to Platte in 1857. After renting until 1869, he bought land in Gooseneck, which he sold in 1886, and bought 100 acres, on which he died. His wife survives, with children:

- I. MARY E. GALBRAITH, m'd Ira S. Boyd. They live a half-mile west of Camden Point. Ch:
 - 1. *Ida Boyd*, m'd Ben Sowell. Ch: [*a*] *Richard*.
 - 2. *Ettie Boyd*. 3. *Wm. R.* 4. *Gobelia*. 5. *Frank*.
 - 6. *Chas. Arthur*. 7. *James Boyd*.
- II. NANCY F. GALBRAITH, m'd Wm. T. Dickason. Ch:
 - 1. *Eva*. 2. *Walter L.* 3. *Lelia*. 4. *Ola B.* 5. *Anna*.
- III. CHAS. H. GALBRAITH, b. Aug. 22, 1861.
- IV. SAMUEL O. GALBRAITH, b. in 1866; m'd Florence Hiatt, dr. of James. Ch:
 - 1. *Clifford*.

V. SARAH LEE GALBRAITH.

VI. MALINDA JANE GALBRAITH, m'd in 1893 M. T. Snoderly.

VII. FRANK J. GALBRAITH.

Oct. 8—Apples abundant and selling at 80 cents per barrel.

EX-GOV. SILAS WOODSON

Died at his home in St. Joseph, from the infirmities of age. As his residence was for a time in our county, and as he for years presided as our circuit judge, he is entitled to our notice. His lineage and posterity have already been given. He was of an illustrious family, and his distinguished career added new luster to the name. He was born in Knox County, Ky., May 18, 1818. After serving two terms in the Kentucky House of Representatives, and as a member of the State Constitutional Convention. He came to Missouri in 1854. At the general election in 1860 he was elected judge of our circuit, succeeding Judge Norton. At the November election in 1872 he was chosen governor of the State. In 1885 he was appointed judge of the criminal court of Buchanan County, and was continued in office until June 11, 1895, when, from physical disability, he retired, and was succeeded by Judge R. E. Culver.

Oct. 9—Rev. M. L. Gray, the new M. E. S. preacher for Platte City and Weston, having taken the parsonage, the people make him a donation.

Oct. 13—The Free Silver Democracy held a red-letter day at Platte City. The Bryan clubs of the county assembled at the court-house. Senator Cockrell made an address in the afternoon, and John H. Atwood, of Leavenworth, spoke at night. A handsome torch-light procession, headed by a band, paraded the streets, and great enthusiasm was manifested.

JOHN JACKSON'S FAMILY.

He married Elizabeth Crosswell, and they lived one mile east of Platte City. Ch:

I. JANE JACKSON, m'd David Layson. They live in Nebraska; 6 children.

II. JOHN JACKSON, m'd Sallie Freeze, sister of Alexander. They live in Cartersville, Mo.; 8 children.

III. SARAH JACKSON, m'd F. Walker; went to Iowa; 2 children.

IV. ANNA JACKSON, m'd Wm. E. Oliver. (See.) Ch:

1. *Kate Oliver*, b. March 29, 1860; m'd Sept. 20, 1878, John Mitchell, b. in 1845; d. Dec. 9, 1895. Ch: [*a*] Edgar; [*b*] Jessie.

2. *Bettie Oliver*, b. June 8, 1863; m'd Hon. Arch. Woodson. (See.) Ch: [*a*] Lorene; [*b*] Arch.; [*c*] Helen.

3. *Anna Oliver*, m'd Ewell Payne. Ch: [*a*] Anna B.; [*b*] Frank; [*c*] E. J. Payne.

4. *Harvey Oliver*.

5. *Alice*, m'd John Cropp. Ch: [*a*] Earl Cropp.

V. MISSOURI JACKSON, m'd a Manhard. Ch:

1. *Mary*. 2. *Eddie*.

VI. ALICE JACKSON, m'd Ed Ruthven. (See.)

JOHN HOLLAND, of Edgerton, committed suicide, by shooting himself through the brain. He was a son of Nathaniel, and a grandson of John Holland.

E. O. Salyle, his wife and daughter are on a visit to friends in Weston, Platte City, and Camden Point.

Oct. 17—C. F. Cochran, Democratic candidate for Congress, spoke at Weston.

Oct. 18—ELDER G. BAYARD WALLER, an evangelist of the Christian Church, died at his home, near Smithville. He married a daughter of James H. Scarce, a sister of Mrs. Bettie Hufford, and a niece of Mrs. Sarah A. Nunnelly. He was by nature a gentleman of cordial address, and by grace a pure and humble disciple, and an intelligent and successful laborer in his Lord's vineyard. He was known and beloved in Platte and Clay and adjacent counties.

Oct. 19—Geo. C. Crowther, Republican candidate for Congress, spoke at Weston.

Oct. 20—Weston post-office is made a Presidential office, and Alva O'Dowd is commissioned for four years.

Oct. 21—W. T. Jenkins, that the fusion of Free Silver Democrats with the Populists might be effected, and at the request of the State Committee, resigned his place as Democratic candidate for elector, that a Populist might be selected.

Oct. 23—MISS MARY E. BROWN, living near Hampton, burned to death. Her clothes accidentally caught fire while she was washing.

Oct. 24—The first killing frost. Geo. C. Crowther spoke at the court-house to a large audience.

The following attended the Grand Masonic Lodge at St. Louis: E. L. Anderson, A. J. Colman, and Cam Wells, of Platte City; J. S. Hall, of Edgerton; H. C. Noland and J. F. Davidson, of Parkville; and John M. Dale, of Weston. A. J. Colman was reelected D. D. G. M. of this, the 19th, district, and Cam Wells was chosen G. Sr. Deacon.

Oct. 30—The potato crop is immense. The esculent was the largest and finest ever raised in the West. Irish potatoes weighing 2 to 2½ pounds, and sweet potatoes weighing 5 and 7 pounds,

were common. On one occasion Irish potatoes sold publicly at 3 cents per bushel.

NOVEMBER.

THE LEAVENWORTH TIMES.

Nov. 1—There is no Republican paper in Platte, and the *Times* is gaining in circulation among us. It was originally established by Judge Crozier. The first number was dated March 7, 1857. After six months, Champ. Vaughn became proprietor, and six months later, Bartlett bought an interest. Still later, Ewing & Clark were owners. January 1, 1869, it passed to the control of Wilder & Sleeper, and was consolidated with the *Conservative*. May 7, 1871, D. R. Anthony purchased the paper, and January 1, 1876, he purchased the *Commercial* and consolidated it with the *Times*. Under Anthony's control it has become one of the most influential papers in the West.

JAIL DELIVERY.

Five prisoners escaped from the county jail, to-wit: Kit Barton, Jas. Kelly, committed for burglary, Raymond Wagey, for horse-stealing, and two others, for assault with intent to kill. Having prized off an iron plate, covering a hole in the stone floor, they went to the basement and escaped by a break in the foundation, made for the sewer. John Garrison, committed for bigamy, did not leave, but, at 2 o'clock at night, awoke the jailer and informed him of the escape of his companions. They were seen on their way to Leavenworth.

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

Nov. 3—The general election was held by the Australian ballot. The interest was intense. The silver question absorbed all else. The county officers were virtually settled at the Democratic primary. At night in Platte City a large crowd attended at the court-house, and the vote, as received, was announced in the upper court-room. The returns were received generally in silence because they were for McKinley. The vote of the county was:

For President: McKinley, 1,044; Bryan, 3,191; Palmer, 13; for Prohibition, 17.

For Congress: Cochran (Dem.), 3,181; Crowther (Rep.), 1,054.

For Governor: Stephen (Dem.), 3,181; Lewis, 1,052.

For Senator: W. C. Wells, 3,169; W. G. Hine, 1,028.

Removal of Capital: Jefferson City, 2,952; Sedalia, 588.

County Offices.

Representative—J. M. McMonigle (Dem.), 3,176; I. P. Hopkins (Rep.), 1,022; J. H. Edwards (Pop.), 39.

Sheriff—J. H. Dillingham, 3,122; Geo. Doppler, 1,063.

Collector—Ira N. Walker, 3,182; Wm. Kyle, 1,024.

Treasurer—R. P. Elley, 3,183; W. R. Gladstone, 1,027.

Prosecuting Attorney—F. M. Wilson, 3,174; W. T. Clements, 1,028.

Assessor—John E. Glass, 3,204.

Public Administrator—Temple Baughman, 3,173.

Surveyor—W. E. Montague, 3,176; B. F. Ham, 1,015.

Coroner—A. H. O'Dowd, 3,167; B. F. Whiteley, 413.

County Justices—Eastern District, Jas. Morton, 1,468; W. Cockrael, 608. Western District, J. W. Layton, 1,300; B. F. Whiteley, 413.

Coroner—A. H. O'Dowd, 3,167; J. M. McComas, 1,025.

Full Vote for President—Wm. McKinley, 7,053,102; W. J. Bryan, 6,344,461; Palmer, 182,583.

State Vote—W. J. Bryan, 363,667; Wm. M. McKinley, 304,940; Prohibition, 2,169; Socialist-Labor, 599; Palmer, 2,365; National (Pro.), 292.

For Sedalia as seat of government, 181,258; against, 334,819.

Whole Congressional District—Cochran (Dem.), 21,724; Crowther (Rep.), 17,785.

Senatorial District—Wells (Dem.), 13,701; Hine (Rep.), 7,618.

Constables Elected.

Preston Township, W. T. Farris; Lee Township, W. T. Hancock; Green Township, T. J. Carson; Waldron Township, F. M. Knight; Pettis Township, Wm. E. Nash; Marshall Township, A. B. Risk; Weston Township, W. J. Wood; Carroll Township, W. C. Hatton; Fair Township, John Synnamon; May Township, G. J. Thornhill. R. T. Brightwell, of Parkville, and J. W. Williams, of Barry, were elected to fill vacancies.

JAMES BRYANT killed in Lankford's saloon by Thos. Odell. Bryant had married Odell's mother, and they had separated. A feud arose in the family, and they had a fight on a former occasion. About 8 o'clock of the night after the election, Bryant, in a drunken rage, attacked Odell, and the latter shot him in the heart.

Nov. 4—CALVIN BLAKLEY killed by Joel Hill in a store at New Market. Having quarreled over the election, they met in C. F. Brown's store. Both drew pistols and fired. Hill was badly wounded, and Blakley killed. Hill, it is said, was drunk.

Nov. 7—At the oratorical contest at Park College, P. D. Decker took the prize.

Nov. 8—ISRAEL COOK died at Weston. He was born in Indiana July 26, 1823; married August 18, 1842, near Parkville, Angeline Webber. He left a widow and six children.

Profs. Bosworth and McGee, with Miss Nell Adams, under the patronage of the Camden Point Dramatic and Art Company, are performing "Rip Van Winkle" in all our towns.

Nov. 16—J. H. Dillingham sells his stable in Platte City to Joe Moore and Richard Harrel.

Elder Cottingham is holding an interesting meeting in the Christian church in Platte City.

Lewis W. Siler, druggist of Weston, removes to Marshall, Missouri.

Nov. 18—COL. FIELDING BURNES died at Platte City.

HERMAN HENDRICKS shoots himself.

Incendiary fire at Edgerton. The Johnson warehouse on the railroad burned.

Nov. 20—The *Dearborn Democrat* sold by R. N. Harrington to James Watson.

Jail again without a tenant. Tish (colored) and John Garrison left by the old underground route prepared for the sewer. Garrison was recaptured.

B. F. Whiteley brought from New Mexico 1,300 sheep.

Nov. 24—Lee Beery caught, in a steel trap, a beaver weighing 42 pounds. He caught another a week later. They were trapped in Platte River, three miles below Platte City.

I. M. Baker bought the Griffith (St. George) Hotel in Weston for \$3,400, and takes possession.

Nov. 25—Richard Coffey's stable at Tracy is consolidated with Chas. Mason's stable at Platte City, and the new firm of Mason & Coffey is formed.

Platte Presbytery met at Parkville and ordained for the ministry Frank Fetteroff, an alumnus of Park College, 1893. From the class of 1896 of Park College the following are preparing for the ministry: James Clark, Edgar Clark, James Salisbury, and Jackson Buchanan, all at Auburn Seminary; Harry Plant and Paul Naylor, at Omaha; Edwin Martin, at McCormick Seminary; and Wm. Dager, at Lane Seminary.

Nov. 27—Thanksgiving services by Elder Cottingham in the Presbyterian church at Platte City. The C. W. M. Society had their usual supper.

After a pleasant season, the mercury falls to 15 degrees; on the 28th, at noon, to zero; 29th, 4 degrees above; 30th, 2 degrees above; December 1st, 15 degrees above. Beautiful weather, delightful roads, and no snow.

Nov. 28—Teachers' Institute at Parkville; C. W. Bower superintendent.

Dr. J. M. Hale, of New Market, removes to Dearborn. Thos. M. Moore, of Dearborn, removes to St. Joseph.

Fire in Weston. The grocery store of A. Schneider & Son consumed. Loss, \$10,000. Insurance, \$5,000. Several kegs of powder exploded, scattering fire-brands and broken glass, and a

number of persons were severely cut or burned. Leavenworth was asked for aid, but had no means of giving relief. The fire was accidental and caused by a stove.

The Missouri is blocked with ice, for the first time in November for forty years. Skating good, but no ice put up.

DECEMBER.

Dec. 1—George and Chas. May were sentenced to hang January 15, 1897, by the Buchanan Criminal Court, for the murder of W. J. Burdett.

Dearborn has an interesting Debating Club.

Dec. 2—Marshal's sale of 9,300 acres of the Winner lands in Platte and Clay counties, made at Liberty for payment of bonds of the Winner Company. The lands were all bid in at \$15,000 for the bond-holders.

Dec. 4—In the oratorical contest at Kansas City for the honor of representing Missouri in the interstate contest, to come off next May at Columbia, Mo., Perle D. Decker, of Park College, won the first honors, and will be the State orator.

Fire at Weston. The Baptist church and the frame warehouse on the east of Block 3 were burned. The brick and frame business houses on the west of Block 3, facing Main Street, were frequently afire, but saved by the efforts of a fire company and their pump. The M. E. church was at one time aflame, and was slightly damaged. Main Street was filled with goods from the endangered stores. Fort Leavenworth sent a troop of soldiers, who relieved the exhausted citizens, and did valuable service. The Baptist Church and Railey & Bro. were the chief sufferers.

Dec. 7—The Daughters of the Confederacy gave a public dinner at the probate office in Platte City, which was largely patronized, and a good sum was realized for the Confederate Home.

William Seymour and John Laird robbed R. Mitchell's store in Platte City of \$100 worth of cutlery, and were apprehended. The booty was recovered, and the burglars plead guilty to an indictment. In less than a week they were in the penitentiary.

Dec. 8—MRS. CLAUDIA DALRYMPLE LA RUE died at Dearborn. She was born in Salisbury, Ind., May 22, 1873; married July 10, 1892, O. F. La Rue, a merchant of Dearborn.

Dec. 9—MRS. B. F. MURDOCK (see) died of apoplexy at Platte City.

The Platte County Union Missionary Society held their first meeting at Weston. Dr. Henry Bullard, of St. Joseph, was chosen temporary chairman, and Rev. C. B. McAfee was made president.

Dec. 10—The Dearborn Canning Company this season put up 126,000 cans of tomatoes, and 40,000 cans of pumpkins.

William P. Harrington appointed postmaster at Dearborn, in place of his father, Richard N., deceased.

MRS. MARY STORY, widow of Capt. Geo. Story (see), died near Platte City, and was buried in Weston.

Col. John H. Winston left for Colorado to attend his daughter, Mrs. Cora Woodson, who had gone west for her health.

Dec. 16—MRS. DORA HESS died at Dearborn. She was a daughter of Thos. Thorp, of Clay County, born February 21, 1861; married in 1884 A. J. Hess. Their only child, Ottie, was born in December, 1885.

Dec. 17—FRANK ALRICH, on Stigers Island, in the Missouri, was shot and mortally wounded by Frank Garrison (colored). Having quarrelled over a small debt, Garrison left, and returned with a revolver, and shot Alrich. The question of jurisdiction over Stiger's Island gives interest to the impending trial.

Dec. 21—Public School (Frank Sexton principal) have an exhibition at the opera house in Platte City, and Prof. Banister, of the Tracy Public School, follows on the 23d with his entertainment.

I. P. Hopkins purchases a half interest in the Edgerton *Journal*, and the paper becomes independent.

Arthur M. Mattoon, professor of mathematics in Park College, publishes on the college press a volume, entitled "Essentials of Trigonometry," which is highly commended.

MISSOURI'S PRODUCE AND WEALTH IN 1896.

Secretary of State Lesueur proudly announces that Missouri produces more zinc than all the other States, more lead than all except Colorado, 3,017,000 tons of coal; is capable of sustaining ten-fold its present population; has 14,000 manufactories, with \$189,558,546 capital, and 143,136 employees, which produce \$324,561,933 worth of goods; has a larger school fund than any other State, amounting to \$12,283,491; school enumeration 944,935, the enrollment 644,577, and taxation low.

Missouri produced in 1896, 200,000,000 bushels of corn, 13,000,000 bushels of wheat, 22,000,000 bushels of oats, 3,500,000 tons of hay, 14,000,000 pounds of cotton, 7,000,000 pounds of tobacco, 500,000 bushels of flax seed, and 6,000,000 bushels of potatoes.

PARKVILLE'S SHIPMENTS IN 1896.

Cattle, 53 cars; hogs, 39 cars; grain, 14 cars; sheep, 6 cars; and miscellaneous, 5 cars. Total weight of shipments, 2,729,258 pounds; weight of receipts, 3,890,826. Total receipts of the road at Parkville station, \$6,435. Ticket sales, \$5,019; coupon, \$3,051.

As compared with 1895, passenger earnings have increased largely, but freight receipts have slightly fallen off.

Weston reports financial prosperity; streets and bridges in good repair; a fire company, chemical engine, force pump, and 800 feet of hose.

Business at Edgerton of the C., R. I. & P. Railway in 1896—Freight receipts, \$26,072; tickets, \$2,947.

PREACHERS OFFICIATING IN PLATTE COUNTY, 1894-97.

A. G. Alderman, A. G. Beller (Bap.), J. M. Blalock (Chris.), D. F. Bone (M. E. S.), L. Z. Burr; A. B. Carpenter, W. S. Conner (M. E. S.), J. M. Dunning (Chris.), G. W. Everett (Bap.), A. P. Ferrel (Chris.), Jas. Froman (Cum. Pres.), M. L. Gray (M. E. S.), B. J. Guthrie, P. F. Harmon (Bap.), Lee Harrel (Bap.), J. C. Howell (Chris.), Robt. H. Jones, C. B. McAfee (Pres.), Lapsley McAfee (Pres.), S. W. Marr (Chris.), L. B. Madison (M. E. S.), C. A. Moore (Chris.), R. A. Oliphant, W. J. Parvin, C. B. Powers (Cum. Pres.), E. P. Reed (M. E.), W. E. Reeves (Chris.), E. A. Robinson (M. E.), J. W. Rucker, A. B. Sanderson (M. E. S.), Chas. Schaaf (Cath.), G. B. Waller (Chris.), R. C. Watson.

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OFFICERS.

Governor, L. V. Stephens; Congressman, Cochran; State Senator, Wm. C. Wells; Representative, J. M. McMonigle; Circuit Judge, W. S. Herndon; County Justices, S. McComas, Jas. Morton, Jas. W. Layton; Circuit Clerk, Jo. L. Freeland; County Clerk, B. F. Murdock; Collector, Ira N. Walker; Sheriff, John Dillingham; Assessor, J. E. Glass; Probate Judge, J. L. Carmack; Coroner, A. H. O'Dowd; County Treasurer, R. P. S. Elley; School Superintendent, C. W. Bowen; Public Administrator, T. Baughman; Prosecuting Attorney, F. M. Wilson; Surveyor, W. E. Montague.

BUSINESS MEN.

At Platte City: Attorneys—N. B. Anderson, Sid. Beery, G. W. Broadus, A. D. Burnes, J. W. Coots, Wm. Forman, J. H. Hull, E. H. Norton, W. S. Owens, W. M. Paxton, W. H. Roney, R. P. C. and F. M. Wilson.

Banks—Exchange Bank of Platte City, A. R. Jack cashier; capital, \$10,000. Banking House of Wells & Co., C. Wells cashier; capital, \$50,000.

Barbers—Geo. Kast, T. S. Wade.

Blacksmiths—G. T. Clemings, Jas. Frazier.

Butchers—Ed Perry, D. W. Fisher.

Elevator—H. A. Koster manager.

Harness—R. C. Elgin.

Hotels—Ida Baker, R. W. Pack, J. E. Perry.

Lodges—Blue Lodge, No. 504, White McGee, W. M.; Chapter No. 21, Cam. Wells, H. P.; Commandery, J. J. Burgess, E. C.; Nebraska, I. O. O. F., No. 12, G. Chesnut, N. G.; Knights of Pythias, W. T. Jenkins, C. C.

Merchants—H. J. Baker, A. Beaumont, O. Berry, A. J. Colman, Johnson, Fulcher & Co., Mason & Bro., R. Mitchell, J. L. Moore, L. Recht, S. Redman, J. Rohring, A. Termier, J. Throckmorton, S. C. Woodson, John Zarn, H. Zonne.

Newspapers—The *Argus*, E. E. Rettig editor; the *Landmark*, W. T. Jenkins editor.

Preachers—Elder J. M. Blalock (Chris.), Rev. M. L. Gray (M. E. S.), Lee Harrel (Bap.).

Resident Officers—J. J. Burgess, collector; J. Beery, mayor; J. L. Carmack, probate judge; John Dillingham, sheriff; R. P. S. Elley, county treasurer; J. L. Freeland, circuit clerk; Thos. J. Cole, postmaster; W. C. Hatton, constable; B. F. Murdock, county clerk.

Schools—Public School, J. F. Sexton principal; Gaylord Institute, Mrs. T. W. Park president; Colored School, T. V. Reynolds.

Stables—Mason & Coffey, Moore & Harrell.

Traders—McComas & Cole.

At Weston: Attorneys—Jas. W. Coburn, C. H. Hillix.

Banks—Railey & Bro., capital \$20,000; Bank of Weston, capital \$10,000, C. H. Hillix cashier.

Barbers—B. Spinner, Geo. Steel.

Blacksmiths—C. Mossman, D. Eager, C. Sweitzer.

Brewery—A. F. Walruff manager.

Butchers—Thorn & Enger.

Carpenters—Geo. Lenox, R. H. Mundy, A. F. Osborn.

Churches—Catholic, C. Schaaf priest; Methodist Episcopal South, M. L. Gray preacher; Christian, W. E. Reeves preacher; Baptist (house burned); German M. E.; Episcopal; Colored M. E.

Dentists and Physicians—H. J. Adkins, W. R. Feagan, W. J. Simpson, W. S. Coots, Dr. Smedley.

Druggists—Hughes & Hillix, J. E. Wells.

Fire Department—Carl Sweitzer chief.

Grain Dealers—W. G. Noble, F. and P. Doppler, R. O. Schenker.

Grocers—Doppler Bros., W. Schindler.

Jeweler—M. V. Schindler.

Harness—Haberman.

Hotel—"St. George," Geo. Baker.

Insurance—J. M. Anderson.

Lodges—Weston, No. 53, J. Bosch, W. M.; Chapter No. 4, C. W. Bowen, H. P.; Commandery No. 2; Phoenix, No. 30, J. H. Huvendahl, N. G.; Knights of Pythias, Geo. E. Robbins, C. C.; Epworth League; German Benevolent Society, M. Schindler president; A. O. U. W., No. 287, Geo. Doppler, M. W.

Lumber—J. W. Cox.

Merchants—F. and P. Doppler, Geo. Howe, John Newhouse, A. H. O'Dowd, W. and W. J. Rumpel, W. Roelle, R. O. Schenkner, Jas. Saunders, Sebus & Haas,

Miller—Wm. Ohlhausen.

Newspapers—The *Chronicle*, B. J. Bless editor; the *Weston World*, Garten Bros. editors.

Painters—Geo. Weighman, M. Kelly, F. Benton, J. Sagner.

Photographers—Carpenter, Marshall.

Resident Officers—A. O'Dowd, postmaster; A. F. Walruff, mayor; Murdock, marshal; J. B. Evans, justice of the peace; Smith, justice of the peace.

Teachers—C. W. Bowen (principal and superintendent of schools), Mrs. S. W. Coots, Miss H. C. Allen, Mrs. L. Dunbar.

Wagon-maker—M. Noll.

At Parkville: Attorney—Jas. Brown.

Bank—Park (closing).

Barbers—E. L. Anderson, H. Linden.

Blacksmiths—John Beller, J. C. Dhume.

Boarding—Mrs. S. J. Stickney.

Boots and Shoes—F. Kahm.

Churches—Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, M. E. (colored).

Coal Dealer—Wm. Ross.

Contractors—Thad. Ashby, Thos. Daniel.

Corn and Meal—Thos. M. Hughes.

Confections and Stationery—Chas. Bueneman, Mrs. Foster.

Druggists—C. V. Ringo, A. T. Holt.

General Merchandise—Park College Family Supply Store, H. B. McAfee manager, Geo. W. Summers (closing), C. W. Broadhurst, H. H. Winchell & Co., B. Noland.

Grocer—Fred Bosch.

Hardware and Implements—Ernest Leitz.

Harness—G. F. Willis.

Hotel—Mrs. Lucy Ford.

Lumber and Burial Goods—Luthy & Co.

Jeweler—Showalter.

Meats—W. E. Nash, W. L. Arnold.

Newspapers—The *Parkville Independent*, J. P. Tucker editor; *Park College Record*, circulation 16,000; the *Stylus*, monthly, College paper.

Painter—Charles Fish.

Physicians—D. C. Lane, F. B. Moore, A. T. Holt, Mrs. J. B. Woodside, Dr. Hoke.

Stable—John Haynes.

Park College—Endowment, interest-bearing, \$135,000; 1,000 acres land in Platte; 20 good buildings; 400 students from 30 States; 18 salaried teachers; library of 12,000 volumes; observatory, laboratory, apparatus. Lowell M. McAfee president, H. B. McAfee secretary. The College has sent 22 missionaries to the foreign field.

Preachers—E. D. Watson (M. E.), L. A. and C. B. McAfee (Pres.).

At Dearborn: Attorney—T. A. Squires.

Banks—Bank of Dearborn, B. Gabbert president and E. E. Pumphrey cashier, capital \$10,000; Farmers' Bank, G. W. Ray president, T. J. Means, Jr., cashier, capital \$10,000.

Baker—J. F. Phillips.

Barber—J. G. Barnes.

Blacksmiths—Gilbert & Son, A. A. Jackson, J. Shefflet.

Butcher—S. P. Ferril.

Carpenter and Contractor—James and John Siner, Samuel Duck, Henry Ingraham.

Canning Factory.

Druggists—La Rue & Bruce, T. R. Maupin.

Dentist—J. P. Griffin.

Dressmakers—Arnold Sisters, Misses Fish, Smith, and Merchant.

Furniture—Robertson & Willet.

General Merchants—W. W. Day, Bashford, Smith & Co., McClain & Yates.

Grocer—J. R. Terril.

Hardware—A. E. Shannon, G. W. Whaley.

Hotels—B. S. Pumphrey, G. W. Turner.

Harness—Louis Heileman.

Implements—Crook & Scaggs.

Justice of the Peace—G. W. Kerby.

Lumber—G. J. Gann.

Millers—Foster & Boyd.

Newspaper—The *Democrat*, Jas. Watson editor.

Notaries—Pumphrey, Grist, and Squires.

Physicians—J. M. Watson, W. H. Lewis, M. C. Boydston, J. M. Hale, C. W. Spencer.

Preachers—D. F. Bone (M. E. S.), C. B. Powers (Cum. Pres.).

Postmaster—W. P. Harrington.

Tinner—C. S. Rice.

Teachers—W. M. Boydston, J. R. Clay, Hattie Ferril, Lena Watson.

Undertaker—W. H. Robertson.

Lodges—Rawley, No. 204, G. W. Johnson, W. M.; Cincinnati, No. 265, H. A. Ingraham, N. G.; Daughters of Rebekah, No. 4, Mrs. Jas. Watson, N. G.

At Camden Point: Biscoe Bros., Biggerstaff, T. J. Carson, J. H. Cook, Davidson, G. W. Everett, J. W. Ewing, George, Hardesty, Hull, Maggie McCormick (postmaster), Merchant, Moseby, Perrin, Purdy & Stallard, Mar. Stallard, Wheat, Willis, Wood.

Schools—Military Institute, Stagner principal; Orphan School, Elder Riel principal.

At Edgerton: Bernard, Black, Boydston, Brown, Burgess, Chrisman, Cantwell, Crook, Cumberland & Co., W. H. De Armond, Doke, Drais, Endicott, Gustin, J. S. Hall, Handley, Hayden, Hopkins, Hughes, Johnson & Son, Kerr, Masoner, Mitchell, Mays, P. and J. McComas, McCulloch & Reed, Miller (postmaster), Moore, Newman, Noland & Wallingford, Newman, Pack, Sturgess & Son, Stiff & Son, Shafer & Co., Standiford, Wm. Thompson, Stone, F. E. Thompson, Weber, Wilkerson Bros., Worth, Yates.

Bank—T. P. Bruce president, J. H. Bruce cashier.

Lodges—I. O. O. F., No. 36, I. P. Hopkins, N. G.; Modern Woodmen, No. 4181; Olivia Chapter, No. 25, Mrs. Mollie Pack, G. M.; Daughters of Rebekah, No. 191, J. Ella Hopkins, N. G.; Adelpi, No. 355, L. M. Morgan, W. M.

Newspaper—The *Journal*, Clark & Hopkins editors.

Physicians—Burgess, Shafer, Webber, and Cantwell.

Preachers—Armstrong (Chris.), Hager (M. E. S.), Jones (Bap.), Luce (M. E.).

At Farley: J. R. Meyer (postmaster), Bash, Dr. S. P. Harrington, Dr. Jackson, H. H. Moss, Thomas.

Lodge—Fidelity, No. 339, Albert Naylor, W. M.

At Hampton: Celsus Shepard, Lycurgus Tudor (postmaster).

At Hoover: Snodderly (postmaster).

At Iatan: Smith (postmaster).

At Linkville: Dr. A. C. Barr, Slaughter (postmaster).

At New Market: C. F. Brown, Cole, Laurance, Hatfield (postmaster), Dr. Moore, Marr.

At Ridgeley: Denman (postmaster), Dr. Robinson.

At Settle: H. Skillman (postmaster).

At Stillings: J. W. Baum (postmaster), Cole, Banning, Belott.

At Tracy: R. P. Davis (postmaster), Fulcher & Senterly, Chicago Lumber Co., Glebb, Koster, Northrup, Moore, Ham.

At Waldron: Simpson (postmaster), Knight, Cocane, Wood, Underwood & Threlkeld, Rev. P. Harmon, Rev. Meffert.

At Woodruff: May English (postmaster), Geo. Gerner, Pack Creamery, Clay Cunningham president.

PRICES.

Butter, 15 cents; apples, 40 cents; cattle, \$4; hogs, \$3.20; corn, 18 cents; wheat, 60 cents; eggs, 10 cents; potatoes, 25 cents; wood, \$2.50; flour, \$2.40; hay, 80 cents.

JANUARY.

Jan. 1—A new paper, called the *World*, is issued at Weston by Garten Bros.

Allen Hulett, of Platte City, was found insane by a jury before the probate court, and his guardian, Garrard Chesnut, sent him to Kansas City; and after six weeks' treatment for alcoholism on the Keeley system, he returns in a rational state.

W. M. Paxton issues a prospectus for his "Annals of Platte County," and sends his manuscript to the printers, Hudson-Kimberly Publishing Company, of Kansas City, Mo.

Jan. 2—"Rip Van Winkle" is performed at the opera house at Dearborn, and other towns, by Prof. Frank Bosworth, supported by the Camden Point Dramatic Association.

Jan. 3—The weather has been mild and pleasant. The first snow fell to-day, and was followed by a blizzard, with the mercury at 10 degrees above.

Jan. 4—JUDGE HENRY M. ALLER, of Leavenworth, died. His name has been frequently mentioned in these pages. The finances of the county were for some years under his control. Our debt was largely augmented during his administration. He was born in New York in July, 1827. With his brothers, A. L. and W. H. Aller, he came to Platte in 1860. June 16th of that year they purchased Pleasant Ridge Academy. He was a warm Union man, and in May, 1865, was appointed sole judge of the county court, to succeed Judge Jas. H. Layton, who was displaced by the Vacating Ordinance. In March, 1867, he retired, and was succeeded by a court of three justices, Beery, Brown, and Hamm. His administration is noted as the era of the creation of our county debt, the erection of the new court-house, at an expense of \$120,000, the payment of the Parkville & G. R. Railroad bonds, and the funding of the debt. His name appears on the tablet on the outer wall of the court-house, over the southern entrance. After the close of his judicial term, Judge Aller removed to Leavenworth, was elected State senator and police judge, and filled many other offices of honor and trust. He was an active co-laborer with Col. Jas. N. Burnes in building the Chicago Great Western Railway, and the first Leavenworth bridge. He leaves two children: 1, H. M. Aller, Jr.; 2, Mrs. Neely Todd.

Jan. 5—MRS. JANE PRATHER, née Carson, widow of Wm. Prather, died. She was born in Tyrone, Ireland, in 1822; came to Platte in 1850; married in 1854 William Prather. Their only living child is Fannie V., wife of Isaac McRea.

RICHARD THOMPSON

Came from Kentucky about 1838, and settled near New Market. He removed to Cedar County, and died about 1876. Oh:

- I. MARTIN W. THOMPSON, lived in Nebraska.
- II. PHEM THOMPSON, died in Kansas.
- III. POLLY THOMPSON, m'd Wash. Goin; dead.
- IV. JAMES B. THOMPSON, b. in Kentucky in 1823; m'd Ziba Ussary, b. in Platte in 1848; d. July 30, 1896. She was a daughter of Capt. Wm. Ussary. Ch:
 - 1. *Wm. S. Thompson*, b. April 4, 1861; m'd Dec. 25, 1895, Louisa Sharp, dr. of Alfred.
 - 2. *Alice Thompson*, b. Oct. 4, 1862; m'd Bruce Wilderson; 5 children.
 - 3. *Delbert*, b. in 1866; single.
 - 4. *Richard*, b. in 1868; m'd Anna Beck, dr. of Jacob. Ch: [a] Adolph.
 - 5. *James*, b. in 1872; single. 6. *Lula*, single.
 - 7. *Lyddie*, m'd R. Moore. 8. *Claude*. 9. *Jesse*.

Jan. 8—A. C. Hamilton, cashier of the Park Bank, Parkville, Mo., gives notice that the bank will be closed, and asks depositors to withdraw their money.

Jan. 12—J. M. Serry, of St. Joseph, Mo., a Latter Day Mormon, holds services at Farmer's School-house.

M. W. Mitchell is, by a jury, found insane, and E. W. Railey is appointed his guardian.

Jan. 18—David A. Chesnut is elected president of the Fair Association.

John Reed, near Ridgeley, killed a bald eagle that measured 7½ feet from tip to tip.

Jan. 19—MRS. THERESA POSS died at her home, opposite Leavenworth, and on the 18th of February following, her husband, Antone Poss, committed suicide. She was born in Germany October 5, 1815; came to America; married ——— Lentz, who died, leaving one child, Theodore. She then married, September 4, 1856, Antone Poss, born in Prussia July 19, 1817; came to Platte in 1852, served in the Federal army throughout the war, and was intense in his loyalty to the old flag. He left one child, Frank Poss, who inherits his farm. Mrs. Poss was an aunt of B. Spinner.

The Supreme Court of the State affirms the sentence against Wat. Reed of 99 years' imprisonment for the murder of Winn. Reed immediately surrendered himself at the State penitentiary, but died March 1, 1897, of some acute disease of the bowels. His remains were brought home for burial. His estate had already been administered on, and his personal property sold.

Jan. 20—Geo. W. Summers, merchant of Parkville for a generation, announces that he will retire from business. His store had been twice robbed in the last month.

BANK STATEMENTS JANUARY 22, 1897.

	Deposits.	Gold.	Silver.
Bank of Edgerton.	\$ 40,780.51	\$2,035	\$639
Bank of Dearborn.	51,303.33	10	560
Bank of Weston.	25,584.26	595	393
Farmers' Bank of Dearborn.	9,776.93	242	219
Railey & Bro.	133,001.15	3,840	286
Exchange Bank of Platte City.	66,219.06	1,897	549
Wells & Co.	240,471.99	2,245	476
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	\$567,137.23	\$10,864	\$3,122

Jan. 23—Teachers' Institute met at Weston; C. W. Bowen superintendent. Question for debate, "Woman's Suffrage."

Temperature 23d to 26th was 6 degrees below, and ice is excellent.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 1—A. O'Dowd, coroner of Platte County, resigned, and the county court appointed Frank L. Mitchell to the place.

REVIVAL AT PLATTE CITY.

Rev. Xenophon Ryland, of the Presbyterian Church, preached two weeks at Platte City, and the following persons were added to the several churches: Presbyterian, Joe L. Freeland, Dr. J. W. Winn, White Magee, A. R. Jack, Chas. Roney, Wm. Forman, W. R. Gladstone and wife, Perry Vermillion, Albert Hutton, Wm. Redman Baldwin, Henry Dillingham, Elaine Hewlett, Winifred Doyle, Minnie Kiefer—14; to the M. E. S. Church, R. M. Mason, Jennie Hahn, Mark Graham, Grace Ham—4; and to the Christian Church, Landon Duncan, A. D. Park, and A. S. J. Beery—3.

Feb. 3—The business men at Dearborn form a Commercial Club, with James Watson president.

A seven-inch snow that melted in a week. All the snows of this winter combined would not exceed a foot. The ground was bare most of the winter, and wheat suffered by the constant freezing and thawing.

Feb. 6—DR. ROBT. L. SULLIVAN died at Edgerton. He was born in Wheeling, W. Va., September 20, 1819; served in the Mexican War; graduated at the Missouri Medical College in 1850; married Harriet Barnard, who survives, with six children. He was buried with the honors of Masonry by Adelphi Lodge, No. 358.

NEBRASKA LODGE, No. 12, I. O. O. F.

This lodge was originally chartered January 27, 1845, but its hall and records were destroyed July 14, 1864, by fire. But the charter was renewed January 12, 1865, with the following charter

members: E. H. Norton (living), F. Marshall (dead), Ira Norris (dead), Howell Jenkins (dead), and N. E. Wilkinson (dead).

The following is a list of well-known members who have since been added: Hon. N. B. Anderson, Hon. Jeremiah Beery, Hon. Ben R. Morton, Rev. G. L. Moad, John D. Murray, Hon. John W. Norton, James Nash, L. T. Oliver, Dr. W. J. Overbeck, E. J. Phillips, Sol. D. Park, Hon. Thos. W. Park, M. C. Park, R. W. Pack, Jas. A. Pope, T. B. George, Douglas George, Aug. Gossell, B. W. Gilbert, W. C. Hatton, Hon. Thos. Herndon, A. W. Hughes, R. N. Harrington, Israel Heath, Patrick Henry, W. H. Hunt, J. G. Hollingsworth, Hon. W. S. Herndon, Allen Hulett, W. E. Hunter, R. Mat. Johnston, R. P. C. Johnston, Thos. E. Jenkins, Stephen Johnston (ii), W. T. Jenkins, C. M. Johnston, Fred Krause, Morgan Kay, J. W. Littlejohn, Neal Lutes, Zach. Mills, Henry Meads, Hon. James Morton, Richard Mitchell, G. W. Belt, John Brady, Jas. A. Baldwin, A. D. Burnes, E. C. Cockrill, G. R. Carnahan, Sanders McComas, Henry Colman (i), J. L. Carmack, A. J. Colman, W. F. Cockrill, G. Chesnut, David Chesnut, G. F. Clemings, R. J. Coffey, Thos. H. Colman, R. T. Carey, J. J. Esmond, G. S. Elgin, F. Y. Flannery, Wm. Forman, R. T. Darnall, J. H. Dillingham, Geo. Robertson, E. O. Sayle, John W. Smith, J. R. Swain, W. O. Synnamon, James Tate, F. M. Tufts, James Wallace, Geo. A. Warner, E. R. Williams, W. R. Wills, Ira N. Walker, H. Cam. Wells, G. P. Young, John Zarn, Geo. Zarn.

Feb. 20—The Parkville Presbyterian Sunday-school raised to-day \$168 for missions.

Feb. 26—William Hull, W. H. Berry, and Canby Hawkins have each made shipments of tobacco to Kentucky, and have realized good profits. It has been discovered that our soil is peculiarly adapted for the culture of some of the best varieties of tobacco.

Thermometer 1 degree above zero.

Feb. 27—Farmers are buying young or unmarketable cattle, at Kansas City, and stocking their farms for the coming summer and fall. Among those who have imported cattle, the following are named: W. H. McMonigle, Jesse Johnson, R. T. Murray, T. S. and W. Wilson, H. S. Yates, and B. Yerrington.

James McAlexander's house burned.

MARCH.

March 1—Grippe prevails, and is very fatal. Measles and whooping-cough are alarming many households.

THE GALBRAITH FAMILY.

Edward H. Galbraith lived and died in the island of Jamaica. There he married Alice Chambers. Four of their children came in 1873 and settled in Pettis Township.

- I. EDWARD GALBRAITH, b. in 1839; d. in Platte, and the widow and children returned to Jamaica.
- II. AUBREY, b. in 1849; m'd in Platte Margaret, dr. of Joseph Ford. Ch:
1. *Maude*. 2. *Joseph*. 3. *John*. 4. *Leda*.
- III. CHAS. S. GALBRAITH, b. in 1851; m'd Florence, dr. of John H. Nash. Ch:
1. *Edward*. 2. *William*. 3. *Frances*.
- IV. HENRY S. GALBRAITH, b. Oct. 29, 1854; m'd Feb. 25, 1886, Zilpah Noland, dr. of Matthias, b. in Nov., 1864. Ch:
1. *Arthur*. 2. *Charlotte*. 3. *Lena*.

The banking house of Railey & Bro. became a corporation.

March 15—The thermometer for several days at zero. John Davis' house in Dearborn burned.

Convention of Fourth District of the Christian Church of Missouri met at Platte City. Many distinguished persons attended.

The assessment for the State was \$976,341,320; for Platte County, \$5,109,600; for Clay County, \$5,837,005; for Clinton County, \$5,874,015; for Buchanan County, \$28,351,694.

The Baptists at Weston are preparing to rebuild their church that was burned.

March 22—F. M. MANN died at Weston. He was born in Kentucky February 1, 1859; came to Weston and married September 19, 1882, Cora B. Mitchell. Ch: 1, Mittie; 2, Eva; 3, Flossie.

March 27—PROF. CHAS. A. SMITH, a hermit, aged 73, died, unattended, at his lonely home in Weston. Handsome, intelligent, educated, and refined, he was, as a civil engineer in Indiana, rising to distinction, when an unfortunate love-affair unhinged his mind, and he came to Weston to hide himself from the world. He made a precarious living by occasionally teaching and by serving as a justice of the peace. All loved the good old man, but he was intimate with no one. The coroner found his death was natural.

March 28—EBERHARD BONS died at Weston. He was born April 16, 1811. His wife died before him. They left but one child, Mrs. George How. By industry he had accumulated considerable property.

APRIL

April 2—B. F. Murdock is appointed a member of the Board of Managers of the Confederate Home at Higginsville, which has been conveyed to the State of Missouri.

Cam. Wells purchases of Mrs. Julia Hulett three acres of ground, 300 yards east of the court-house in Platte City; for \$700; and lets out to G. W. Jenkins a contract to erect a two-story dwelling of pressed brick for \$6,300. Contingent expenses will run up the cost to \$8,000.

WILLIAM A. WALLACE, son of James, was run over and killed by the railroad cars at East Leavenworth.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

At Weston—A. F. Walruff was elected mayor, and Geo. Doppler, J. W. Cox, John Thorn, and F. Harpst aldermen; A. P. Doppler and B. F. Moore school directors, and Jas. Murdock marshal.

At Platte City—R. W. Pack, S. Redman, and A. D. Burnes were chosen aldermen, and E. J. Park marshal.

At Edgerton—J. W. Cumberford, mayor; C. T. Stiff, police judge; F. E. Thompson and W. G. Gwin, aldermen; and Andrew Jennings, marshal.

At Parkville—R. T. Brightwell, police judge; Samuel Brown and Jesse Bell, aldermen; and Thos. Peery, marshal.

At Dearborn the board elected failed to qualify, and a new election was ordered.

CROPS AND FRUITS.

The successive freezing and thawing throughout the past winter killed many crops of wheat, especially in the northern portion of the county; and many crops are plowed up and the ground planted in corn. In low bottoms of the Missouri and the Platte wheat is destroyed by high waters. Every kind of fruit promises an abundant harvest.

Elder J. M. Blalock, pastor of the Platte City Christian Church, is succeeded by Elder E. B. Redd.

Col. Jas. Chinn, who for several years has been an officer in the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City, returns with his family to Platte City, and resumes his practice of law with Judge W. H. Roney.

The State Missionary Association held a two-days meeting at Platte City, with an interesting program and eminent speakers.

In the county oratorical contest at the opera house in Platte City, Chas. H. Roney won the gold medal.

D. T. Polk (ii) graduated at the dental college at Kansas City.

Weston Finances—Revenue, \$2,900.11; expenses, \$2,970.84; Cemetery Fund, receipts, \$42.00; expenses, \$82.74.

Platte City Finances—Total revenue of the year, \$901.23, of which \$360 was derived from dramshops. The principal of the Cemetery Fund is \$1,899.70, loaned out at 8 per cent; and \$336.71 interest in the treasury.

April 8—G. W. Summers, of Parkville, sells his store to Dr. A. T. Holt, who adds drugs to the stock, and continues the business.

DEATHS OF DISTINGUISHED MEN.

April 12—Simpson Park (see) dies at Liberty, and is buried at Platte City. Levi Hurst (see) dies the 6th inst. at Ridgeley. Saddler Butler died at Kansas City the 13th, and was buried at Weston; he was born at Lockport, N. Y., August 21, 1826; was at one time mayor of Weston, and was superintendent of the furniture factory of that city. Clinton Cockrill (see) died the 19th inst. at his home near Platte City, and was buried in the Platte City Cemetery. Jacob Baker (see) died the 6th.

April 14—Dr. H. Menifee Clark married Mary P. Tobbs.

April 16—At the interstate oratorical contest at Columbia, Mo., Perle D. Decker, of Park College, won the highest honors.

April 18—CHRIS. COLUMBUS REDMAN died at Portland, Oregon. He was a son of Rev. Wm. Redman, first presiding elder of this Methodist district, and was born at Franklin, Howard County, Mo., July 31, 1827. He married, first, Reb. Ferguson, and settled at Platte City after the war. He engaged in the lumber business at Tracy; bought and shipped apples; and built the Phoenix Mills. His wife died December 15, 1871, leaving: 1, Mary L. Greggs; 2, Margaret O. Coughlan; 3, R. C. Redman; 4, E. A. Redman; 5, W. W. Redman. After the death of his wife, Mr. Redman removed to Santa Clara, Cal., where he married, second, Miss Elizabeth J. Ashby, who was born in Platte County. She is the mother of: 6, C. C. Redman (ii). In 1880 Mr. Redman removed to Portland, Oregon, where he died. He was a distinguished architect, and erected many public buildings, as well as a large number of private dwellings. He was a nephew of Jas. R. Burckhardt, and a brother of Mrs. Mollie Reeves.

April 19—The Missouri River attains the height of 22½ feet above low water. The melting snows above, with abundant rains in this locality, put the Missouri over the low bottoms, and stopped the railroads for a week. Mails came by the Rock Island and the Maple Leaf roads. Platte River covered the low bottoms, was three feet on the turnpike west of the Platte City bridge, and in places touched the rails of the Rock Island road at Tracy. But little damage was done to farmers, as all the land became ready for the plow in ample season. The Platte was highest April 25th.

POST-OFFICE CHANGES.

Ella Turner, of Linkville, succeeds E. Slaughter. Ben Smither, at New Market, succeeds James Hatfield. Adam Glebb is appointed for Tracy, and Theo. Lentz for Beverly.

April 26—Elder Riall, of the Camden Point Orphan School, gave his girls an outing, and, with the cadets of the Military Institute, visited the Soldiers' Home and Fort Leavenworth. The party numbered 61.

Measles and whooping-cough prevalent, but no deaths.

MAY.
COUNTY FINANCES.

Expenditures.

Roads and bridges	\$5,412.00
Bridge at Foley's	470.00
Bridge at Joler	75.00
Bridge at Gorden	47.00
Bridge at Dearborn's	906.00
Bridge at Clay line	13.00
Bridge at Sharp's	41.00
Bride at Second Creek	600.00
Bridge at Woodruff	535.00
Poor and insane	5,268.00
For premiums at the fair	100.00
Circuit Clerk	2,133.00
County Clerk	2,131.00
Treasurer	703.00
Sheriff	1,400.00
Assessor	524.00
Road Commissioner	351.00
Prosecuting Attorney	660.00
County Judges	527.00
School Commissioner	40.00
Insurance	412.00
Map of original entries	75.00
Printing	245.00
Election tickets	645.00
Warrants re-issued	139.00
Jail	595.00
Court-house	122.00
Stationery	832.00
Elections	669.00
Witnesses and jurors	163.00
Wood	202.00
Sundry purposes	194.55

\$26,229.55

Add warrants issued by Circuit Clerk to jurors and witnesses	2,151.45
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Ordinary expenses \$28,381.00

But the clerk does not add up the warrants issued. The figures are mine. His statement seems to be copied, in part, at least, from the treasurer's books, and is no check upon the treasurer. He sets forth separately, each fund, and ends with a recapitulation of all. He mixes the Beverly Drainage Fund, the Lee and Waldron road funds, of which the county is only trustee, with the revenue funds. He charges receipts from fines and penalties,

and transfers part of them to the school fund. The jury fund gets from unclaimed fees \$200, from interest fund, \$1,600, and from State insurance fund, \$100, and these latter funds are charged with the same. The amounts so transferred increase both receipts and expenditures. The clerk charges the county not with warrants drawn, but with warrants paid. My statement, therefore, shows our expenses several thousand dollars less than appears from the clerk's statement.

County Debt.

Bonds outstanding May 1, 1896.. . . .	\$86,000.00
Bonds outstanding now.. . . .	72,600.00
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Bonds paid.. . . .	\$13,400.00
Interest paid.. . . .	5,537.50
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Paid from Interest and Sinking Funds.. . . .	\$18,937.50

School Funds.

The County School Fund.. . . .	\$14,359.77
The Township School Fund.. . . .	19,047.75
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Total.. . . .	\$33,407.52
School moneys apportioned.. . . .	\$12,327.10

The levy for county and State is \$1.15.

May 1—The population of Leavenworth is 21,536—a gain of over four hundred.

Platte River has reached its highest state this season, of three feet on the turnpike west of Platte City bridge. When the waters subsided, the bottoms were planted in corn, and but little damage resulted.

May 5—The job of printing the May statement of the county finances was given to Rettig, of the *Argus*, at 10 cents per square, he being the lowest bidder.

The Banking House of Wells & Co. filed approved bond of \$75,000 as county depository of public moneys.

May 7—Perle D. Decker, of Park College, took the premium for oratory at the interstate contest at Columbia, Mo.

W. T. Hope's barn burned—fully insured.

Cam. Wells is appointed by the governor on the board of curators for the State University.

May 12—S. F. DE CAMP was shot and killed at Dearborn by John Records, supposed insane, and giving as his reason that De Camp "looked green" at him.

May 14—Founders' Day observed at Park College. Dr. John H. Finley, of Galesburg, Illinois, was the orator.

The county court is making liberal appropriations for roads and for implements for constructing and repairing roads.

Foxes are still among us. James Pitts and H. T. Farmer lately killed two each.

May 27—Ascension Day observed by Weston Commandery, No. 2, and Belt (Platte City) Commandery, No. 9. The Knights met at Woodruff, and went to Weston, saluting resident knights by the way. At Weston, after a banquet at the opera house, the commanderies had an oration by Sir Knight C. B. Powers.

W. C. Wells has erected upon his cemetery lot at Platte City a family monument of marble weighing 30,000 pounds.

May 29—Observed as Decoration Day at Platte City. Five hundred people visited the cemetery, and found nearly all the graves beautifully adorned with flowers.

The financial power of Park College is a wonder! In the last week \$790 have been generously contributed to its various funds, in small sums, the donors numbering 422, and hailing from twenty States. And an additional sum of \$5,000 was offered on easy conditions. That little two-column, 7 by 10 paper, the *Park College Record*, enters weekly into many thousand families, and elicits their sympathies and their contributions.

ABSTRACT OF STATEMENTS OF PLATTE COUNTY BANKS AS PUBLISHED FOR A SERIES OF YEARS.

May 14, 1887.

	Silver.	Gold.	Deposits.
Edgerton Bank.	\$ 435	\$ 955	\$ 41,041.56
Bank of Platte County.	523	200	59,245.04
Bank of Platte City.	483	120	80,174.00

August 31, 1887.

Edgerton Bank. . . . .	....	....	54,870.85
Bank of Platte City.	605	....	75,359.89

December 31, 1887.

Wells Banking Co.	277	1,022	18,690.60
Edgerton Bank.	1,646	2,240	58,215.00
Railey & Bro.	309	1,260	88,304.20
Bank of Platte City.	863	1,260	82,004.71
Exchange Bank of Platte City.	1,612	1,655	98,603.04

April 30, 1888.

Wells Banking House.	329	770	48,713.02
Exchange Bank of Platte City.	774	1,000	59,885.86

September 3, 1888.

Wells Banking House.	414	565	76,061.78
Bank of Dearborn.	937	120	15,263.60
Bank of Platte City.	517	....	69,813.76
Edgerton Bank.	575	1,520	41,624.01
Exchange Bank of Platte City.	352	445	60,758.95

	Silver.	Gold.	Deposits.
<i>March 30, 1889.</i>			
Wells Banking House.....	\$ 600	\$ 691	\$ 109,327.96
Edgerton Bank.....	807	1,260	44,598.63
<i>July 31, 1889.</i>			
Exchange Bank of Platte City.....	757	1,055	51,613.47
Edgerton Bank.....	1,072	1,065	44,715.01
Wells Banking House.....	617	570	101,938.36
Bank of Dearborn.....	865	45	19,238.82
Bank of Platte City.....	370	120	52,503.36
Park Bank.....	126	100	13,134.80
<i>December 31, 1889.</i>			
Bank of Platte City.....	503	1,580	88,329.30
Edgerton Bank.....	1,154	1,525	44,150.58
Exchange Bank of Platte City.....	620	1,290	80,817.62
Wells Banking House.....	870	1,720	124,239.29
Bank of Dearborn.....	....	....	28,740.96
<i>April 30, 1890.</i>			
Wells Banking House.....	947	1,025	132,671.43
Exchange Bank of Platte City.....	536	595	71,492.70
Edgerton Bank.....	1,011	1,640	37,391.99
Bank of Platte City.....	334	475	59,809.03
Bank of Camden Point.....	277	25	11,627.54
Bank of Dearborn.....	....	....	25,090.40
<i>July 18, 1890.</i>			
First National Bank of Platte City..	....	....	48,995.17
Bank of Platte City.....	230	420	72,142.55
Edgerton Bank.....	249	1,560	40,336.40
Wells Banking House.....	922	2,345	142,198.51
Bank of Dearborn.....	....	....	32,567.50
<i>October 21, 1890.</i>			
Bank of Platte City, First Nat'l Bank.	....	....	61,668.74
Same, May 4, 1891.....	....	....	56,280.77
Same, February 21, 1891.....	....	....	63,724.88
<i>January 17, 1891.</i>			
Wells Banking House.....	478	1,025	163,176.60
Bank of Dearborn.....	1,096	....	39,479.14
Railey & Bro.....	749	1,072	114,987.67
Edgerton Bank.....	....	....	55,219.60
Bank of Camden Point.....	....	....	18,191.58
<i>May 16, 1891.</i>			
Bank of Dearborn.....	878	45	39,839.83
Bank of Camden Point.....	279	395	20,495.00
Bank of New Market.....	300	....	12,891.88
Park Bank.....	137	100	10,824.38
Wells Banking House.....	470	1,755	175,825.60
Bank of Platte City.....	716	480	72,631.03
Edgerton Bank.....	1,124	605	55,358.82
			\$387,866.54

	Silver.	Gold.	Deposits.
1st Nat'l Bank of P. City, March, 1892. ....	....	....	\$ 49,010.54
Same, July 9, 1891. ....	....	....	64,131.11
<i>January 2, 1892.</i>			
National Bank of Platte City. ....	....	....	67,983.48
Bank of Camden Point.	\$ 658	\$ 500	24,388.48
Wells Banking House. ....	....	....	180,196.04
Bank of Dearborn. ....	....	....	35,674.26
Edgerton Bank. ....	....	....	49,960.76
Park Bank. ....	....	....	14,865.46
<i>October 31, 1892.</i>			
Railey & Bro. ....	....	....	114,728.43
Wells Banking House.	1,008	1,200	171,803.64
Edgerton Bank.	591	1,275	35,905.03
Exchange Bank of Platte City.	585	1,093	127,572.40
Bank of New Market.	299	13,510.70
Bank of Dearborn.	335	36,184.27
Bank of Camden Point.	21,054.41
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			\$520,758.88
<i>September 16, 1893.</i>			
Exchange Bank of Platte City.	1,411	2,900	\$ 46,681.00
Wells Banking House.	1,313	3,595	177,229.53
Railey & Bro.	468	2,770	86,328.03
Bank of Weston.	173	80	7,355.01
Bank of Dearborn.	586	50	31,102.57
<i>April 22, 1893.</i>			
Bank of Camden Point. ....	....	....	18,648.83
Exchange Bank of Platte City.	676	1,500	114,443.38
Edgerton Bank.	269	1,240	38,108.11
Bank of Dearborn.	732	15	34,139.61
Wells Banking Co.	969	1,510	203,075.63
Railey & Bro.	112,361.16
Bank of New Market.	6,946.62
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			\$527,723.34
<i>December 2, 1894.</i>			
Bank of New Market.	336	785	\$ 8,922.11
Edgerton Bank.	379	1,245	44,675.50
Wells Banking House.	730	1,655	189,446.52
Bank of Camden Point.	275	710	19,314.15
Exchange Bank of Platte City.	566	1,465	43,366.08
<i>December 1, 1894.</i>			
Exchange Bank of Platte City. ....	....	....	54,582.16
Bank of Dearborn.	199	30	68,472.30
Edgerton Bank.	287	1,205	51,219.80
Wells Banking House.	906	1,755	212,864.97

	Silver.	Gold.	Deposits
Bank of New Market.. . . .	\$ 209	\$ 460	\$10,747.98
Railey & Bro.. . . .	732	2,700	130,437.52
Bank of Weston.. . . .	321	805	29,687.95
Park Bank.. . . .	....	....	22,902.36

\$580,915.04

April 3, 1895.

Exchange Bank of Platte City.. . . .	885	1,872	\$ 55,255.68
Bank of Dearborn.. . . .	430	....	77,184.25
Wells Banking Co..	1,035	1,750	243,756.28
Edgerton Bank.. . . .	482	1,425	73,644.94
Park Bank.. . . .	225	50	24,632.84
Bank of Camden Point.. . . .	403	875	45,472.52

August, 1895.

Wells Banking House.. . . .	1,028	1,940	249,895.71
Exchange Bank of Platte City.. . . .	933	2,000	57,723.69
Railey & Bro.. . . .	747	3,142	126,634.33
Bank of Weston.. . . .	379	960	34,466.50
Edgerton Bank.. . . .	....	....	67,124.98

December 31, 1895.

Bank of Dearborn.. . . .	399	105	77,309.82
Bank of New Market.. . . .	418	135	5,238.84
Wells Banking House.. . . .	688	1,995	267,733.43
Exchange Bank of Platte City.. . . .	557	2,357	81,079.70
Edgerton Bank.. . . .	69	479	47,814.58
Railey & Bro.. . . .	....	....	123,361.45
Bank of Weston.. . . .	....	....	29,913.47
Bank of Camden Point.. . . .	....	....	26,216.88
Park Bank.. . . .	....	....	21,891.12

\$680,559.29

April 11, 1896.

Bank of Camden Point.. . . .	186	483	\$ 21,043.68
Edgerton Bank.. . . .	....	....	46,201.48
Wells Banking House.. . . .	672	1,813	212,933.04
Farmers' Bank of Dearborn.. . . .	....	....	5,527.71
Exchange Bank of Platte City.. . . .	....	....	53,542.55
Park Bank.. . . .	....	....	22,511.11
Railey & Bro.. . . .	....	....	120,944.83
Bank of Weston.. . . .	....	....	27,785.21

\$510,489.61

August 10, 1896.

Farmers' Bank of Dearborn.. . . .	....	....	\$ 12,853.47
Bank of Dearborn.. . . .	....	....	40,099.16

	Silver.	Gold.	Deposits.
Edgerton Bank.	\$ 39,569.35
Exchange Bank of Platte City.	53,880.07
Park Bank.	21,546.34
Wells Banking House.	210,183.92
Bank of Weston.	28,330.35
Railey & Bro.	117,949.23
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			\$524,411.89

The reader will find the last bank statement on page 1089, where deposits amount to \$567,137.23.

1897.

June 7—The skies are cloudless, the atmosphere is mild and balmy, the wheat-fields are white to the harvest, the farmer sings as he plows his corn, the pastures are green, the brook carols as it winds its way, the cattle take their rest in the shade, health prevails, happiness smiles in every face, and all omens are propitious.

CONCLUSION.

My volume of heraldry is now complete. The labors of a lifetime are ended. God lengthened out my days to seventy and nine years, that I might preserve the names and record the deeds of my early companions—the pioneers of Platte. Sixty years ago ten thousand people of many States, countries, and nationalities settled upon our lovely prairies and charming woodlands. A friendless youth, I came among them. I was a stranger, without relative or friend. Upon this fertile soil I made my home, and the sturdy backwoodsmen around me became my companions and friends. My memory embalms them, and my book records their virtues. Their hands broke the prairies and subdued the forest. A tribute of gratitude is due them for the farms and mansions we now enjoy. In this book the aspirations of my life are fulfilled. The names of my companions were fading into forgetfulness. My volume is the first, but it will not be the last, monument erected to their memory. Upon the foundations I have laid, posterity will add memorials of each family, as precious stones in the rising temple of our heraldry. I have framed the warp, and intermarriage will supply the woof of the checkered damask of our society. We will form one family and be all akin. The branches of the various family trees will be so interwoven as to make one banian, affording delicious shade for the whole people. Each youth will be able to trace a lineage to a hundred pioneers. As the great Mississippi commingles the waters of a

thousand brooks, so each youth will be able to show that his blood descends from a thousand sources. Pride of ancestry is a virtue. The man that has none is but little above the brute. It is the associate of honor and the companion of truth. It inspires emulation, encourages enterprise, and insures triumph. When our children's children read the records of their ancestors, they will be proud of their names and grateful for their estates. Each will be anxious to add a sprig of laurel to the garland already upon his escutcheon. To hail from Platte will be an honor. No other county in our State has a book of heraldry.

My volume is a chronicle. It is a record of the events of my own day. Of course there are many errors; but they are innocent, and I hope will be pardoned. I expect criticism and apprehend censure. But I have been candid, and under condemnation will be patient.

I am old, but hope yet to serve my beloved people. I have ordered an interleaved copy of my book to be prepared, that while I live I may continue my county's record, and leave it when I die to the historical association that some day will be formed. My files of newspapers shall also be handed down to posterity. I solicit carefully prepared sketches and genealogies of our people, that they may be preserved in good form.

I add my patriarchal blessing upon the people of Platte County!

The End.

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 Jas. H. 34d, enrolled 43a, 51d, (1845) 69d, (1849) 110c, fam. 201b, fam. 550b, 1015b.
 John A. 676c, fire 977c, fam. 249a.
 John L. 108b.
 John T. 201c, 219c, 550b.
 Lou. J. (Heath) 381c, 383d.
 Lucinda (Reeves) 381c.
 Luc. (Simpson) 148c, 761d.
 Martin 351c, 641b, fam. 761c.
 Rachel T. (Higgins) 652c, 761d.
 Sarah (Cummings) 381c.
 Willard P. 676d, 761d, fam.

250a, fire 1000a.
 Wm. (Dr.) 70a, academy 136d, fam. 280a, 435c, removes 462b.
BALL, Jas. R. (Sturgiss) 695b.
 Mary A. (Gray) 143c.
BALLARD, Cath. (Mc-Edwen) 565d, fam. 838d.
 Ed. D. 530c.
 Family 375c, 486a.
 Oakley G. 375d.
 Perry A. 375c, 817a.
 Susanna fam. 485d.
 Wm. H. fam. 375c, 470d, 482c, repres. 499a, Knight 1061d.
BALLEW, Mary (Gaylord) 806d.
 Mattie 258b.
BALLOT, first 352d, first Australian 900b.
BALSLEY, Adelia 29a.
 Eva 29a.
 George 29a.
 Mont. P. fam. 29a.
BANE, Baldwin family 315d.
 Eupha (Phillips) 315d.
 Family 315c.
 Isabel (Hon) 316a.
 Jas. W. 512b.
 John 62d, Sk. 315c.
 John R. fam. 316c, 585b, 735c.
 Jo. M. 891b, 894b, 974d.
 Laura F. (Jones) 316b, 862d, 905a.
 Louisa (Eskridge) 316a.
 Martha S. (Hatfield) 315d.
 Mary (Cole) 315d, 584d.
 Mary (Hon) 927c.
 Maud 316c.
 Spencer 756a.
 Thos. 316a.
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 Wm. R. 68b, California 110b.
BANISTER, Ida 859c.
 Scots 859c.
 Wm. A. (Prof.) 573b, 711a, licensed 751c, Platte City school 798c, Landmark 802b, sk. 859a, U. S. surveyor 873d, (1889) school comr. 896d, 1081b.
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BANKS—At Camden Point 929c, opens 935d, Willis 1052d.
 At Dearborn, bank of, or-

ganized 873c, Farmers' Bank 1060d, 1055b.
 At Edgerton, organized 766c, builds 801d, sold 823d.
 New Market closed 1046b.
 At Parkville 641c, Fulton 653d, (1879) 678b, 682c, robbed and closed 848d, build 880b, Park bank opens 881b, 1006c, 1049d, closing 1088b.
 At Platte City, Banking House of Wells & Co. 852b, incorporated 981a, depository 1035c, increases capital 1049d, gives bond 1095c.
 Bank of Platte County 745a, 747d, 771d.
 City 852b, consolidates & Co. 771d, incorporated as Bank of Platte City 852b, consolidates 963b.
 Cockrill & Co. 548d, 562d.
 Exchange Bank of Platte City formed 963b.
 Exchange Bank of Wells & Co. (see Woodson & Wells' Bank below) opens 864a.
 Farmers' Savings Association organized 416d, robbed 429c, sold 491a, Oldham 568d, (1877) buy 635a, 677b.
 Merryman P. & C. 494c, 548d.
 National Bank of Platte City (Farmers') 636b, 639d, 642a, 644d, 661d.
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 Ralley's 616c, remove 1 073 b, incorporated 1091b.
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BANNING, Alice (Faris) 79d.
 Cole L. fam. 79d. 795c, vote 802c, vote 900b.
 Emma (Walker) 643a, fam. 79d.
 Mamie (Oliver) 79d.
BANTA, Eliz. (Black) 823a.
 Wm. (J. P.) 18d, 30d.
BARBEE, Bettie (Pullins) 233a.
 Chas. 323c.
 Cora N. (Winburn) 807b.
 Daisie 329d.
 Edgar L. 783c.

- Elias 317c, fam. 328d.
 Emmett 217d, fam. 329c.
 Fam 328d.
 Graham 329c.
 Henry H. 891b.
 Jas. D. 329b, 886a.
 Jesse S. 800c.
 Johnson 329c.
 Laura (Darnall) 233c, 845b.
 Mary W. (Mentor) 120c, 329b.
 Nannie O. (Gabbert) 329c, 374b.
 Oscar H. 329b, 897b.
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 Harriet (Sullivan) 856c.
 Jas. M. 856c.
 Jesse P. 856c.
 Joseph fam. 535c.
 M. E. fam. 823c.
 Mary (Collier) 856c.
 Robt. H. 856c.
 Sarah (Adams) 45a.
 Sarah E. (McDonald) 856c.
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 W. H. fam. 64c, 856c.
BARNES, A. D. fam. 1067d.
 Cyn. A. (Pullins) 236a.
 E. B. fam. 488b.
 Fam. 773d, 1067d.
 George 168b, fam. 687c.
 Helen O. (Coffey) 441 c.
 Henry fam. 773d.
 Jas. M. 1067d.
 Laura E. (Martin) 1067d.
 Lute 17b.
 Luther P. 1067d.
 Mary (Stone) 773d.
 Moses 368a.
 Rachel (Scott) 773d.
 Thos. 323c.
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 Martha (De Berry) 456a.
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BASKET, Mary (Willis) 927a.
BASSETT, J. M. Circuit Attorney 217a, 342a.
BASYE, Ann (Snell) 708d.
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 Maggie (Stephens) 709a.
 Ollie (Warner) 708d, 839a.
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 Augusta P. (Middleton) 489c, 579a.
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 Eliz. (Knight) 578d.
 Eudora (Allen) 578c.
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 Harlan fam. 578d.
 Henry fam. 578b.
 Jacob fam. 578d.
 John B. fam. 578c, 796b.
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 Martha J. (Cox) 578d.
 Mary E. (Engleman) 578c.
 Newton P. fam. 579a.
 Reb (McMichael) 579a.
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 Wm. B. 578c, 796b.
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BAXTER, Alice (Bane) 683d, 1013d,
 Ange (Wood) 684a.
 Fam. 683d.
 Maggie (Park) 415b, 683d.
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BEAL, Chas. A. fam. 821b.
BEAN, Ben. (I) fam. 140c.
 Eliz. (Wallingford) 772c.
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 Mary A. (McAdow) 140c, 448d, (Browning) 715c.
 Phant. R. sk. 80b, 140c.
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 Belle (Black) 828c.
 Carrie (Nelson) 832c.
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 Elwilda (Brassfield) 882a.
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 Harry, 662c.
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 Mag (Moore) 882b.
 Mag (Buchanan) 553d.
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 Mary (Filbert) 882c.
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 Joseph 929c.
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 BOTHWELL, John family
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 BOTON, Mary (McAdow)
 807b.
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 Eliz. (Wilson) 582b, 583c.
 Ella (Wells) 914a.
 Elosia (Graves) 800d.
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 Hannah (Carpenter) 547b.
 Henry M. (I) fam. 914b.
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 Robert P. enrolled 47b, California 125a, judge 127d, judge 150a, judge 152b, 241c, 256a, probate judge 315b, 319b, ousted 325b, capt. 349b, his company 351a, R. A. Mason 450b, 477c, fam. 553c.
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 Hannah (Hope) 440d, 783b.
 Henry 408c.
 Jas. T. 115a, 1050d.
 Jane T. (Clarke) 783b.
 Jennie (Dedman) 783a.
 John Dr. 53a.
 Jos. W. fam. 783a, 887b, 1015c.
 Mildred (Foster) 783a.
 Millie (McMillan) 560a.
 Nancy (Slaughter) 601c, 782b.
 Sue (Black) 783b.
 Susan A. (Clarke) 782d.
 Susan E. (Miller) 941a.
 Thos. R. 782b.
 Thos. X. fam. 897b.
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 W. H. 897b.
CLARY, Danl. (J. P.) 18d, 30d.
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 Ann E. (Holland) 297c.
 Eliz. W. (Vaughn) 459d, 597a.
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 Fannie G. (Burgess) 264d, 298a.
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 Henry C. 597c, 818c.
 Ida M. (Johnston) 29b, 393d.
 Jas. M. 29d, 567a.
 Jas. 597c, 724d.
 Jerry (I) 297c.
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 J. D. Rev. fam. 568b, 597c.
 J. D. W. 597d.
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 Maggie (Johnston) 29b, 893d.
 Martha (Pew) 597d.
 Mary A. 597c.
 Mary G. (Davis) 298a.
 Mary (Moody) 627b.
 Nancy (Osborne) 298a.

Reb. (Shouse) 597c.
 Sarah (Landrum) 597a.
 Sarah T. (Gill) 297d.
 Susan (Bruce) 597a.
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 Wm. fam. 597a.
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 rolled 1076a, vote 1078a.
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 Jennie (Kurtz) 301a.
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 Jesse Morin 26d.
 (1840) Jesse Morin 38a.
 (1846) Ira Norris 78b.
 (1854) W. C. Remington
 152b.
 (1860) W. C. Remington
 302a.
 (1864) G. W. Belt 352a.
 (1865) G. W. Belt 394d.
 (1866) F. M. Tufts 425b.
 (1870) F. M. Tufts 499a.
 (1874) R. L. Waller 587d.
 (1878) R. L. Waller 688b.
 (1882) W. H. Roney 733b.
 (1886) W. H. Roney 848d.
 (1890) Jo. L. Freeland 930b.
 (1894) Jo. L. Freeland 1020b.
CLERKS—COUNTY, (1839)
 H. L. Wilkerson 26b.
 (1840) J. H. Johnston 38a.
 (1846) D. P. Lewis 78b.
 (1852) P. R. Waggoner
 152b.
 (1856) D. P. Lewis 217a.
 (1858) D. P. Lewis 261b.
 (1864) D. P. Lewis 332a.
 (1865) D. W. Moore 394d.
 (1866) D. P. Lewis 425b.
 (1870) T. W. Park 499b.
 (1874) T. W. Park 587d.
 (1876) T. W. Park & Chinn
 668b.
 (1880) T. F. Warner 763b.
 (1886) J. J. Blakley 848c.

(1890) J. J. Blakley 930b.
 (1894) B. F. Murdock 1020b.
CLEVELAND, D. H. fam.
 561d.
 Geo. 391d, 561d.
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CLIFFORD, E. W. hotel
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CLINE, Geo. S. 480d, 496a,
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 675a, near Farley 685b,
 1021c.
 Leavenworth 4b, 481b, 493d.
COATES, Lola (Woolston)
 483c.
 Mary E. (Cockrill) 115d.
 W. J. 74b.
COBB, Jos. 409b.
COBURN, James W. sk.
 425c, 661b, vote 688c, 672d,
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 pros. atty. 802c.
COCHRAN, C. F. 1074c,
 cong. 1077d.
 Elgie J. (Stiff) 933c.
 Eliz. (Ussary) 596b.
 Georgia A. (Mays) 97a.
 Henry M. 237c, 719d.
 Henry S. 97a, 262d, vote
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 Jas. (Maj.) fam. 719c.
 Jas. C. fam. 97a, vote 802c.
 John 97a.
 Margaret A. (Chrisman)
 97a.
 Mary V. (Carpenter) 97a.
 Mary J. (Hays) 719c.
 Mary J. (Cochran) 861d.
 Nettie T. (Beery) 97a, 882a.
COCHRANE, J. T. fam.
 405a.
COCKRIEL, Adeline F.
 (Feagan) 699a.
 Anderson fam. 664c, 842a.
 Clarissa (Kerr) 698a.
 C. B. fam. 774a.
 Ella (Cook) 570a.
 Family 842a.
 Jas. (I) 842a.
 Jas. (II) 842b.
 Jas. A. 725b.
 Jas. M. 496a, 699b.
 Lucinda 841d.
 Marshall 842b.
 Martha J. (Peterson) 842b.

Martin fam. 699a, 842b.
 Misso A. (Heath) 882d,
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COCKRELL, Almond B.
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 Jas. Monroe fam. 219a,
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 Nellie (Woodson) 290d.
 Sarah (Burgess) 254d.
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 Vard. sk. 219a.
 Vardie L. (Mitchell) 219b,
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COCKRILL, Chesnut (Dr.)
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 Coates 115d.
 Clarence 115c.
 Clinton, buys land 56d,
 buys 76c, fam. 115d, Cal-
 ifornia 125a, 225d, bank
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 520d, (1876) 614d, (1886)
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 ding 847a, 863d, 887b, 917b,
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 Clint B. fam. 102d, 116d.
 Cyn. (Genie) (Fish) 115c.
 Edmund C. fam. 114b, 378d,
 robbed 389c, at Weston
 390c, sells 423d, R. A. Ma-
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 630b, supt. 633b, buys 635c,
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 Helen (Woodson) 116d.
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Lizzie (Bryant) 115c.
Mag. May 102d.
Mattie L. (Clarke) 115a.
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May (Mason) 116d.
Nellie M. (Meads) 115c.
Thos. G. fam. 116c, 494d,
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David H. fam. 585a, 793c.
Ellz. (Bane) 316c, 585a.
Etta (Tate) 113d, 998a.
Eupha O. (Rice) 584d, 315d.
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Geo. F. 585b.
James fam. 315d, fam.
584d.
John R. fam. 997d.
Lelia F. 447b.
Martha (Mills) 341a, 998a.
Mary J. (Larkin) 94d, 585a.
Pinkie (Rice) 318d, 584d,
794b.
Rosa (Smith) 998a.
Sarah (Perry) 585a.
Thos. B. 323d.
Thos. J. fam. 447a, 585a,
treasurer 878c, 886b, post-
master 995a, P. M. 4
years 1039c.
William (I.) fam. 581d.
Wm. (H.) 447b, 585a.
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Eliza (Martin) 674d.
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James, fam. 751a.
Jennie (Denny) 933c.
John H. 656a.
Julia (Tebbs) 444d.
Lizzie (Palmer) 751a.
Nancy (Martin) 674c.
Sarah E. (Todd) 136d.
COLLECTOR, (1872) R. L.
Waller 533b.
(1877) E. C. Cockrill 642d.
(1878) E. C. Cockrill 668b.
(1880) E. C. Cockrill 712c.
(1882) J. T. Owens 763b.
(1884) J. T. Owens 802c.
(1886) W. T. Jenkins 848c.
(1888) W. T. Jenkins 881a.
(1890) W. J. Overbeck 930b.
(1892) J. J. Burgess 976b.
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COLLETT, C. W. Rev. 386d.
Mary (Smith) 41d.
Reb. (Clay) 297c.
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John B. (J. P.) 18d, judge
26a.
John L. fam. 108a.
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Lucy (Rock) 108a.
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Mary A. (Kerr) 767b.
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COLLINS, Celia (Snider)
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Katie (Gwin) 475d.
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Mary (Smith) 572a.
Mary A. (Reno) 591b.
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Cassie 887a.
Deborah (Perry) 745d, 896d.
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(1872) A. Comingo 533a.
(1874) B. J. Franklin 587c.
(1876) B. J. Franklin 587c.
(1878) S. Sawyer 668b.
(1880) Van Horn 712b.
(1882) J. N. Burnes 763a.
(1884) J. N. Burnes 802c.
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(1890) R. P. C. Wilson 895a.
(1890) R. P. C. Wilson 890a.
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Sarah (McClung) 945c.
Wm. 615b, 945d.
- HORNBUCKLE, Family 872d, 873b, 1063a.
G. C. 708a, 1063a.
H. B. 68d.
Harden E. 873b.
Jas. sk. 708a.
Jas. 747a, 1063a.
John (I) fam. 872d, 873b.
John (II) 872d, 1062c, 1063a.
Lydia A. (Todd) 183b.
- HORNER, L. W., R. A. Mason 450b.
Mary E. (Hughes) 216b.
- HORR, Isaac fam. 886a.
Julia (Cooper) 386a, 682a.
Orwell C. fam. 853d.
- HOSKINS, Chas. B. 309c.
Emma (McBowen) 565d.
Frank 891b.
Sallie C. (Johnson) 309c.
W. G. 978d.
- HOUSE, Isaac 226b, 990a.
Reb. (Mulkey) 849c.
- HOUSEMAN, Laura (Means) 978c.
- HOUSTON, Alex. fam. 32b.
Robert F. 169b.
- HOUTS, John 106d, 112d, 160d.
- HOUX, Mahala (Wallace) 634b, 897a.
Missouri (Clark) 583c.
- HOW, Geo. 1091d.
Mary E. (Bless) 962b.
- HOWARD, Ben. (1810) 5b.
Edwin 623d.
Lewis 563a.
Mary (Dye) 704c.
Mattie A. (Kurtz) 348d.
- HOWE, Mary E. (Bless) 962b.
Peter 906a.
- HOWERTON, R. W. Rev. 691b, 716a, 893c, 1003c, big tent 1040d.
- HOY, Algiva (Cooper) 67c.
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Bettie (Moore) 66c.
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Fannie (Pemberton) 67a.
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Jones 63c, fam. 66a.
J. Calloway 68a.
Katie (Morrow) 67a.
Leora (Strang) 66d, 379d.
Luther 66d.
Lydia (Rixey) 66c, 274a.
Martha (Brightwell) 67d, 457d.
May (Miller) 66c, 941a.
Mary E. (Thompson) 67d.
Mattie (Summers) 66d, 249a.
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Nancy (Cooper) 67c.
Nannie (Clark) 66d, 782d.
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- HUBBARD, Robert fam. 380b.
- HUDGENS, P. L. enrolled 48d.
- HUDLIN 662a.
- HUDSON, Family 1041c.
John T. Rev. 306a.
Lemuel 362d, 1041c.
Sam'l. 362a.
T. L. fam. 1041c.
- HUFFORD, Addison 944d.
Alfred fam. 944d.
Eliz. (Link) 675c.
Enoch S. 1063a.
Family 944d, 1062a.

Georgia E. (Gooney) 945a.
 Jacob H. fam. 944c.
 Jas. H. 1052a.
 Jennie B. (Sharp) 1052a.
 John H. fam. 1051d.
 John W. 1052b.
 Lizzie E. (Link) 675d.
 Mary A. (McMillan) 944c.
 Mary F. (Adams) 1052a.
 May B. (Bennett) 1052b.
 Sarah E. 1052a.
 Wm. A. 944d.
HUGHES, Alfred (negro)
 hung 411a, 458b.
 Alf. W. 27a, 353b, Odd Fellow 1090a.
 Andrew S. 13d, 14c, 17d, enrolled 27a, fam. 57c.
 Ann M. (Franklin) 271d.
 Ann P. 216c.
 Arch. E. fam. 216b.
 Bela M. (Gen.) 23b, 24a, 34d, enrolled 44b, 52bc, 57a, fam. 58a, rep. 63b, resigns 68c, (1845) 69d.
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 Eliz. (Offutt) 404a, 628b.
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 Fannie (Sydener) 747b.
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 Jas. M. rep. 25a, cong. 47d.
 Jane (Dobson) 216c.
 Jesse (1784) 57d.
 John R. fam. 216b, 466c.
 John T. (col.) 330b, 331c.
 John (1782) 57d.
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 Laura (Wydick) 216b.
 Leander 216c, fam. 215d.
 Let. D. (Winston) 205c, 216c.
 Lizzie (Offutt) 216b.
 Lou S. (Hatton) 702b.
 Lucy (Naylor) 229d.
 Lula B. (Alexander) 945a.
 Martha (Dobson) 216a.
 Martha M. (Moore) 80d, fam. 271d.
 Martha A. (Nichols) 907c.
 Mary (English) 216a.
 Mary E. (Oldham) 553a, 554c.
 Mary P. (Dobson) 216c.
 Mary P. 617a.
 Mary A. (Hammond) 80d.
 Mary J. (Wallis) 829b.
 Mary P. Mrs. fam. 617a.
 Mat. M. (Judge) 25d, 27c, judge 38a, mill 49a, fam. 271b, wife 802d.
 Ola (Williams) 124d, 353c.
 Robert, of Wm. S. 158c, 353b.
 Sallie (Brightwell) 457c.
 Sallie (Baird) 617a.
 Sallie C. (Keys) 215d.
 Saml. R. sk. 108d, 272d, 753d.
 Wm. (1780) 57d.
 Wm. S. fam. 353b.
 Zerelda (Morin) 353c.

HUISCAMP, H. W. fam.
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HULETT, Allen fam. 193c,
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 Ambrose fam. 993d.
 Ambrose (ii) 994a.
 Anna (Nash) 516d, 994a.
 Bettie (Nash) 516c, 994a.
 Eclairne 193c.
 Family 193b.
 Jas. A. 193c, 994a.
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 Edgar W. 430c, 529c.
 Emma D. fam. 296a.
 Emma D. (Dean) 529b.
 E. R. fam. 521c.
 Family 529b, 577d.
 Jas. fam. 242a.
 Jas. H. fam. 529a.
 Jas. H. (ii) 529c, enrolled
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 Jane (Moore) 242a.
 Mary J. (Moore) 242a.
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HULSE, Geo. T. 112a, 186a,
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H U M P H R E Y, Alma
 (Wells) 878c.
 Alma (ii) 878b, 1013d.
 Ethel 878a.
 Family 877a.
 Harriet E. (Stallard) 848a,
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 Harriet E. (i) 878c.
 Henry N. fam. 877d.
 Jas. H. 878c, fam. 1014d.
 Jas. L. 878a.
 Lois (Hefferlin) 878c.
 Orlando fam. 878b.
 Preston (i) 878a.
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 (Heath) 883a, 523b.
 Chas. 523b.
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 mont) 130c, 258b, 512c.
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 David (ii) fam. 130c, 219b,
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 Eliza A. (Likins) 376d.
 Eliz. (Merryman) 130c,
 721a.
 Georgia (Conant) 1014a.
 Jona B. fam. 377a.
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 131a, 378c, 417d.
 Reb. S. (Hunt) 376d.
 Sarah J. (Morton) 376a.

Wm. H. fam. 120d, R. A.
 Mason 450d, 492d, 512c,
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 Dul (Snell) 385a.
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 rolled 1066a.
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 low 1090a.
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 Matilda C. (Crockett) 911c.
 Melissa E. (Shafer) 860d,
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 Minerva J. (Shackelford)
 911c.
 Thannie (Williams) 736a.
 Thos. (Rev.) 246a, 305a,
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HUSTON, R. M. 561d, 961a.
HUTSON, E. P. 887c, fam.
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HUTCHINSON, C. L. 639d.
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HUVENDAHL, Cath. 90a.
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 Eliz. (Siler) fam. 89c;
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 (Doppler) 972b, 1042b.
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 INGRAM, Bettie (Porter)
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 Jennie (Porter) 694a.
 Luc. (Hackett) 1003b.
 Sarah J. (Logan) 767a.
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 Martha E. 364d, 512b.
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280d, 289d, fam. 363a.
 JACKS, Alex. D. 490b.
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 Ben. 24b, sells and buys
 854d, fam. 889c.
 Carrie L. (Roberts) 872b.
 Cath. (Anders) 43b, 890b.
 Chas. 559d.
 Cong. J. fam. 889c.
 Danl. P. fam. 559d.
 Dona (Dearing) 301b, 559d.
 Elias B. 43b, 490b, 888b,
 fam. 889d.
 Elias B. (II) 490b.
 Eliz. (Pope) 559b.
 Eliz. (Anders) 43b, 888b,
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 Emily C. (Masterson)
 490b, 710d.
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 Fannie 43b, (Lowmiller)
 1024a,
 Jas. D. 379d, 559d.
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 Jennie (Wills) 927a.
 John M. fam. 889b.
 John 43a.
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 Laura B. (Wills) 889c, 927a.
 Lella (Moore) 889b, 1003a.
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 Lizzie (Moseby) 889d.
 Lizzie (Pope) 716c.
 Lou, dr. of Richard 43b.
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 Margaret (Yates) 889b.
 Mary (Harvey) 889c.
 Mary (Stokes) 490b.
 Melissa (Wingo) fam. 888c.
 Nancy (Worrell) 43b.
 Perry M. fam. 889a.
 Polly (Lewis) 43b.
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 Richard (I) fam. 33b, 888a,
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 Robert T. 933b.
 Senie (Cox) 888b.
 Sidney C. fam. 559c, 889a,
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 Sophia 888b.
 Thos. (I) 43b, 888ab, fam.
 888c.
 Thos. C. fam. 320c.
 Thos. son of Sid. 559c.
 Thos. Marion 847d, fam.
 889b.
 Virginia (Wells) 889c.
 Warden T. 490b.
 Wm. 490b, 872b.
 Wm. J. 907d.
 JACKSON, Alice (Ruthven)
 1001d, 1076a.
 Anna (Oliver) 575d, 1076d.
 C. T. (Gov.) resolution
 110d.
 Dan. 245a.
 Dora (Crutchfield) 179a.
 Family 1075d.
 Fred J. fam. 667a.
 Geo. A. fam. 666d, 847d.
 Isaac 757c.
 John (Dr.) fam. 666d.
 John T. 850b.

John fam. 1075d.
 John (II) 1075d.
 Julia (Noland) 390d.
 Letitia (Cain) 757c.
 Lucy F. (Murphy) 282c,
 334c.
 Lydia A. (Johnston) 569a.
 Mary (Ralston) 599d.
 Missouri (Manhard) 1076a.
 Sarah (Walker) 1075d.
 Sue (St. John) 195d.
 Wallace (I) 310b, sk. 827b.
 Wallace (II) fam. 698a.
 JACQUEMIN, Cath. (Zarn)
 268a, 432d.
 Richard S. fam. 268a.
 JAIL, lot 36a, (1840) built
 41c, Lewis 44a, (1851)
 141b, (1858) 255b, 265c, (1861)
 307b, (1864) 361a, (1869)
 420c, (1869) escape 474a,
 573c, prisoners hired
 610c, 614c, (1877) fire 635b,
 prisoners 645a, '90d, sew-
 er 819c, 826c, (1897) burned
 853a, (1896) prisoners
 1049d, 1066c, escape 1077b,
 up 1079b.
 JAMES, Boys 485d, 761a.
 Geo. 570b.
 Jesse M. 978c.
 Jos. 104a.
 Wm. Rev. 190c, 716a.
 JAMESON, Emily (Thom-
 as) 516b.
 Geo. 675d.
 John A. 1003a.
 Lucy (McClain) 514c.
 Mollie (Brink) 391c.
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 JEFFERS, Brookings 59a.
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 JENKINS, A. T. 682c.
 Alice 860a.
 Bertha J. 452b.
 Danl. 226a, killed 441a,
 451d, 451b.
 Geo. W. (architect) 948b,
 960c, 1002a, 1038a, 1092a.
 Gertie (Harwood) 452b.
 Howell sk. 49b, 225d, drug
 store 348b, 369a, sells
 432c, fam. 451d, Odd Fel-
 low 1090a.
 John 452b.
 John I. 452b.
 Kate (Beery) 882a.
 Mary V. (Davidson) 566d.
 Nettie (Jacks) 872b.
 O'Fallon 452b.
 Phoebe A. (De Berry) 455.
 Ruth 452c.
 Thos. E. 323d, 427b, K. A.
 Mason 450b, fam. 452a,
 493d, 512c, tontine 531d,
 Odd Fellow 1090b.
 Wm. T. 451d, 452b, buys
 641d, 643b, red ribbon
 655b, 686a, 692a, capt. 732a,
 postoffice 820b, collector

848c, (1888) collector 881a, 901a, *Landmark* 925c, wife 107d, Knight 1062a, elector 1076c, Odd Fellow 1090b.

JENKS, H. N. public administrator 12c, surveyor 217a, fam. 605b.

JENNINGS, Aramantha (Masoner) 764b.

Emily (Denny) 322d.

Family 764a.

Frank 764a, 978c.

Hattie F. (Newman) 408b.

Henry 772a.

Iola (Liggett) 693d.

John 764b.

Luella (Denny) 332c.

Margaret (Liggett) 693d, 764a.

Margaret M. (Drahs) 144b.

Merrit (Masoner) 476b.

Moses fam. 764a.

Neilie (Newman) 403a.

Rhoda (Standiford) 669d.

Soph. (Standiford) 570d, 764a.

Thos. 591b.

Wm. H. 764a.

JENNISON, Col. 352c, 368c, 369a.

JERMANE, Ella 1002c.

Eliza (Park) 1030c.

Paul 1002c.

Percy Lee (Dr.) 1002c.

Sallie (Sutcliffe) 1002b.

W. L. (Elder) 823d, 824a, fam. 1002b, 1003c.

JETER, Am. (Carson) 142d.

And. J. 142d.

Della J. (Pumphrey) 895c, 710a.

Family 142d.

Hiram academy 103c, fam. 142d.

Jas. N. 142d.

Jas. T. fam. 710a.

Lit. 142d.

Olive A. (Harrington) 142d, 916b.

Turner 317a.

JEWELL, Wm. 154b.

JEWITT, Demas 391d, fam. 901d, 976c.

Family 901c.

Jos. O. fam. 901c.

Saml. 901d.

JOHNSON, Albert 350b, 960a.

Amanda (Buchanan) 685b, 960a.

Amos fam. 622c.

Andrew (Capt.) senator 47d, mill 49a, 57a, buys 84d, 110c, buys 124b, fam. 278b.

A. F. 960a.

Ann L. (Baldwin) 280a.

Ben (Dr.) 590a.

Berwick fam. 278c.

Beth (Simpson) 148c.

Calvin 140b.

Chas. G. fam. 310a, 653c.

Dani. 488a.

David fam. 309b.

David S. 309d.

Della (Moore) 1001d.

Dora (Hall) 646c.

Edward fam. 533d.

Ellen (Sanderson) 65b.

Eliza J. (Skillman) 279b.

Eliz. (Moseby) 310a.

Elvira (Jack) 280d, (Connely) 280d, 365d.

Emily (Moore) 496d.

Family 281b, 309c, 533d, 622c.

F. M. (Dr.) 363c, R. A. Mason 450a, 491a, killed Burge 522b, tontine 534d, fam. 646c, sells 660b, leaves 632b, sk. 982d.

Fannie (Munson) 960a.

Frank L. 310a.

George 232b.

Geo. A. fam. 309d.

Geo. W. son of And. fam. 281c, 755a.

Geo. W. (of Union Mills) fam. 959d.

Henry H. fam. 310a, 872b.

Jas. L. fam. 309c, 533d, 796b.

Jas. O. 868c.

Jane C. (Hopewell) 310a.

Jarvis to Mason 699d.

Jennie (Searcy) 182b.

Jerry fam. 148d, 962d.

Jesse 309c.

John of Texas 48a.

John of Waldron fam. 622c.

John killed 890c.

John H. 622c.

John L. fam. 309c, 939d.

Laura (Harrington) 281c.

Laura (Pettit) 960a.

Laura E. (Harrington) 281c.

Laura V. (Hoskins) 309c.

Laura (Flagg) 646d.

Leverier (Thomas) 379a, 646c.

Lilly (Boydston) 156b.

Margt. (Barnett) 401d.

Maria (Gregg) 309d, 389c.

Mary A. (Johnson) 309b.

Mary A. (Ralston) 599d, 960a.

Mary (Hymen) 622c.

Mary (Reneke) 978d.

Mary R. (Mann) 478c.

Mill's M. (Ralston) 599d.

Nancy J. (Ray) 742c.

Nannie M. (Ford) 309d, 792a.

Phena (Calvert) 753c.

Ralph fam. 202a.

Rich. Mentor fam. 281b, 754d.

Rosa (Knight) 622d.

Sam fam. 940a.

Saml. H. fam. 309d.

Sim. T. B. fam. 261a.

Thos. 13c, 409a, 622c.

Vict. (Meads) 1038d.

Waller R. fam. 622d.

Walter 424c.

Wm. fam. 309b.

Wm. T. fam. 309c.

JOHNSTON, Alice (Sutherland) 589b.

Anna B. (Franklin) 177d, 258b.

Chas. M. fam. 376c, 394a, to Platte City 715c, 797d,

treas. 848c, 863d, 873c, 924d, Odd Fellow 1090b.

Family 558d.

Geo. D. sk. 178a.

Harvey J. fam. 589a.

Hu'da A. (Bane) 318d.

Isabella M. (Hatton) 701d.

Jas. H. 19b, 35b, 43c, 49c, 56b, 69d, 70a sells 123c, fam. 177, (1857) 223d, (18.6) 417b, 448d, 583b.

J. A. 260d.

Jessie (Whitson) 589a.

Katherine (Sprague) 589a.

Martha C. 226a.

Milton fam. 117b, fam. 589b.

Minnie (Waller) 334b, 394a.

Reb. (Ford) fam. 178a, 258b.

Robert Davis (Capt.) sk. 49c, 56b, rep. 127a, academy 136d, 261a, captain 349bd, 351a, 420b, 421c, vote 425b, 450d, 58b, 481a, 549b, sells 538c, fam. 588a, 590a.

R. Mat. California 110b, 225d, 302a, treas. 331d, 588b, fam. 588d, 590a, Odd Fellow 1090b.

R. P. C. (Dr.) 393c, 551b, Keeley Cure 955a, fam. 1030d, Odd Fellow 1090b.

Stephen (i) 19b, comr. 34b, 55d, 70c, buys 98c, (1857) 225d, 33d, 241d, (1855) 26 d, 352d, (1855) fam. 393b, 448c, 583d.

Stephen (ii) fam. 393d, 643c, Platte City 797d, in Platte City 863d, sells 894c, Odd Fellow 1090b.

Wm. 393c.

JOINER, Mary E. (McQueen) 98b.

Oscar fam. 702a.

JONES, Alice (Skinner) 221c.

Alice (Elliott) 486c.

A. B. (Elder) 299a, 312b, leaves 366d, 387a.

A. J. fam. 639d.

A. T. Rev. 1003c.

Cath. (Lutes) 656a.

Chas. T. 1003b.

Charlotte (Tinder) 834b, 905b.

David fam. 905a.

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